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## On Campus

### Pair earn professor emeritus status

Drs. Charles Jenkins and Peggy Opitz were recently awarded professor emeritus status by the Board of Trustees.

Both played important roles in leading a growing regional University and were nominated for the honor by the Faculty Senate, said Dr. Charles Harrington, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

"It is a distinct pleasure to see the Board of Trustees confer upon Drs. Jenkins and Opitz the title of Emeritus Professor," Dr. Harrington said. "Each has contributed significantly to the growth and development of the University.

"UNC Pembroke would not be the institution it is today without their dedication, contributions, and caring," he continued. "Both are models for all faculty – excellent teachers, engaged scholars and committed citizens. Their hallmark of excellence will stand for many years to come."



**Dr. Charles R. Jenkins** (Education) served the University in many capacities for more than 36 years with 26 years in senior administrative leadership posts. From faculty member to provost, he wore many hats including academic dean and director of admissions and student teaching.

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The University achieved many milestones during Dr. Jenkins' tenure. The University earned Comprehensive I status after launching a broad range of successful master's degree programs. The designation allowed for significant increases in faculty salaries.

Teaching Fellows, Chancellor's Scholars (now the Esther Maynor Honors College), the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and 15 master's degree programs were launched under Dr. Jenkin's leadership. He was instrumental in saving the Master of School Administration program, through an alliance with East Carolina University, when the North Carolina General Assembly eliminated it in the late 1990s.

"The things I did were accomplished with the help of a lot of good people," Dr. Jenkins said. "I will remain professionally active and continue working in the community and with the Southern Association."

He was the first person at the University to hold the title of provost. After retiring from the position in 2000, he continues as a faculty member of the School of Education.

A Rockingham, N.C., native, Dr. Jenkins earned Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from East Carolina University and a doctorate from Duke University.

A resident of Laurinburg, N.C., he serves on the Board of Directors of Scotland County Memorial Hospital and served two years as chair. He also serves on the Commission on Colleges for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



**Dr. Peggy G. Opitz** is a pioneer in the fields of nursing and nursing education. She was founding director of UNCP's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program in 1992.

At her retirement in 2004, Dr. Opitz was director of a fully accredited nursing program that was on the edge of yet another expansion. In 2003, the program won a 10-year accreditation without a single recommendation.

"I love teaching, and I realized the other day that it is what I miss the most," she said in a recent interview. "Teaching is a very rewarding experience. Even though I am retired, I remain active and committed to several projects."

Jointly administered with Fayetteville State University, the new program took nursing education to a new level in the region. It was the first nursing program in North Carolina to be managed by two institutions, and it employed a relatively new start-up model with its registered nurse (RN) to BSN program.

"We designed the program for working nurses, a significant model for a rural area," Dr. Opitz said. "We established a reputation for working collaboratively with people in the community and across campus."

Dr. Opitz broke more ground in nursing education by opening satellite programs in Moore, Columbus, Sampson and Cumberland counties. Before retiring, she separated the program, and, as UNCP's Nursing Department chair, laid the groundwork for the four-year pre-licensure (BSN) program that launched in 2005 and has enrolled 200 nurses.

"Our focus was to address the disparity of health care delivery in the region," she said. "We've made great progress in these areas."

Dr. Opitz also addressed the region's health care issues as a productive grant writer. She co-authored an \$8.5 million infant mortality grant and a \$700,000 grant to recruit minorities into the nursing profession.

### **Southeast Indian Studies Conference is April 12 - 13**

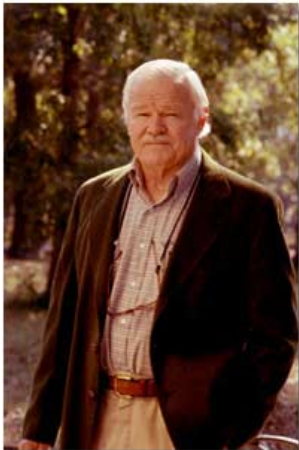
The American Indian Studies Department and the Native American Resource Center present the 3rd Annual Southeast Indian Studies Conference. The conference will be held on April 12 - 13 at the Regional Center. The purpose of the Southeast Indian Studies Conference is to provide a forum for discussion of the culture, history, art, health and contemporary issues of Native Americans in the Southeast. The conference serves as a critical venue for scholars, students and all persons interested in American Indian Studies in the region.



"This year's conference features a diverse and exciting range of topics, with scholarly presentations from far and near," said **Dr. Stan Knick** (Native American Resource Center & American Indian Studies).

A sample of the subjects to be discussed includes:

- "Yuchi Women of Oklahoma: Tradition, Innovation, and Identity" presented by Donna Myers of the University of Georgia;
- "Indian Diaspora from Southeast North Carolina in the 1800s" by Forest Hazel of the Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation;
- "Misconceptions and Invisibility: Pamunkey Culture in the National Museum of the American Indian" by Benjamin Norman of the National Museum of the American Indian;



- "Identity and Experience in American Indian Literature of the Southeast" a panel led by Louise Maynor and Lisa Carl of N.C. Central University;
- "The First Mounted Police: Formation and Duties of the Cherokee Lighthorsemen" by Jason Eads of UCLA; and
- "The Guy Benton Johnson Papers: Twentieth Century Research in the Lumbee Community" by Jeff Currie of UNC-Chapel Hill.

#### **SPEAKER**

The keynote speaker for the conference is Dr. Charles

Hudson, professor emeritus of the University of Georgia. Dr. Hudson is widely known as one the foremost scholars of Southeast Indian Studies. He has produced numerous books on the subject, including: ‘Knights of Spain, Warriors of the Sun: Hernando de Soto and the South’s Ancient Chiefdoms;’ ‘The Forgotten Centuries: Indians and Europeans in the American South, 1521-1704;’ ‘Hernando de Soto and the Indians of Florida;’ ‘The Juan Pardo Expeditions: Exploration of the Carolinas and Tennessee, 1566-1568;’ ‘Ethnology of the Southeastern Indians: A Sourcebook;’ and ‘The Southeastern Indians.’ His keynote address for the conference will be ‘Representing the Early Colonial Southeast in Historical Fiction.’



Sessions for the two-day conference will be chaired by faculty members (pictured above from left): Drs. **Mike Spivey** (Sociology & American Indian Studies), **Jane Haladay** (English & American Indian Studies), **Rose Stremmlau** (English & American Indian Studies), Stan Knick , **Jesse Peters** (English & American Indian Studies) and **Linda Oxendine** (American Indian Studies). Drs. Haladay and Knick will also make presentations during the conference.

“All these faculty members have worked together to make this year’s conference a reality,” said Dr. Knick. “The department is grateful for the support of the Office for Academic Affairs and for the collaboration of the Regional Center.” More information, including registration details, is available at [www.uncp.edu/rc/](http://www.uncp.edu/rc/).

## **Thomas Family Entrepreneurship Center was dedicated on March 26**

The University opened the Thomas Family Center for Entrepreneurship on March 26 at COMtech.

Funded by Los Angeles real estate developer and Pembroke, N.C., native Jim Thomas, the center will assist new and emerging small businesses in the community.



*Jim Thomas, Entrepreneurship Center benefactor, addresses the dedication audience.*

“I would like to thank the University for the privilege of establishing this center,” Thomas said at the dedication ceremonies. “I am very much aware of the process of starting a successful business, and it seems there is a place and a need here in Pembroke.

“I was born in Pembroke and lived here until I was 16,” he continued. “When I think of the good fortune I’ve had, I attribute it in large part to the values instilled in me during my childhood here.”

Thomas contributed \$500,000 to the University, which was matched by the North Carolina’s Distinguished Professors Endowment Trust Fund for creating distinguished professorships at UNC’s 16 universities.

Thomas said he vividly remembers working in tobacco fields and picking cotton as a youth. Today, he is chief executive officer and chairman of Thomas Property Group (TPGI, Nasdaq), a commercial real estate company with an enterprise market value of approximately \$500 million.

An attorney, Thomas started the company in 1983. TPGI owns real estate across the U.S. and is engaged in the acquisition, development and management of office, retail and multifamily properties.

He said he would personally assist in guiding the Entrepreneurship Center.

“I have great hope and expectations for the center, and I will be a contributing part of it,” Thomas said. “This project is very important to me.”



*Dr. Dent, right, presents Jim and Sally Thomas with gifts.*

He said the idea of investing in a distinguished professorship that would direct an entrepreneurship program held instant appeal when **Dr. Eric Dent** (Business) outlined it.

“This project speaks to the needs of the community where Mr. Thomas grew up,” Dr. Dent said. “It will serve as a resource for our students and support for businesses in this community.”

**Dr. Michael Ensley** (Business), who joined UNCP in fall 2006, is the first Thomas Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurship and director of the center.

“This gift will help us build undergraduate and graduate programs in entrepreneurship,” Dr. Ensley said. “It will also fund research in the area of entrepreneurship.”

**Chancellor Meadors** thanked Thomas and announced new academic programs in entrepreneurship.

“UNCP has moved forward in many ways, and this gift will help our community move forward with us,” Chancellor Meadors said. “We will establish a minor in entrepreneurship that will be available to all students regardless of their major.

“This is a timely and generous gift,” he continued. “I can’t thank Jim and Sally Thomas enough.”

Robeson County’s Executive Director of Economic Development Greg Cummings offered thanks on behalf of the county.

“It’s a beautiful day for Robeson County and the School of Business at UNCP,” Cummings said. “Thank you Mr. Thomas for coming back home. We are humbly proud of you as one of our own.”

## **UNCP named to President’s Honor Roll for Community Service**



The Center for Leadership and Service was named to the first-ever President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

The news came to the office of **Chancellor Meadors** in a letter from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

“I am really proud of our students who commit themselves to volunteering in our community,” Chancellor Meadors said. “We will not rest on our laurels. This award is a rallying cry for even greater student engagement in even more creative ways.”

In all, nearly 500 of the nation's colleges and universities made the honor roll. The award is sponsored by the Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development and USA Freedom Corps.

The agency issued a report showing that civic engagement among college students is on the rise. From 2002 to 2005, 3.3 million college students performed 20 percent more hours of community service.



More than 900 UNCP students performed more than 12,000 hours of community service during the 2005-06 school year, according to **Aubrey Swett** (Student Development), director of the Center for Leadership and Service.

“This award is representative of our student’s passion and our institution’s commitment to community service,” Swett said. “More important, it demonstrates the deep compassion that our students have for their community.”

“I agree with the report that community service is a growing movement, and I believe the stage is set to build on our foundation of community service and for our faculty to engage our students in service learning,” he said.

## **Proposal Development Workshop is April 12**

The Center for Sponsored Research and Programs will present a daylong Proposal Development Workshop on Thursday, April 12, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 233 of the U.C.

Featured speaker is Dr. James Shanteau, a psychology professor from Kansas State University, who is an internationally recognized scholar in the field of decision-making. He has won four fellowships and 34 grants from a wide variety of sources including the National Science Foundation, National Institute of Mental Health, U.S. Army and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. He is currently the director of the KANSasTraffic Research Operations Laboratory at Kansas State.

The morning session will explore locating funding sources, preparing proposals and the review process. Afternoon sessions will cover interactions with agencies and foundations, pre-award budgeting and dealing with the rejected proposal.

To make a reservation or to learn more, please call extension 6494.

## Football ticket sales plan is announced



With the 2007 football season less than five months away, the University announced plans for season tickets for faculty and staff.

The University will have 2,500 permanent seats at Lumbee Guarantee Bank Field. Of the 2,500 seats, 1,500 will be located on the east side of the stadium. The west side seats will be reserved for students.

“The anticipated demand for tickets appears to be high, but we will set aside a number of reserved tickets on the east side for faculty and staff at reduced prices,” said Athletic Director Dan Kenney. “In addition, we plan on renting temporary seating that will be used as general admission seating that will be made available to faculty and staff at reduced prices.”

Faculty and staff who want to purchase season tickets should complete a ticket application by Monday, May 7. Ticket applications can be obtained by calling extension 6227 or going to [www.uncpbraves.com](http://www.uncpbraves.com) (see “tickets”).

Each faculty and staff member may purchase two reserved season tickets (five games) in the east stands. Season tickets are \$40, which includes all five home games. Because of the limited number of reserved seats, each faculty and staff member will be limited to a maximum of two. Faculty and staff members may also purchase four general admission season tickets for \$30.

If more than four tickets are required, additional season tickets are available by purchasing general admission season tickets at the full price of \$45. The temporary general admission seats will not be reserved seats and may not be located in or adjacent to east side seating.

Please note that, in addition to faculty and staff, only athletic donors will be allowed to purchase reserved season tickets. The general public will have access to general admission seats. An athletic donor is defined as a contributor to the First and Ten Campaign or member of the Braves Club. A number of faculty and staff are already athletic donors and will have the opportunity to purchase season tickets.

Please complete the faculty/staff application by Monday, May 7, if interested in purchasing tickets. For more information, please call extension 6227.

## ***People***

### **Dr. Steve Marson appointed to state Social Services Commission**

**Dr. Steve Marson** (Social Work), a 30-year faculty member, was appointed by Gov. Mike Easley to the North Carolina Social Services Commission.

He was sworn into office on March 20 by Superior Court Judge Ola Lewis, senior resident judge for Brunswick County.



*Superior Court Judge Ola Lewis swears in Dr. Marson as his wife, Barbara, and daughter, Stephanie, look on.*

Dr. Marson, who was recommended for the commission by state Rep. Ronnie Sutton of Pembroke, N.C., will serve a four-year term. As part of the nomination process for all commission appointments, character evaluations are required. **Dr. Zoe Locklear** (Education) was interviewed and vouched for Dr. Marson's ethics.

The 13-member commission has oversight for 100 Departments of Social Service (DSS) in North Carolina. Dr. Marson, who specializes in gerontology and social work ethics, said he is particularly concerned with Child Protective Services programs.

"Child Protective Services is a sensitive area where the most lawsuits are filed," he said. "I am concerned about high caseloads and violence against social workers."

Dr. Marson said he would also give voice to professional social workers.

"I would like to establish a forum for social workers to express their professional concerns," he said.

Joining the faculty in 1977, Dr. Marson has served for many years as director of the Social Work program and continues as coordinator of the Applied Social Gerontology minor. He is also in private practice in the areas of elder care and legal research since 1978.

He participates in a wide range of professional activities with associations, publications, editing and serving as a book reviewer for social work journals and grant writing. He is the founding editor of the online *Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics*.

In 2005, Dr. Marson was named Social Worker of the Year by the North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. In 2001, he was UNCP's Adolf L. Dial Award recipient for creative work and scholarship.

Dr. Marson earned a Ph.D. from NC State University and a Master of Social Work degree from Ohio State University. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Ohio Dominican University.

Membership of the commission consists of one member from each of North Carolina's 13 congressional districts.

## **Students present at Native American Literature Symposium**

From a classroom assignment in **Dr. Jane Haladay's** (English/American Indian Studies) Native Literature class, to a panel presentation at a prestigious national conference six UNCP students shared a transformational.



“Carrying the Fire: Students Respond to Native Literary Elders,” was presented March 10 at the Native American Literature Symposium (NALS) in Michigan.

Audience reaction was electric, said **Dr. Jesse Peters** (English/Honors College), who attended the conference on the Saginaw-Chippewa Reservation.

*First row from left: Dr. Haladay, Kindra Locklear, Rocky Locklear and Lauren Locklear; second row from left, Byron Brooks, QuinYon DeBerry and Stephanie Inness.*

“As people were finally leaving the panel, I saw a faculty member from another university, whom I have known for years, still crying,” Dr. Peters said. “I asked her if she was OK, and she said, ‘This reminds us of what we are supposed to be doing.’”

NALS is the primary professional conference in the field, and an undergraduate panel is not the usual fare.

“It’s a conference for scholars and writers,” Dr. Haladay said. “Our students were overwhelmed by people’s openness and the appreciation they received.”

The project started as a mid-term examination wrapped up with the final examination.

“I did an oral mid-term examination, in part, because we had been studying oral traditions,” Dr. Haladay explained. “I had some incredible work that transformed the class into a community of scholars.”

The panel abstract described the presentation: “These six Native and African American students will share their perspectives on the literatures of Native literary elders in contemporary university curriculum, and present dynamic literature of their own that demonstrates the connections between the authors’ stories and their own.”

Three student panelists presented narrative poems about race, culture and identity that incorporated personal experience and issues of the class, Dr. Haladay said. The other three students presented critical essays that incorporated autobiographical concerns.

Several members of the panel will present at UNCP’s Southeast Indian Studies Symposium on April 13. Ultimately, Dr. Haladay would like to see them published.

“The group continues to meet, and I would love to see their writings published as a collection in some way,” she said.

Funding for conference travel was provided by the Pembroke Undergraduate Research Center and the Lumbee Tribe.

## **Dr. Beem contributes to magazine article on Tudors**



**Dr. Charles Beem** (History) contributed expert commentary for a *Time* magazine article, “When Royals Become Rock Stars,” that appears in the April 2 edition. The article appeared on the magazine’s Web site on March 22.



Dr. Beem’s expertise on English royalty was tapped for insight about the fascination with all things royal. He recently published “The

Lioness Roared” (April, 2006; Palgrave MacMillan Ltd.) about the women monarchs of England.

The *Time* article was spurred by the provocative new Showtime series “The Tudors.”

Of the influences shaping the events of King Henry VII’s reign, Dr. Beem offers this observation: “Our biggest enemy is terrorism,” he told *Time* reporters. “Theirs was the Reformation. You can’t overestimate how traumatic the changes in the church would have been.”

On the subject of women monarchs: “Though it’s generally considered a period in which women were repressed, Beem, whose book “The Lioness Roared” focuses on female rule in English history--feels the Tudor era is of particular interest to women in positions of influence. In terms of being a female in a boys' club, Elizabeth was way ahead of her time. She’s the model of female rule in a male-dominated society. Elizabeth was the master of taking female traits and turning them into successful strategies for leading. She was King and Queen at the same time. She became one of the best diplomats of the 16th century by flirting with ambassadors. She saw it as great fun.”

### **Mark Schwarze named region’s ‘Outstanding Advisor’**



**Mark Schwarze** (Counseling) was named “Outstanding Advisor” at the BACCHUS Network’s Area 12 Conference on March 24. Region 12 is comprised of North Carolina, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C., with a membership of more than 100 universities and colleges.

The conference focuses on the work of students and their advisors in the area of peer health education. The BACCHUS Network is a university and community based network focusing on comprehensive health and safety initiatives. The mission of this non-profit organization is to actively promote student and young adult based, campus and community-wide leadership on healthy and safe lifestyle decisions concerning alcohol abuse, tobacco use, illegal drug use, unhealthy sexual practices and other high-risk behaviors.

Schwarze is the advisor for the UNCP campus peer health educators organization called APPLE Corps. The group provides peer counseling and workshops and outreach about health and wellness issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, sexual responsibility and mental health problems affecting college students. Schwarze was nominated by the students of APPLE Corps, and the winner was selected by an awards committee of the BACCHUS Network.

UNCP’s APPLE Corps group also won the awards of “Outstanding Student” and “Outstanding Program.” The three combined awards made UNCP the most honored university at the conference.

## Dr. Phillips co-authors article for geology journal



**Dr. Lee Phillips** (Geology) co-authored a paper with colleagues from the universities of Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. It was originally released through [www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com) in December 2006 and will go to print in the April 6 issue of *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology*.

“Sequence stratigraphic controls on synsedimentary cementation and preservation of dinosaur tracks: Example from the early Cretaceous (Upper Albian) Dakota Formation, Southeastern Nebraska: *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology*,” will appear in volume 246, pages 367-389 and was researched and co-authored by Phillips, P.L., Ludvigson, G.A., Joeckel, R.M., Gonzalez, L.A., Brenner, R.L., and Witzke, B.J.

## Dr. Irene Aiken made two presentations in March



**Dr. Irene Aiken** (Education) made a presentation on “Education Students’ Views of Online Classes” at the North Carolina Association for Research in Education Conference in Greensboro, N.C., March 22 - 23.

Dr. Aiken also presented a poster, titled “Education Students Thoughts Regarding Online Learning,” at the North Carolina Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference in Raleigh, N.C., March 22-23.

## Alewine, Thompson present at Digital Consortium

**Michael Alewine** (Library) and **Debbie Thompson** (Education) presented at the Digital Content Consortium at UNCP on March 17. Their presentation, “Creating Online Interactive and Media-Rich Learning Objects for Students,” showcased resources that faculty can use to create learning objects for use in the online environment. Participants were introduced to software programs that enable instructors to add audio and interactivity components to their instruction.



## Dr. Jones presents paper at conference on composition

Dr. Ginny Pompei Jones, (English) presented a paper, “Transforming Moments: College Writers to Writing Teachers,” at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in New York in March. Her presentation took place at a special interest group session for composition, titled “English Education Connections.”

## Student research presented at psychology conference



**Drs. John Raacke** (Psychology) and **Jennifer Bonds-Raacke** (Psychology) served as faculty sponsors for student research that recently presented at the 27th Annual Great Plains Students' Psychology Convention on March 16 - 17.

The presentations were titled "Discrimination on College Campuses: Are Homosexuals at Risk- Faculty" and was sponsored by Dr. Raacke.

The second was "Grandpa's Recipe for Cookies: Do Gender Role Stereotypes Apply to Elder Men?" was sponsored by Dr. Bonds-Raacke.

## Dr. Harrington, Hunt to present paper at Institute for Higher Education Management

**Billie Jo Hunt** (Academic Affairs) and **Dr. Charles Harrington** (Academic Affairs) had their paper, "Aligning Faculty Performance Expectations with Institutional Vision," accepted for the 2007 Congress of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Institute for Higher Education Management. The conference will be held in Paris this fall.



## Dr. Ross chaired Carolina Bay Symposium



**Dr. Thomas Ross** (Geography) was co-organizer and chair of the Symposium on Carolina Bays at the annual Geological Society of America's Southeast Section Meeting in Savannah, Ga., on March 28 - 30.

Symposium participants included 12 of the leading Carolina bay investigators who discussed their research relating to bays' origin, vegetation, ecology, mitigation, landscape evolution and wetlands. In addition, Dr. Ross also presented a paper on "Carolina Bays and Human Interaction."

## Student delivers paper to history society

**Dr. Charles Beem** (History) and senior history major Benjamin Secrist attended the regional conference of Phi Alpha Theta, the honorary history society, at Furman University in Greenville S.C. Secrist delivered a paper on "British Politics and the American War of Independence."





### **Dr. Collier makes presentation at conference**

**Dr. William Collier** (Psychology) made a presentation on “Happiness and Liking Ratings for Musical Octaves” at the recent Southwestern Psychological Association (SWPA) Conference in Fort Worth, Texas.

### **Ralph Steeds wins award at national competition**

A charcoal drawing by **Ralph Steeds** (Art) won an award of merit and a cash prize at Fayetteville State University’s national competition, titled “Current Work 2007.”

The show had more than 200 entries from which 35 pieces were selected for exhibition by juror David McCormick of Southeastern Community College. Steeds’ work is titled “Artist as Ghost.”



### **Thompson, Losh present at Educational Communications Conference**



**Debbie Thompson** (Education) and **Judi Losh** (Education) recently presented at the North Carolina Association for Educational Communications and Technology Conference (NCAECT).

Their presentation, “PowerPoint: More Than Just Presentation Software,” showcased some of the ways that Microsoft’s PowerPoint is being used by School of Education faculty in working with pre-service teachers.

### **Saylor, Alewine presented at Teaching and Learning Conference**



**Cynthia E. Saylor** (Library) and **Michael C. Alewine** (Library) presented “Reaching Students Where They Are: Interactive Resources and Media Integration from the Library’s Web Site” at the 2007 UNC Teaching and Learning with Technology (TLT) Conference on March 22, in Raleigh, N.C.

The presentation highlighted various resources on the Sampson-Livermore Library’s Webpage designed to engage traditional-aged students, while at the same time supporting all UNCP students, by using technologies that are ubiquitous within their culture. Some of

the resources highlighted included audio and video podcasts, an interactive library tour map, instant messaging reference services and an interactive guide to library research.

## **Tita, Locklear, Alewine present at TLT Conference**



**Dr. Charles Tita** (Distance Education), **Terry Locklear**, (Distance Education) and **Michael C. Alewine** (Library) presented “Improving Online Learning Through Assessment: Three Ways to Evaluate a Distance Education Program” at the

2007 UNC Teaching and Learning with Technology (TLT) Conference on March 22, in Raleigh, N.C.

The presentation highlighted three different assessments of the distance education programs at UNCP. Dr. Tita discussed faculty peer-assessment of online courses in relation to course development policy creation. Locklear discussed the creation and implementation of a customer service satisfaction survey of distance education students. Alewine discussed a transaction-level survey that is sent to distance education students following the provision of research services.



## **Hopper’s work juried into state landscape show**

A landscape painting, titled “Cottonfield Reflection,” by **Janette Hopper** (Art) was accepted into the North Carolina Landscape Show at the Visual Art Exchange. There were 194 entries 40 pieces accepted.

The exhibit opens on Friday, April 6 from 6 – 9 p.m. for the opening reception and awards ceremony.

The Visual Art Exchange is located at 325 Blake Street; Raleigh, N.C. Gallery hours are Tuesday -

Saturday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The gallery is also online at [www.visualartexchange.org](http://www.visualartexchange.org).



*Top Row from left: Coach McArthur Jones, Skyleer Hunt, Skyleer Brunson, Troy Miller, Kareem Stone, Jaboya Mauzon, Juwon Jones, Kameron Thomas and Jordan Henderson. Not in photo are Richard Harding and Miles Sampson.*

## **Jones coached Tornados to Junior basketball championship**

**McArthur Jones** (Housekeeping) was head basketball coach for the league champion Tornados this winter. The team was 14-0 and captured the championship of Lumberton Recreation Department's Junior League.

Their team photo was featured in *The Robesonian*. Jones works at University Village Apartments and has been coaching youth basketball since 1993. His grandson Juwon Jones played on the Tornados.

## **Today Show!**

**Dr. Heather Kimberly Dial** (Education) visited New York City on March 9. She was on the Today Show briefly as part of the outdoor studio audience and brought her sign and wore her stocking cap.



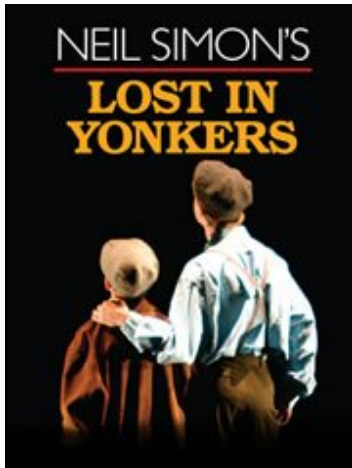


## Rumba scenes

At left are **Ellen Revels'** (*Financial Aid*) grandchildren - Taylor, 8, and Tyler, 6, - at the Rumba on the Lumber on March 3. They walked with Revels, pictured at right below, **Susan Chavis** (*Financial Aid*), left, and **Teresa Tubbs** (*Financial Aid*). They covered the three miles in 45 minutes.



## Upcoming



### **Lost in Yonkers**

Thursday, April 5

8 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 faculty or staff

“Lost in Yonkers” is a Pulitzer-Prize winning play by American’s greatest comic playwright Neil Simon. In the summer of 1942, two young boys are sent to stay with their stern grandmother who owns a candy store in Yonkers, N.Y. The boys’ father is deeply in debt and must go on an extended trip to make money to keep the loan sharks at bay.

### **Friends of the Library benefit is April 13**



The annual Friends of the Library benefit is Friday, April 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the Reading Room of the Sampson-Livermore Library. The theme is “Southern Accents at the Library,” and guest speaker is Cecilia Budd Grimes, author of “What It Means to be Southern” and other books.

The UNCP Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Singers will provide entertainment. Dinner and drinks are provided for guests. The cost is \$50 per person.

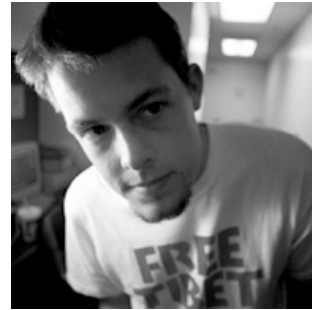
Silent and live auctions will be featured again this year. Among the live auction items are two roundtrip tickets for Southwest Airlines, a Caribbean cruise and handmade quilts.

“This should be a delightful evening of food, entertainment and support for Friends of the Library projects, including scholarships, acquisition of library materials, sponsorship of special events and author programs, including those by UNCP faculty authors,” said **Dr. Elinor Foster** (Library).

For more information, please contact Lillian Brewington at extension 6655 or Dr. Foster at extension 6212.

## Photojournalist to deliver Gustafson Lecture

Scott Langley, a free-lance photojournalist based in North Carolina, will give the Robert K. Gustafson Memorial Lecture at 11 a.m., Friday, April 13 in Moore Hall Auditorium.



Langley will speak on his work against the death penalty with Amnesty International and show a documentary on the subject.

A press photographer for numerous media outlets in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, area, Langley's work has appeared in magazines, books, almanacs, theater productions, documentary movies, music videos, TV commercials, on t-shirts and in calendars. His work has appeared in the *Boston Globe*, on the Associated Press and Reuters wire services, on CNN and ABC Web sites, in the *Washington Post*, *Essence* magazine, Amnesty International publications and much more.

Since 2005, his death penalty documentary project has been exhibited by Amnesty International in Germany, Denmark, at Harvard University, and in Washington, D.C. Langley travels around the country showing his photos and giving talks about the death penalty.

Langley has worked as a grassroots organizer against the death penalty since 1999. In September 2004, he was selected as Amnesty International's state death penalty abolition coordinator for North Carolina. Prior to relocating to Raleigh, N.C., Langley organized death penalty abolition activities in the Boston, Mass., area for three years as an Amnesty International's local coordinator.

In Massachusetts and North Carolina, he has had experience working against the federal death penalty, organizing for statewide moratoriums, testifying before state legislatures, organizing rallies and vigils, participating in nonviolent direct action resistance, and speaking at churches and on high school and college campuses. He currently works internationally to educate people about the death penalty.

The Gustafson Lecture Series was founded by Helen S. Gustafson of Laurinburg, N.C., to honor her late husband. The series was placed with the Esther Maynor Honors College, which recognizes and promotes the scholarship of outstanding students.

Dr. Gustafson was a Presbyterian minister and professor of religion. He was elected chair of the Faculty Senate and was the first UNCP representative to the Faculty Assembly of the newly consolidated UNC system. In 1988, he was the recipient of UNCP's Distinguished Professor Award.

Before joining the University, Dr. Gustafson authored three books: "The Literature of Christian Ethics 1932-56" and "A Study of the Life of James Woodrow: Emphasizing his Theological and Scientific Views as They Relate to the Evolution Controversy" and "James Woodrow (1828-1907): Scientist, Theologian, Intellectual Leader."

Dr. Gustafson was a graduate of UCLA. He worked for CBS in Hollywood until joining the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Dr. Gustafson entered Union Theological Seminary and received Master of Divinity, Master of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. His studies focused on ethics and American religious thought.

For more information on the Robert K. Gustafson Memorial Lecture Series, please contact the Esther Maynor Honors College at (910) 521-6841 or email [honors@uncp.edu](mailto:honors@uncp.edu).

## **State's science and technology advisor to speak April 16**



Dr. Robert K. McMahan Jr., North Carolina's science and technology advisor, will speak on Monday, April 16, at the Regional Center at COMtech.

Dr. McMahan is the executive director of the state Office of Science and Technology in the Department of Commerce. He advises Gov. Mike Easley and the General Assembly.

A former technology advisor in the venture capital arm of the federal Central Intelligence Agency, Dr. McMahan is currently a research professor in physics and astronomy at UNC-Chapel Hill, where he teaches and conducts research in the cosmology of the universe.

Dr. McMahan's residency also includes directing research for the Swiss company GretagMacbeth, LLC, following its acquisition of McMahan Research Laboratories where he was president and CEO.

Dr. McMahan earned his Ph.D. from Dartmouth College and was a post-doctoral fellow at the Harvard/Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Center. He earned a bachelor's degree in physics and history from Duke University.

A part of the School of Business' Distinguished Executive Speaker Series, Dr. McMahan's visit to UNCP is sponsored by the Master of Business Administration program and the Biotechnology and Business Training Center.

## ***Birthdays, April 1 - 15***

Arnold, Larry  
Ashraf, Mohammad  
Balasubramanian, Koduvayur N.  
Bullard, Cora L.  
Chavis, Christel A.  
Coleman, Annie H.  
Coronado, Vibrina  
Cummings, Susan A.  
Dickson, Wanda S.  
Glover, Ahmad L.  
Hansen, Holden G.  
Harris, Dwayne  
Harris, Tammy  
Herns, Arthur K.  
Holmes, Leonard  
Horne, Rhonda S.  
Jacobs, Dalsray  
Ladd, Roger A.  
Lewis, Jonathan P.  
Ling, Howard G.  
Maynor, Priscilla J.  
Maynor, Shannon H.  
McCallum, Larry L.  
O'Connor, Joseph J.  
Oxendine, Olivia  
Perry, Brenda A.  
Rupard, Michelle M.  
Saylor, Cynthia E.  
Shi, Yun  
Strickland, Darbie D.  
Synowiez, Barbara B.  
Taylor, Jerry  
Turner, Rip T.  
White, Donna C.  
White, Timothy E.  
Willie, Roger

## ***New Hires***

Sondra Oxendine, Library Technical Assistant, Library  
Judy Oxendine - Building & Environmental Tech, Physical Plant  
Ronald Strickland - Building & Environmental Tech, Physical Plant  
Joyce Leonard - Administrative Support Associate, International Programs

### **Promotions**

Beatrice Williams - Administrative Support Specialist, Business Affairs  
Ricky Ransom - Administrative Assistant II, Regional Center

### **Deaths**

Billie Faye Evans (Library, retired) of Garland, N.C., died on March 26.

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