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530 graduates hear author Pat Conroy at Commencement 2007

Commencement presented the full range of emotions for the 530 graduates.

Graduate Erin Garceau of Sanford, N.C., summed up her feelings with a statement scribbled on her mortarboard: "Thank you Mom and Dad for the sacrifice you've made to give me this."



“My parents did a lot to make this day possible,” Garceau said.

On a cool and overcast May 5, perfect weather for an outdoor ceremony, the graduates were both boisterous and solemn as they observed a moment of silence in memory of their fellow students who were slain at Virginia Tech.

There was more sadness. Rev. Jerry Lowry, a church-building Methodist minister and 1970 UNCP graduate, was to receive an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, but died hours before. Lowry’s daughters, Elena and Ana Locklear, received the honor in his stead.

“If he were here, my father would probably have said he was not worthy of this honor,” Elena said. “He would say God deserves all the glory.”

“Jerry had a burning enthusiasm to serve others,” Rev. Paul Leeland said in his introduction. “He often said, ‘When we experience hell, we must bring heaven.’”

One of the largest spring graduating classes in University history witnessed several firsts. The largest graduating class of nurses – 45 in all – received Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees. The first graduating class from UNCP’s new four-year nursing program had 36 members.

Also, the first six graduates of the revitalized Athletic Training program received degrees.

Philanthropist and business leader Irwin Belk of Charlotte, N.C., also received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

“Mr. Belk has engaged in philanthropy on a monumental scale,” Trustee Dick Taylor said. “I could justify that statement merely by reciting the Belk name as it appears on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.”

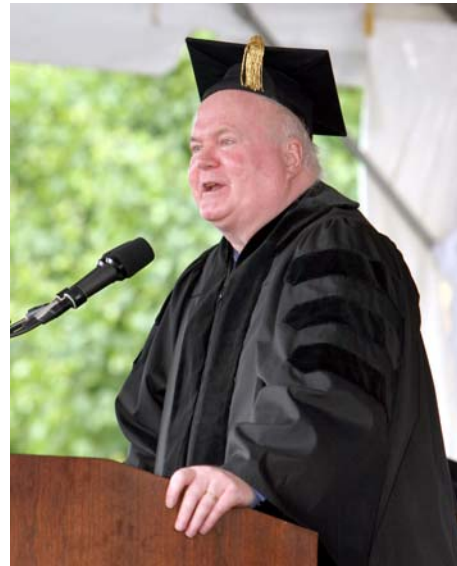
Belk and Taylor both have their names on UNCP’s football and track complex.

Commencement speaker Pat Conroy, one of America’s greatest contemporary storytellers, amused the crowd of more than 5,000 with tales of his life.

“There is nothing more boring on earth than a graduation speech,” the South Carolina-based author said. “But listen up kids, I plan for you to remember me.”

Conroy, an adopted southerner with Irish roots, talked about his southern relations.

“We clean graves once a year,” Conroy said. “I cleaned one who was my great uncle ‘Jerry Mire.’”



Conroy

“My grandmother, bless her heart, she said ‘he is named after the prophet Jerry Mire,’” he said. “People up north think I made that story up. People down south know I didn’t.”

On a more serious note, Conroy talked about caring for his dying mother in a hospital room.

“And graduates, we will all be in those rooms one day, I promise you,” he said. “They did not tell me at The Citadel that beautiful, vibrant mothers could die at age 59.”

His final message to the graduates was about time and its passage.

“Time, that’s what graduations are about members of the class of 2007,” he said. “Go talk to your parents today. Every one of them will remember the day they brought you home from the hospital after your birth. They are feeling time more than you are today.

“Remember the first day you came to Pembroke?” Conroy asked. “Tell me it was not quick kids; tell me it was not fast.

“You got a college degree, and I am proud of mine,” he said. “Here’s what I want you to remember. What you do, do it well, do it great, do it in the name of Pembroke.

“If you are real lucky, if you’re real good, if you’re classy, here’s what I promise you,” he concluded. “You can teach the whole world how to dance.”



Chancellor Meadors congratulates Leah Winfield.

Graduates

Four staff members graduated on May 5



P. Oxendine

DeVaney

Ricotta

T. Oxendine

Four UNCP staff members were awarded degrees March 5 at Commencement 2007.

They are: **Penny Oxendine** (University Center), Bachelor of Social Work, **Camille DeVaney** (Music), Master of Arts in Music Education, **Lorna Ricotta** (Advancement), Master of Business Administration, and **Tonya Oxendine** (Business Services), Bachelor of Science in Business Management.

Beth Jacobs graduates from UNC-CH School of Law



Elizabeth LaChelle Jacobs, daughter of Bruce and **Brenda** (Music) **Jacobs**, graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law on May 13, 2007.

As a law student, Jacobs performed more than 100 hours of pro bono work, including volunteering as a Guardian Ad Litem and assisting local attorneys with child custody issues. She also served as events coordinator and subsequently president of the Domestic Violence Advocacy Project and president of the Native American Law Student Association. During her third year, she worked as a Certified Law Student with the UNC Civil Legal Assistance Clinic.

Jacobs has accepted a position as Eastern North Carolina organizer for Democracy N.C., a non-profit organization headquartered in Durham, N.C., where she will reside.

Jacobs graduated from UNCP in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science. At UNCP, she was a member of Gamma Beta National Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, *Who's Who Among American University and College Students* and Young Democrats.

Matthew Locklear wins academic, athletic awards



Matthew Thomas Locklear, son of Thomas and **Dr. Zoe Locklear** (Education), was recently honored with a number of athletic and academic recognitions as a senior at Purnell Swett High School.

During the 2006-07 Athletic Banquet, Matthew was recognized as the Male Athlete of the Year. He also earned recognition as the Most Valuable Player in soccer, the Most Improved Player in football, and the Most Improved Player in baseball. Locklear earned honors in the Two Rivers Conference as all-conference 1st team place kicker, all-conference soccer 1st team, all-tournament soccer team, and all-conference honorable mention in baseball. Earlier

in the year, Matthew was selected as the male Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship Award winner for Purnell Swett.

During the Academic Awards Program, Locklear was recognized as a member of the National Honor Society, National Beta Club and Student Government Association. He received recognition as a North Carolina Academic Scholar, a President's Award for

Educational Excellence student, the Principal's Leadership Award, an Outstanding Student of America and an Honor Graduate placing in the top10 students of the senior class.

Locklear has been accepted into the College of Engineering at NC State University where he plans to major in chemical engineering beginning in the fall 2007 semester. He has also been invited to participate in the University Scholars Program at NC State.

University's gets new statement of Mission, Vision and Core Values



Job completed! Dr. Patricia Valenti (*English*), coordinator for the Strategic Planning and Resource Council (SPARC) turns over the finished document to Chancellor Meadors. From left: **Brenda Jacobs** (*Regional Center*), Staff Council chair, **Dr. David Zeigler** (*Biology*), Faculty Senate chair, Chancellor Meadors, **Dr. Valenti** and **Cindy Saylor** (*Library*), a faculty member of the council.

GOVERNING IDEAS

MISSION, VISION, CORE VALUES STATEMENTS

Approved at SPARC January 8 and by Senate on February 7, 2007

MISSION STATEMENT

Founded in 1887 as a school for the education of American Indians, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke now serves a distinctly diverse student body and encourages inclusion and appreciation for the values of all people. UNC Pembroke exists to promote excellence in teaching and learning, at the graduate and undergraduate levels, in an environment of free inquiry, interdisciplinary collaboration, and rigorous intellectual standards.

Our diversity and our commitment to personalized teaching uniquely prepare our students for rewarding careers, postgraduate education, leadership roles, and fulfilling lives. We cultivate an international perspective, rooted in our service to and appreciation of our multi-ethnic regional society, which prepares citizens for engagement in global society. Students are encouraged to participate in activities that develop their intellectual curiosity and mold them into responsible stewards of the world.

UNCP faculty and staff are dedicated to active student learning, engaged scholarship, high academic standards, creative activity, and public service. We celebrate our heritage as we enhance the intellectual, cultural, economic, and social life of the region.

VISION STATEMENT

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke will challenge students to embrace difference and adapt to change, think critically, communicate effectively, and become responsible citizens. Working from a strong foundation in the liberal arts, we will increase opportunities to infuse our curriculum with interdisciplinary innovation while promoting undergraduate and graduate research as well as international opportunities.

CORE VALUES STATEMENT

The Faculty and Staff of UNC Pembroke are guided by the following set of Core Values:

- 1) The commitment to serving the local region
- 2) The creation, exploration, evaluation, and articulation of ideas
- 3) The value of a liberal arts foundation as the basis of self-realization and lifelong learning
- 4) The importance of honor and integrity to learning and leadership as we educate students to be stewards of the world
- 5) The appreciation of the American Indian history of the university and local community

- 6) The appreciation of diversity and respect for the dignity and worth of every individual
- 7) The commitment to prepare graduate and undergraduate students to succeed in an ever-changing and increasingly technological global environment
- 8) The accessibility of education which leads to the enhancement of the economy and culture in the region
- 9) The maintenance of a sustainable, safe, healthful, attractive and accessible campus

INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS STATEMENT

Approved by SPARC February 5, 2007

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke distinguishes itself from peer institutions by offering an affordable, highly personalized, student-centered education to diverse students. Founded in 1887 as an American Indian institution to serve the Lumbee people, UNCP is now also comprised of students, faculty, and staff who possess differing attributes based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability status, national origin, age, political affiliation, religion, and other characteristics. Diversity grounds intellectual pursuits and provides us with opportunities for discovery and ways to integrate all individuals and groups into the larger community, respecting and valuing

their uniqueness while simultaneously advancing the University's historical tradition. UNC Pembroke thus prepares its students for life and leadership within a diverse society.

University leaders work with Congress to enhance rural America



WASHINGTON, D.C. — State college and universities presidents who are members of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and **Chancellor Meadors** met with Congressional staffers on April 25 to identify how colleges and universities and the federal government can work together to strengthen rural communities and inspire college attendance for rural youth.

The presidents offered information on the needs for a skilled workforce of teachers, health care workers, and engineers willing to live and work in rural communities in order to create and support a competitive workforce and to enhance the quality of life for Americans living in rural America. They also discussed ways Congress can help address these challenges.

More than 35 House and Senate officers participated in the briefing. The following universities participated: Eastern Oregon University, Dakota State University, Tennessee Technological University, Minnesota State University, Mankato, University of West Alabama, Southeast Missouri State University, Central Washington University, Arkansas State University and UNCP.

Rural campuses represent approximately one-third of state colleges and universities. AASCU's rural presidents work to establish common needs of rural institutions and the students they serve.

UNCP begins commercial fermentation production



Biotech team

Dr. Len Holmes (Chemistry), second from right, with his team. From left: Chad Riggsbee, Andy White and Heather Walters.

The University's Biotechnology Business and Training Center began work this spring on its first commercial contract to produce bio-engineered products.

In a research lab in Oxendine Science Building, a team of scientists is processing and purifying marine Actinomycetes, a bacterium used for scientific research.

The contract with UNC Wilmington's Marine Biology program is for \$9,000 to produce 15-liter shipments. **Dr. Len Holmes** (Chemistry), who leads several UNCP biotechnology programs, said he is pleased with the progress of the project.

"This is significant because it is our first contract for a biotech product," Dr. Holmes said. "We're learning how to work together as a laboratory."

The goal is for the Biotechnology Center to become self-sustaining, he said. Ultimately, the lab will move to COMtech when its new research and training facilities are completed at the Regional Center.

"Our mission is to become self-sustaining by growing biomass products," Dr. Holmes said. "We're off to a real good start that will allow us to seek other clients."

The lab team consists of lead technician Heather Walters, a 2006 graduate, Chad Riggsbee, a sophomore chemistry and biology major, and lab hygiene specialist Andy White.

Walters said once she has grown a culture, the job is to "inoculate" it and "upscale" it for production. She said the project is going well.

"This is a good team," Walters said. "We work well together."

Riggsbee called it "science out of the classroom."

"Working on a project like this goes beyond the theory that is taught in the classroom," he said. "I've had a blast, and it's a great introduction to microbiology."

UNCW provides the Actinomycetes, which are derived from marine environments. Once in the lab, the work begins.

"Another way of saying it is that we are using microbes to manufacture products of value for industry," he said. This is termed "fermentation."

"Classic fermentation" is a biochemical process whereby sugars are broken down into small molecules as well as carbon dioxide and energy."

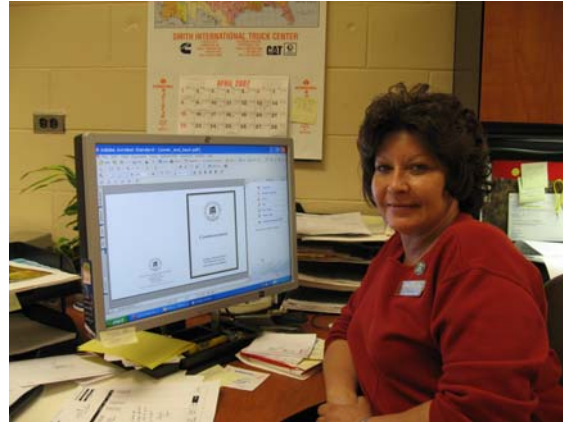
Dr. Holmes worked with the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs on the contract.

Printing Department produced its first Commencement program

For the first time, the commencement program was printed on campus. Besides meeting its deadline, print quality was exceptional.

“The gold jumps off the page, and the photo quality is superior,” said **Glenda Kiser** (Printing).

The project was two-color, cut-to-specs, saddle-stitched on 70-pound linen paper. It was printed on a Canon CLC 4000 digital printer at the Printing Department.



Glenda Kiser

“This kind of quality makes us all look good, and we saved the University money,” Kiser said. “We think it’s a real asset for the campus to be able to come here to see what we can do for them, and explain it in plain language.”

Denise Carroll (Business Services) was pleased also.

“This project put us to the test,” Carroll said. “It’s a high quality product.

“It was seven cents cheaper per copy than last year,” she said.

Other departments pitched in, Kiser said. The Media Center produced negatives and Central Stores and Receiving made sure the raw materials arrived just in time.



Printing Department

*From left: Mark Smith,
Glenda Kiser, Gene
Palmer,
Denise Carroll, Justin
Matthews, Willie Hunt
and Jackie Howard*

UNCP graduates 1st pre-licensure Nursing class



The Department of Nursing passed two major milestones in May when it graduated its first class of pre-licensure, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) students and received full approval from the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

Thirty-six pre-licensure students graduated as part of the University's May 5 commencement ceremony. Nine students from UNCP's RN-BSN program also received degrees.

It was the largest graduating class for the Department of Nursing since its inception in 1992, said **Dr. Barbara Synowiez** (Nursing), department chair.

"This was a very special day for us," Dr. Synowiez said. "This event was the culmination of several years of hard work by officials at the University, the Nursing faculty as well as the students in our first graduating class.

"Our pioneer class has set a standard for excellence and is prepared to serve the nursing profession in North Carolina and the nation for many years in the future," she said.

The pre-licensure program had earned initial approval from the North Carolina Board of Nursing in 2004, and with its first graduating class, received full approval on May 18.

"This is a very thorough process that included a site visit, interviews of faculty and students, reviews of the curriculum, faculty, and students," Dr. Synowiez said. "For us, this is really significant, and we will not be surveyed again for three years."

The Department of Nursing offers an undergraduate nursing program that is highlighted by a focused curriculum, extensive clinical experiences and personal teaching approaches by faculty which prepares graduates to provide quality professional nursing services, across the life span, for individuals, families, groups and communities, Dr. Synowiez said.

The Nursing students who comprised the first class on average were diverse. On the whole, they were older than typical undergraduates, and many had prior college experience and/or degrees. Many worked part-time, lived off campus and juggled family and work responsibilities as well as hours of homework.

Janine Hepler, a working mother of three from Laurinburg, N.C., earned a BSN degree.

"It was hard and very stressful, but that is the way with any Nursing program," Hepler said. "I had a very good experience, and our instructors were right there for us all the way."

Jason Paul Goodaire, a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and an EMT from Lumberton, N.C., also graduated from the program.

“Being in the first class, we had many obstacles to overcome, but I felt that each class will make the program better and stronger,” Goodaire said. “Many of the faculty are excellent and really care about students.

“I would recommend this program, because when everything is said and done, I emerged a nurse,” he added.

Since graduation, the members of the first class are interviewing and accepting nursing positions in area healthcare facilities as well as preparing for the upcoming NCLEX-RN examination that is required by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) before the graduates can begin work as professional nurses. In 2006, 88.3 percent of first time test takers nationwide passed the exam and were issued licenses to practice as registered nurses in their respective states or jurisdictions (www.ncsbn.org/245.htm).

UNCP began its upper-division Nursing program in 2005 – enrolling its first class of 50 students – after receiving approval from the UNC Board of Governors and the North Carolina Board of Nursing. The department is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and has achieved full approval from the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing major is fast becoming one of the most sought after majors on the UNCP campus. Admission to the upper-division pre-licensure BSN option is highly competitive.

The rising senior class has 50 students enrolled; the third pre-licensure BSN class of 70 students was recently selected from an applicant pool of approximately 200 qualified applicants.

The RN-BSN track continues to grow with courses at the main UNCP campus, Sandhills Community College Campus, Southeastern Community College Campus and Ft. Bragg.

Friends of the Library endow a second scholarship

The Friends of the Library (FOL) endowed their second scholarship this spring.

A \$10,000 gift established a permanent fund that will produce its first scholarship in the Spring 2008 semester. It will be awarded to a high achieving UNCP student with demonstrated financial need who is committed to University and community service, said **Dr. Elinor Foster** (Library).

“We have four scholarship programs altogether, and this is our second endowed scholarship,” Dr. Foster said. “The first endowment was for a student of the Esther G. Maynor Honors College.”



Pictured from left: Alison DeCinti, (Advancement), Lillian Brewington (Library), Dr. Mary J. Russell (Mathematics), FOL vice president, Dr. Meadors, Dr. Elinor Foster, (Library), dean of library services, Anne Coleman (Library), FOL recording secretary, Dr. Liliana Wendorff (Languages), FOL president, and Susan Whitt (Library), FOL treasurer.

The library distributes four book scholarships and a non-endowed scholarship annually. Funds are raised by the Friends of the Library annual event, which completed its 6th year in 2007.

Chancellor Meadors was on hand to receive the check.

“The scholarship program of the Friends of the Library is a particularly vital one for the University because it comes from an ongoing program and it comes from people who are close to us,” Chancellor Meadors said. “Thank you for your dedication to the welfare of our students.”

For information about the Friends of the Library, please call extension 6516.

People

Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs to chair American Indian Studies



The new chair of the American Indian Studies (AIS) Department says she is happy to be home.

“I’ve been ready to come home for a long time,” said **Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs** (AIS). “Now I have the opportunity.”

Dr. Jacobs is returning August 1 to Pembroke and UNCP from the faculty of San Diego State University. She brings a Ph.D. in social work with her.

Three chairs – *From left: incoming AIS Chair Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs, interim Chair Dr. Stan Knick and former Chair Dr. Linda Oxendine*

“My specialty area is child welfare, especially for American Indian children,” she said in a telephone interview from the West Coast. “Social workers must specialize in helping an oppressed population; my area is American Indian children who are in foster care.”

Social work issues and American Indian studies are twin themes in Dr. Jacobs’ academic career.

“I was director of the small American Indian Studies program at Cal State Long Beach when I got my Master’s in Social work,” Dr. Jacobs said. “When I decided to get my Ph.D., there was a very small job market in American Indian Studies. That is changing now.”

“I have no regrets about the decision to get a Ph.D. in social work,” she said. “Social work is my love and so is AIS.”

Dr. Jacobs will teach a course this fall in federal Indian policy, which she said is a very broad topic that encompasses child welfare issues.

“Federally recognized tribes have the opportunity to open their own child welfare agencies and hold tribal family court,” she said.

Dr. Jacobs is an enrolled member of the Lumbee Tribe and remains in touch with the tribe’s efforts to win federal recognition. She attended UNCP’s Southeast Indian Studies Conference this spring.

“It was really a neat conference,” she said. “I would like to see more attendees from around the state and the region, but it should retain its basic format.”

Dr. Jacobs said “there are big shoes to fill” in AIS at UNCP.

“It’s a daunting task to lead a department of this caliber,” she said. “There are very high expectations for me in this role.”

Dr. Linda Oxendine (AIS), who stepped down as chair in 2006 after 17 years, welcomed Dr. Jacobs to UNCP and the community.

“I’m pleased that Dr. Jacobs has agreed to join the faculty as chair of the American Indian Studies Department,” said Dr. Oxendine. “Her familiarity with the community will be a real asset to the program.

“Dr. Jacobs brings outstanding credentials, having directed an American Indian Studies program as well as teaching, research and publishing across a broad spectrum of subject areas vital to the mission of the program,” she continued. “Her training in social work and child advocacy adds depth to the diverse issues addressed in American Indian Studies.”

For the future of the department, Dr. Jacobs would like to see the University host an academic journal. A master’s degree in AIS is a possibility too.

“The University and the faculty show an interest in a master’s program for AIS,” she said. “I hope it’s possible in the near future.”

Service learning is another interest for Dr. Jacobs.

“I would like to see a field work program for AIS majors with local agencies,” she said. “We’re a natural fit at the Native American Resource Center museum on campus, and there are many agencies where our students can put their studies into practice.

“Service learning is a natural extension of what they learn in the classroom,” she added. “It’s one thing to study federal Indian law, but another to see how it actually works.”

Dr. Jacobs said she has her work cut out for her, but she will be on familiar turf. Born in Chicago, Ill., Jacobs’ parents moved back home to the Prospect community in 1977 with a family of eight children.

“My father was in the military during the Korean War, afterward he wanted to study drafting, but there were no schools in North Carolina that would accept an American Indian in 1952,” she said.

Like her father, Dr. Jacobs left home for educational opportunities and, like her father, she landed safely at home.

“When the family moved home, I attended Pembroke Middle and Senior High Schools,” Dr. Jacobs said. “My mother really wanted to come home.”

Dr. Jacobs’ parents are Lora Neil Brooks Cummings and Willard Cummings. She is married to Russell J. Jacobs, and they have two children, ages 8 and 14.

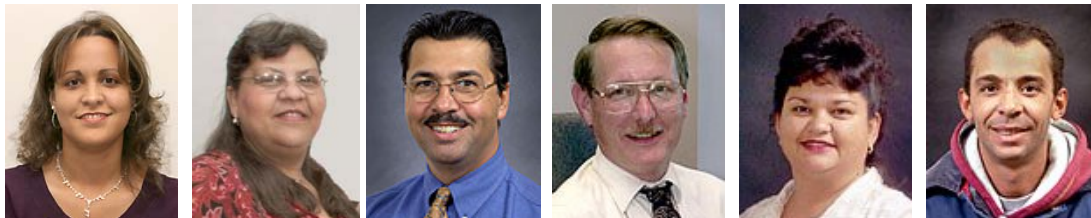
Dr. Jacobs earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education and a Master’s of Arts in Education at UNC-Chapel Hill. She earned a Master of Social Work degree at California State University at Long Beach and a Ph.D. at the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Jacobs’ resume includes numerous publications. Besides child welfare, her research interests include issues of race, class and gender as well as federal Indian law and policy, human service organizations, social policy and research methods.

While attending the University of Chicago, she worked with several research programs including the Children and Family Research Center in Chicago.

Dr. Jacobs is the third full-time chair of the American Indian Studies Department. Founded in 1972, the program began offering a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1984.

Staff votes in six council members



Jones

Jacobs

Swett

Killian

Chavis-Lindsey

Locklear

In voting on May 10, the staff picked three incumbents and three new members to fill two-year seats on its Staff Council.

Bridget Jones (Physical Plant), **Illya Chavis-Lindsey** (Regional Center) and **John A. Locklear** (Physical Plant) will join **Brenda Kay Jacobs** (Regional Center), **Aubrey Swett** (Student Life) and **Roger Killian** (Business Affairs) on the council.

Swett, Jacobs and Killian will serve their second two-year terms.

Picked as alternates were **Sara Jahansouz** (Student Life), **Edward Strickland III** (Campus Police), **Jenny Hadden** (TRIO) and **Thelma Colon** (School of Business).

The newly-elected members and alternates will meet with the Staff Council in its June meeting and elect new officers in July.



Parnell



Maysami

School of Business 2006-07 awards

The School of Business honored students and faculty at the annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet on April 25. The Peter B. Vaill Award went to Dr. John Parnell and the Facultyship Award to **Dr. Ramin C. Maysami**.

Dr. David Oxendine appointed to UNC Scholars Council



Dr. David B. Oxendine (Education) will represent the University and the region on the Scholars Council of the newly formed UNC Tomorrow Commission.

An initiative of UNC President Erskine Bowles and the Board of Governors, the council will, over the next 18 months, help the state's universities identify the needs facing the state and its regions over the next 20 years and help develop and implement the strategies.

Dr. Oxendine, a Pembroke, N.C., native and faculty member since 2005, was recommended by **Dr. Charles Harrington** (Provost).

"I am delighted that the UNC Tomorrow Commission has appointed Dr. Oxendine to this important council," Dr. Harrington said. "Dr. Oxendine's ties to southeastern North Carolina and his intimate familiarity with the educational, economic, and workforce needs of the region will be indispensable to the Scholar's Council and the Commission as they begin their important work.

"It is our hope that southeastern North Carolina's voice is heard through Dr. Oxendine's contribution," he said.

One of 14 scholars on the council, Dr. Oxendine begins the assessment phase of the project in August. The council will meet with both regional and statewide business, nonprofit, community, policy and government leaders to listen to their concerns.

"We will be identifying the needs of our regions and state and see how we can serve them better," Dr. Oxendine said. "I think this is an opportunity for the regions to have a voice within the larger state framework.

"We have been asked not to view ourselves as representing our campuses, but as members of a team working on behalf of the regions and the state," he said. "I believe it will be a positive experience, and I hope it will benefit our region."

After the assessment stage, the Scholars Council will develop, in cooperation with the larger Tomorrow Commission, UNC and the Board of Governors, a response that will be completed in May 2008.

“It’s going to be a busy year,” Dr. Oxendine said. “The future depends upon this kind of planning, and I’m looking forward to making a contribution.”

Dr. Oxendine teaches educational psychology and earned a master’s degree in counselor education and a Ph.D. in psychology at NC State University. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre from Catawba College.



Dr. Litty presents paper on Lumbee health

Dr. Jamie Litty (Mass Communications) presented a paper on “The Use of Culturally Specific Rhetoric in a Health Video for Lumbee Women” at the annual conference of the International Communication Association in San Francisco over Memorial Day weekend. The paper was sponsored by ICA’s Race & Ethnicity in Communication Interest Group.



Faculty Awards – *From left: Dr. Charles Harrington (Provost), Dr. John Bowman (Sociology), Dial Award for Service; Dr. Bruce DeHart (History), Teaching Award; Dr. Ann Horton-Lopez (Art), Teaching Award; Don Soucey (Business), Teaching Award; Dr. Richard Vela (English) Adolph L. Dial Award for Research and Creativity; and Dr. Scott Billingsley (Political Science), Teaching Award*



Excellence Awarded

Dr. Jose D'Arruda (Physics,) with medal, is surrounded by family at the awards luncheon. He won the UNC Board of Governors Award for Teaching Excellence. Pictured from left: Robert D'Arruda, son, granddaughter Regan, wife Dotty, Dr. D'Arruda and sons, Peter and Jeffery.



Retirement Brunch – *From left Carol Hunt (College Opportunity Program, 31 years), Dr. Bonnie Kelley (Biology, 30 years), Sandy Stratil (Art, College Opportunity Program, 19 years), Dr. Thomas Leach (English, College of Arts & Sciences, 32 years), Dr. Sharon Sharp (Education, 19 years), Gloria Chavis (Business Services, 29 years) and Dr. Manuel Conley (History, 11 years). Not in photo are Dr. Warren Baker (Education, 28 years), David Helton (Police & Public Safety, 12 years), Margie Oxendine (Housekeeping, 18 years), Nancy Starnes (English, 25 years) and Ila Killian. (Controller, 32 years).*



The 4th annual history faculty, alumni and staff vs. history and social studies education softball game and cookout was April 25. 75 attended the event.



UNCP Youth Empowerment and their parents visited Dixie Stampede at Myrtle Beach, S.C., on April 25.

Births

Congratulations to **Natalya Locklear** (Admissions) and her husband, Nakoa, on the birth of their first child. Cayten Nakoa was born Friday, May 25, at 7:17 p.m. at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 20.5 inches.

Deaths

Wanda Hammond's (Social Work) father, Harvie McMillan, passed away on May 17.

Birthdays in May

May 1 - 15

Amendola, James D.
Anderson, Todd C.
Bessire, Loreen B.
Billington, Jeffery A.
Bolles, Jeffrey R.
Brown, Vera E.
Cremer, Michael
Dran, David S.
Goldston, Joseph W.
Gustin, Jennifer
Hagans, Julious K.
Hanna, Ann M.
Herndon, Cynthia H.
Hunt, Cathie E.
Hunt, Gerald
Hunt, Sherry A.
Knick, Stanley G.
Litty, Jamie M.
Locklear, Cheryl L.
Locklear, Emily B.
Locklear, Joey L.
Locklear, Vickie L.
Lowery, Carson
Oxendine, Tonya T.
Paul, Carol J.
Poletti, Michael J.
Ransom, Ricky
Regan, Shilpa M.
Shinnick, Peter L.
Smiling, Belinda C.
Staton, Wendell R.
Stein, David C.

Stevens, Robyn A.
Stout, Roland P.
Strickland, Betty J.
Strickland, Craymon
Thompson, J. M.
Tolar, David N.
Tyner, Verlene
Wagner, Wanda S.
Zaccaro, Michael C.

May 16 – 31

Andersson, Lars G.
Apodaca, Julie A.
Baker, Anna
Brackin, Sara M.
Britt, Alice J.
Brooks, Stephen A.
Brum, Joseph
Bukowy, Stephen J.
Caswell, Teresa A.
Cromeenes, Lana L.
Dooling, Thomas
Faircloth, Wanda
Franklin, Chomeka L.
Hall, Jamie M.
Hammonds, Wanda L.
Haskins, John C.
Hayes, Lynn
Haywood, Shawn D.
Jackson, Aaron H.
Jacobs, Melanie S.
Locklear, Carla K.
Locklear, Gary L.
Love, Adam W.
Meadors, Allen C.
Mizunuma, Emiko
Murray, Christina S.
Oxendine, Camilla A.
Riesbeck, Jessica L.
Soucy, Donald R.
Stanley, Joyce D.
Strickland, Letha D.
Troutman, Daniel L.
Wells, Dorothy L.
Wilson-Burden, Natasha C.

Birthdays in June

June 1 - 15

Bass, Patsy S.
Cruz, Benedicto
Edgell, Dennis J.
Fairley, Michael
Gay, William R.
Harris, Gregory
Helgeson, Karen
Hunt, Kimberly A.
Kyriakoudes, Louis M.
Lowry, Monika C.
Mc Koy, Lisa D.
McCarthy, Thomas D.
McGirt-Hunt, Phyllis
Oxendine, Penny L.
Payne, Mark J.
Powell, Veronica S.
Roberts, Rebecca B.
Russell, Mary J.
Sacco, Carrie H.
Sharp, Bruce D.
Sherman, Christopher L.
Stephenson, Shelby D.
Stratil, Sandra M.
Strickland, Ronald K.
Swett, Aubrey D.
Toothman, Sara
Underwood, David G.
Walker, Mary H.
Wharff, Deborah M.

June 16 - 30

Bahhouth, Victor
Balke, Lori J.
Bass, James M.
Blue, Sharon K.
Branyon, Richard A.
Brown, Robert W.
Chaves, Debbie E.
Douglass, Eugene F.
Evans, Emma N.
Flowers, Paul A.
Foster, Elinor F.
Frederick, James R.
Fuller, Fran F.
Helton, David L.
Hinson, Cassie R.
Hiraldo, Danielle V.
Jahansouz, Sara L.
Jones, Billie J.
Jones, Bridget L.
Layne, Julie D.
Lewallen, Walter E.
Liu, Dandan
Locklear, Bonnie R.
Locklear, Caverlen E.
Locklear, Joseph E.
Lowry, Jennifer L.
Martin, Ronnie W.
Massey, John W.
Matthews, Robbie W.
Morfesis, Gail A.
Oswald, Sara
Oxendine, Cammie H.
Parker, James W.
Perry, Ollie C.
Seibert, Charles A.
Sexton, Jean E.
Simmons, Esther J.
Thompson, Debra
Tyner, Kenneth B.
Vanwright, Sharon C.
Vesely, Mark E.
Vogler, Rebecca G.
Winans, Justin S.

New Hires

Karen Orr Fritts - Assistant Librarian, Library
Craig Shaffer - Director, Marketing & Promotions, Athletics
Mark S. Smith - Printing Equipment Operator, Business Services
Michelle Locklear - Administrative Support Associate, School of Education
Cheryl Locklear - Administrative Support Associate, Physical Plant

Promotions

Sherry Ann Hunt - Project Director, School of Education

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