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32 years of steadfast leadership in academic affairs

“At the time, I had no idea how good a decision that was,” said **Dr. Thomas J. Leach**, retiring dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

With the ink barely dry on a doctorate in literature from UNC-Chapel Hill, Dr. Leach took a pay cut to get into higher education. He came to UNCP in 1975 to teach poetry, and over the next 32 years, he taught about everything except poetry.

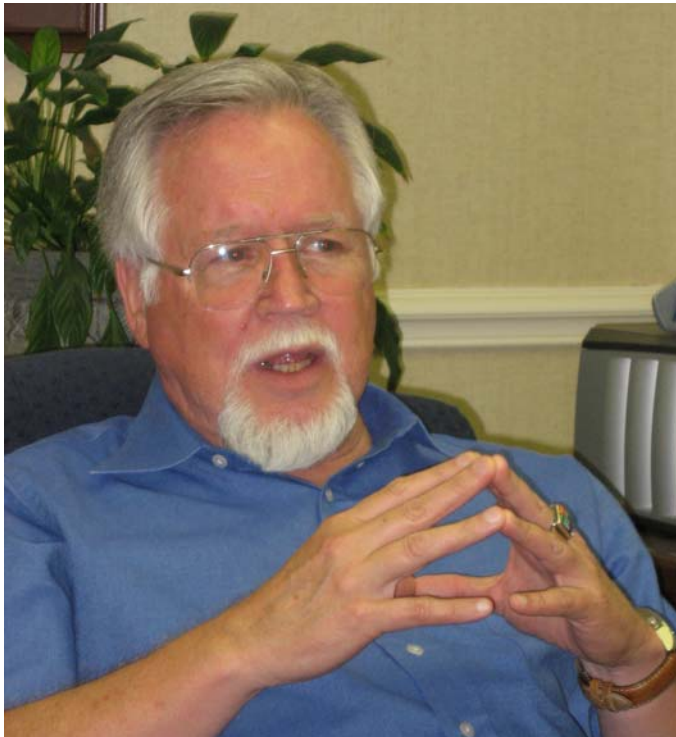
When the call came, Dr. Leach was in Chapel Hill “working on some articles.” He was on summer break from a high school teaching job in Florida.

“I got a call saying there was a last minute resignation at Pembroke State University,” he said. “I had no idea where that was, but I interviewed on Tuesday with classes beginning Thursday.”

In a distinguished career at the University, Dr. Leach chaired his department for 20 years, and, for six years, he served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, UNCP’s largest academic unit. The man who became a major force in academia for a developing regional University retired on June 30, 2007.

There were many turning points and points of light along the way for a man who seemed destined for a very different future. Out of high school, Dr. Leach earned an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

“As a youth, I never quite knew where I was going or what I was going to do,” he said. “My father was a fireman in Wilmington, Del., so I did not get a Congressional appointment to the academy.”



Dr. Leach competed in a large pool of “qualified applicants.” Because he was a competitor, he had an edge.

“Swimming was the accomplishment that I built on,” he said. “Swimming was the bridge to the academic side.”

He was twice an all-American swimmer at P.S. DuPont High School. He compiled a long list of championships, records and honors.

Dr. Leach graduated from the Naval Academy in 1962. He remembers an inspirational commencement speaker that year.

THE FINAL FRONTIER

“Most people say they don’t remember who their commencement speaker was, but I do,” he said. “It was John F. Kennedy.

“It was the space age, and I chose the last frontier,” he said.

A commission in the Air Force led to a job in intelligence as liaison between the Strategic Air Command and the Central Intelligence Agency during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

“Knowing nothing of the world,” but with top secret clearance, he looked on as the planet stood on the brink of destruction.

“In the end, I was able to see the process of intelligence,” Dr. Leach said. “We did well and earned a Presidential Unit Citation from JFK.”

Dr. Leach’s next assignment was in the Minuteman missile program. He also enrolled in a Master’s of Business Administration program offered by the University of Missouri.

“With the Air Force transitioning to Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, the ICBM program, they wanted officers with the business acumen to deal with the military industrial complex,” he said. “Shortly after my promotion to captain, I resigned my commission.

“It was one of the toughest decisions I ever made,” he said. “The more I looked at it, the more I was convinced.”

While his colleagues assumed that the gifted junior officer was destined for a career in engineering or law, Dr. Leach had something else in mind.

“I did the complete 180, and came up in literature at Chapel Hill,” he said. “I did my doctoral dissertation on poet Gary Snyder.”

IN ACADEMIA

At Pembroke State University, Dr. Leach taught 25 different courses in his first five years, sometimes teaching five courses at once. In the later stages of his career, he won the 1996 Teaching Award for the Division of Letters.

“I never got to teach that poetry course that I had studied for,” Dr. Leach said. “In those days, we taught ‘overloads’ without compensation.”

He excelled in teaching and, very early, Dr. Leach showed the ability to lead in the academic world. He made his first mark in 1977.

“There are many things I am proud of, but helping found the Honors College here is a highlight,” he said. “I also taught in the humanities portions of that program, and I directed several honors theses.”

Dr. Leach became chair of his department in 1979 and remained there until 2001 when he accepted the position of dean of the newly formed College of Arts and Sciences. A junior professor, he took the helm of a veteran department.

“When I interviewed for the position, I did not feel I was a candidate, and I was not very well prepared to speak to my vision for the department,” he recollected. “I said that in a few short years, I had come to see and believe that this department is full of excellent people, and I believed that I could work with them and them with me.

“From that moment, it became for me the process of just that – working with these folks,” Dr. Leach said. “That process of getting input, ideas and participation, then opting for a



course of action is what my career has been about.

“The high points of my career are the combination of efforts, talents and vision of the people I have worked with.” “It’s been a joy, a privilege and an honor. That’s from the heart.

“From the very beginning, I felt that one of the marvelous things about this University and its faculty is its ability to work together,” Dr. Leach

said. “I do feel the pride of accomplishment, but it is a shared pride with many, many others.”

One decision that defined the substance of his leadership related to the department’s freshmen composition program. These are the two required writing classes that all freshmen must complete.

“Starting with me, all members of the department taught a writing course, a principal that continues to this day,” Dr. Leach said. “That was a hard fought battle.

“Composition is our bread and butter in the English Department, and the reason we are here,” he said. “I believed that our best faculty should teach it too.”

In the late 1970s and 1980s, the modern University and its curriculum were maturing, and the new chair offered a guiding hand.

“The most difficult assignment I’ve ever undertaken here was to chair the task force for a complete revision of basic studies or general education,” he said. “This was really demanding and very threatening to all the departments of the University.

“It was a nightmare,” Dr. Leach admitted. “We struggled with it for two years before it went to the Faculty Senate, where it was unraveled over the next year.”

General education is a bundle of required courses from across the curriculum that every student must complete to obtain a degree. It is the liberal arts aspect of higher education.

With departments facing possible budget cuts from changing requirements, faculty waged life and death battles. From that difficult process in the early 1980s, a ray of light emerged.

“They did salvage a reasonable facsimile of our recommendations that provided a foundation to move forward with a semblance of structure,” Dr. Leach said. “I have served on the General Education Committee right up to commencement this year.

“I truly and deeply believe in the value of general education,” he said. “I learned that it’s a process and as long as you take the long view, it will work to the benefit of our students and the University.”

In 1978, Pembroke State University was granted its first graduate program in education. This was a landmark event that changed the course of the institution and its status within the higher education hierarchy.

“In 1983, we looked at all the departments and decided English would be the next graduate program,” Dr. Leach said. “In 1984, we put a proposal together to present to (UNC) General Administration.”

The successful Master of Arts in English Education program opened the door for the eventual establishment of a total of 17 graduate programs at this writing. UNCP granted nearly 200 postgraduate degrees in 2006-07.

THE SCHOLAR

An academic career is also built on research and publishing, and Dr. Leach’s career included scholarly work. One stands out in his mind.

Several faculty members traveled to Washington, D.C., in 1987 to present papers at a professional conference. Dr. Leach’s paper was titled “A Literary Perspective on World Peace,” which was presented at an annual convention of The International Studies Association.

That paper was included in the book, “Culture and International Relations” (1990; Praeger Publishers; New York), that was edited by PSU historian Dr. Jongsuk Chay.

“It was typical academic stuff; you know, add another line to your vita and move on,” Dr. Leach said. “Then, one day I got a call from the library that there was a fax for me from Japan.”

Dr. Leach was invited to be the keynote speaker at an international symposium on world peace in Japan at the United Nations University. He traveled first class, and his hosts begged him to stay for an additional month to give lectures.

“Here it was September, and school had barely started,” Dr. Leach said. “That was the only time in my career I took time off during a semester.

“It was an interesting experience, an adventure, altogether,” he said. “I lectured literally under the shadow of Mt. Fuji to a crowd of hundreds of people with some standing. Many people listened through translators.”

The lecture and guided discussions that followed went very well, Dr. Leach remembers. It turned out that the Japanese students had used “Culture and International Relations” as a textbook in their class, and the students had voted to invite Dr. Leach as their keynote speaker.

“That was the most fabulous thing that has happened to me in my academic career,” he said.

Dr. Leach retains his passion for academics, and his love of literature and art is infectious. Similarly, his love of collegiality – the sharing of intellectual matters among peers - is a hallmark of his career.

A series of presentations some years ago, titled “The Life of the Mind,” was one of Dr. Leach’s favorite programs at the University. Monthly, a faculty member made a presentation for anyone interested.

“We covered the entire intellectual spectrum, from jazz to black holes,” he said. “There was no University funding for it, so we brought our own refreshments.



“I felt there was a need to bring us together on various intellectual matters and share our excitement,” Dr. Leach said. “It was interesting and intellectually stimulating.”

RETIREMENT

A trip to Ireland this summer is planned for Dr. Leach and his wife, Dr. Sharon Sharp, a professor in UNCP’s School of Education who is also retiring. Retirement presents a blank page full of possibilities.

“We’ve said all along, it’s about starting a new chapter,” he said. “There are a few loose ends to tie up.”

Dr. Leach said he has “a lot of books to read,” but art is a new found passion for this man of letters.

“I couldn’t draw a straight line,” he said chuckling. “I had a real ‘aha’ moment at a workshop that we attended during spring break in 1995.

“I discovered that artistic expression will find an outlet,” he said.

Strumming a few folk and cowboy tunes on the guitar and hiking are also in the future.

“I am feeling the call of the Appalachian Trail, which is an old pastime for me,” Dr. Leach said. “I also received the generous gift of a bicycle from the department chairs. I’m looking forward to riding in the neighborhood, at first, maybe in the mountains later.”

“We’re really excited,” he said. “I just enjoy life.”

Dr. Cheryl Locklear joins UNC Board of Governors

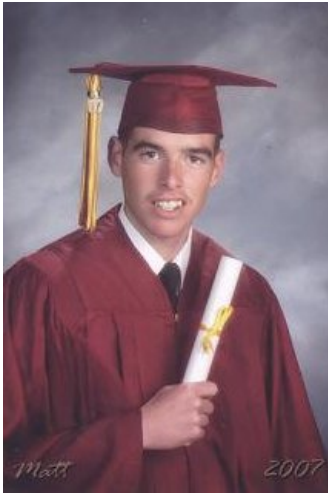


Dr. Cheryl Ransom Locklear '75 was sworn in on June 8 as a member of the Board of Governors for the 16-member University of North Carolina.

A practicing dentist in Red Springs and a resident of Pembroke, Dr. Locklear was a member of UNCP’s Board of Trustees from 1995 – 2003.

*To read more of this article, go to:
http://www.uncp.edu/news/2007/cheryl_locklear.htm*

Milestones



Matthew Taylor graduated on June 8

Robert Matthew Taylor, son of Charles and **Janet Taylor** (Chancellor's Office), graduated from Lumberton Senior High School on June 8.

Taylor received several awards for his work with the Future Farmers of America (FFA) club. Also, he received recognition as a member of the Beta Club, Gold Award for FFA and Tech Prep completer.

He plans to attend Sandhills Community College to study landscape and design.

Lindsay Freeman graduates from the Air Force Academy



USAFA Cadet C1C Lindsay D. Freeman, the daughter of **Larry Freeman** (Physical Plant) and his wife, Pat, of Fairmont, graduated from the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) on May 30, and was commissioned by her brother, Capt. J.D. Freeman, a 2002 USAFA graduate, as a 2nd Lieutenant.

2nd Lt. L.D. Freeman has been assigned to the Office of Admissions at USAFA for the following year working with the Office of Minority Affairs in the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida and Puerto Rico. Afterwards, she plans to continue her legal studies within the Air Force. Her younger brother, USAFA C1C Kyland B. Freeman is expected to graduate in May 2008.

Retiring

Dorothy D'Arruda is pinned with a corsage at her recent retirement party. She served as a science teacher for 25 years, finishing at Max Abbott Middle School in Cumberland County. She is the wife of Dr. Jose D'Arruda (Physics).



On Campus

University to dedicate Heritage Walk on July 7

The University will honor its first graduates during Lumbee Homecoming 2007.

Heritage Walk, a brick memorial honoring more than 500 of the institution's first American Indian graduates, will be unveiled Saturday, July 7 at 11:30 a.m. in front of Old Main.



*To read more of this article, go to:
http://www.uncp.edu/news/2007/events/heritage_walk.htm*



Hamilton McMillan watches over work on the landscape of Old Main.



School of Business accreditation moves forward

The School of Business passed a second important milestone in its pursuit of accreditation from the AACSB, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

The school was notified this spring that its accreditation plan was approved. The final step will take place during the 2011-12 academic year when a team from AACSB will perform an onsite evaluation of the University's business programs, faculty and student learning, said **Dr. Eric Dent** (Business).

Dr. Dent said "AACSB accreditation is the premier accreditation for business programs, and its standards are continually rising."

Dr. Charles Harrington (Provost) hailed the good report.

*To read more of this article, please go to:
http://www.uncp.edu/news/2007/business_accreditation.htm*



Campus Police go electric with new vehicle

It bills itself as “earth’s favorite car,” but the University’s new Zenn electric car is becoming the favorite of **Betty Strickland** (Police & Public Safety) too.

Strickland is the University’s traffic control officer and drives a zero-emission Zenn car daily while patrolling the University’s parking lots. She loves her new vehicle, which arrived in late May.



“I like it a lot,” she said during a demonstration drive. “It’s quieter, smoother and handles really well.”

The Zenn, which replaced a gas-powered “4-wheeler,” gets about 40 miles between 8-hour recharges of its six batteries. It emits no carbon dioxide or other pollutants and gets the equivalent of 245 miles-per-gallon.

The hatchback has room for four. Top speed is 25 miles-an-hour for a vehicle that is street legal.

“Twenty-five is all I need,” Officer Strickland said. “Going out on the highway allows me to check all our lots.”

Chief David Helton said there are several reasons that the Zenn makes sense for the Office of Police and Public Safety.

“We were looking for ways to be more efficient, and the Zenn is efficient and non-polluting,” Chief Helton said. “It’s also safer than our old vehicle and more flexible because it can go on the public roads.”

The Zenn has safety belts, rack and pinion steering and 4-wheel disc brakes. It also meets European front and offset crash tests. The vehicle starts at \$13,500 and air conditioning is an option, said Travis Hibler, vice president for Bleeker Electric Car Sales in Fayetteville, N.C.

“The Zenn is taking off,” Hibler said. “We have one at Elon and one at UNC Wilmington. It’s a good fit on college campuses.”



The Zenn is turning heads on UNCP’s campus as Officer Strickland motors by. She said it is the source of some good natured fun too.

“They pick at me, asking ‘where is the remote control?’ and stuff like that,” she said. “I just laugh and tell them not to look for me at the gas pump.”

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MBA honors

*A team of MBA students earned an honorable mention award in a statewide competition sponsored by the state's Small Business and Technology Development Centers (SBTDC). The graduate students consulted with Bon-Aire Filters of Marietta, N.C. Pictured are student Dan Troutman (center) with **Dr. Carmen Calabrese** (Business), on the left, and Scott Daugherty, state SBTDC director.*

People



Local architect Michael Clark joins UNCP

J. Michael Clark (Facilities Planning & Construction), who has designed buildings from coast to coast and around the globe, will join the University as its facilities architect.

A Pembroke native with long ties to the University, Clark will be project manager for major construction projects on campus, and he will design other projects. He has a Bachelor of Architecture degree from NC State University and comes to UNCP with years of experience as an architect and planner for the federal government.

Clark reports to **Bess H. Tyner** (Facilities Planning & Construction).

“We are very excited about having someone as experienced as Mr. Clark as a part of the Facilities Planning & Construction team,” Tyner said. “He brings a rich palate of work and life experience, which will be combined with his connection to the University and love of the area to give a new synergy to our design approach.”

Clark, who attended Pembroke Elementary and High Schools which are located on UNCP’s campus today, is the first Lumbee Indian architect to graduate from NC State. His father is a UNCP graduate, and his great uncle, D.F. Lowry, is the first graduate of the University in 1905 when it was Croatan Normal School.

“I am excited to be here and I am excited about the growth of the University,” he said. “One reason I wanted to be at UNCP is because I am from this community, and I am familiar with the history of the University.”

As an architect, Clark has already had an impact on the community by designing numerous churches, schools and public and private buildings and homes. He comes to the University from the local architectural firm Native American Design Services, which he founded in 1993.

As architectural advisor for the Lumbee Tribe, a project that is especially satisfying to Clark is the design of a series of homes being built on tribal land near Pembroke.

“Good basic design” for Clark and his customers included porches, cross ventilation, open living spaces and flexibility to meet the needs of extended families.

After starting his career in Phoenix, Ariz., with a Native American architectural firm, Clark traveled a long circle to return home. He worked as a federal employee for the Navy and Coast Guard, designing large and small projects around the globe.

Clark traveled worldwide working on embassy projects among others. He was 1982 Employee of the Year for the Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and he received an Award of Merit from the American Society of Interior Design for a chapel design.

Being an American Indian is an important aspect of Clark's architectural career and his philosophy of design.

"I hope to build in some cultural aspects into the buildings I work with," he said. "Native Americans as keepers of the earth are in harmony with green values in design."

Clark has influenced the local landscape with projects at Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke and Mt. Airy Baptist Church nearby. He has worked on renovations at Prospect, Union, Union Chapel and Deep Branch schools, and he helped design one of the town's and University's most visible places, the Pembroke Town Park.

"The Town Park project is pro bono, and I think it will be an asset to the University and town," Clark said. "The design incorporates history and other community values as well as useful space for play and quiet reflection."

Clark's son, M. Che'veyo Clark, now leads Native American Design Services in the day-to-day operations of the firm. Che'veyo holds a Master of Architecture degree.

McDuffie Cummings Jr. to lead Police Department



McDuffie Cummings Jr. has been named director of the 16 member Police and Public Safety Department.

A 14-year veteran of campus law enforcement and a UNCP graduate, Cummings was promoted from lieutenant, a rank he has held since 2002.

Chief Cummings, a Pembroke, N.C., native, has broad experience in law enforcement and training. He also has deep roots in the community, where he serves as Chief of the Pembroke Volunteer Fire Department.

Chief Cummings begins his new duties on July 1 and reports to Neil Hawk, vice chancellor for Business Affairs.

"I look forward to working with McDuffie and expect his experience will be a huge asset and will provide for a smooth transition in leadership," Hawk said. "I know Chief Cummings will work hard to ensure that UNCP continues to be a safe environment for students, faculty, and staff."

Chief Cummings said he takes over a solid department.

“This is an excellent group of people with a high level of training and considerable experience,” he said. “They are a dedicated and hard working group who truly enjoy what they do.”

Chief Cummings worked his way through the ranks beginning in 1993 as an officer and making sergeant in 1997. His resume includes assisting in writing the curriculum for the “campus policing” block of the North Carolina Basic Law Enforcement Training Certification program.

Besides responsibilities in training, supervision and investigations, Chief Cummings helped to develop programs for community policing, emergency planning and human resource issues. He also worked closely with campus judiciary and as a policy maker for student activities.

“This is a great opportunity to work at the level I have trained for,” Chief Cummings said. “I am fully knowledgeable of the resources available to the department here on campus and in the community.”

“I am optimistic for a smooth transition from lieutenant into the leadership role,” he continued.

Top on his list of goals for the department is implementing community policing tactics on campus. It takes the cooperation of the Campus Community in conjunction with the University Police working toward the common goal of making UNCP the safest campus in the UNC system.

“When I started at the University, I knew most of the students by name, and they knew me,” Chief Cummings said. “I would like to see officers accessible to students, faculty and staff in residence halls, meetings and classrooms.” This accessibility and communication creates bonds and provides resources to all involved.

Technology is also a priority for the new chief. With the implementation and development of new technology in the law enforcement field, officers are provided with the means to be consistent and a more effective as a law enforcement agency.

Chief Cummings said. “Training and equipment enable officers to provide a quality of service that is expected by the campus community and is sets the department apart from any other law enforcement agency.”

The bottom line Chief Cummings said is the UNC- Pembroke Police Department distinguishes UNCP as one of the safest schools in the UNC System. Through the implementation of technology, officer training, dedication and work ethic, the department will be recognized and respected as a leader among campus law enforcement agencies.

Chief Cummings earned a Bachelor of Science degree from UNCP in criminal justice in 1992. He did Basic Law Enforcement training at Robeson Community College, where he also completed First Line Supervision and Field Training Officer certification.

A member of the Pembroke Fire Department since 1986, Cummings became its chief in 2002. Along with planning and budgeting responsibilities, he is responsible for the training and certification of 35 volunteers in all areas of firefighting, first responder, HAZMAT and disaster preparedness skills.



Carol Mandzik to direct International Programs

The new director of International Programs brings a wide range of experiences to her new job.

Carol L. Mandzik comes to UNCP from Husson College in Bangor, Maine, where she was director of human resources and of international programs and supervised the student employment base.

She also brings academic experience to her new post, having taught business and English courses at Husson, a private college with an enrollment of approximately 2,000 students. She also taught evening courses at Eastern Maine Community College.

In her role, Mandzik is responsible for the recruitment of international students, establishing new market niches in Korea and Japan. She brings to UNCP the business relationships she started while in Maine. As an example, 17 students from Suwon Women's College followed her to UNCP where they will be learning ESL (English as a Second Language) and participating in community and nursing related activities, beginning on June 27.

Another group is set to arrive in December, and Korean and Japanese undergraduate students are also choosing UNCP as a result of her direct recruitment recently in these countries. She also developed six new articulation agreements with universities while abroad.

While at Husson, she developed a successful ESL program and customized study abroad programs to attract a diverse international student base. She is also skilled in promoting baccalaureate degree programs while enhancing international student engagement with their local communities. In addition, Mandzik is upstarting a study abroad, academically centered experience for UNCP students to Yonsei University, Korea. She is also responsible for improving international faculty exchange opportunities while upgrading the ESL program. Her knowledge base in immigration and human resource management will help incoming students and their career planning after graduation.

Dr. Robert Schneider (International Programs) said Mandzik's experience in starting and building programs is especially valuable.

"Carol brings great experience in international program creation and administration as well as a wealth of expertise," Dr. Schneider said. "International Programs will be positioned to be more proactive as a direct result of her ability and energy."

"Her addition is a vital part of our efforts to ensure that we have a first class infrastructure in place to advance the important and growing mission of UNCP to make international experiences a vital part of the learning environment for all of our students," he said.

Mandzik said she enjoys the entrepreneurial and managerial aspects of international program administration.

"I enjoy the agility required to work in international programs," she said. "It is a fast-paced and energizing field that is constantly changing."

Mandzik sees great potential for growth of international programs of all kinds. As Husson College, she has a record of growing enrollment and developing long-term relationships abroad.

"UNCP's campus is very impressive, and there are world class scholars here," she said. "There is also a history of faculty and staff contributing their time and talent to internationalize students' higher education experience."

Building and recruiting internationally is a very competitive business, Mandzik said.

"We're not the only game in town, so we must be competitive," she said. "We have many strengths that we can capitalize on - a robust and lively campus, a high quality faculty and degree programs and a friendly atmosphere. It takes an aggregate, systems-approach toward building a solid international base of students and scholars. I believe UNCP has such a commitment."

"I am very impressed by the efforts that are going on at UNCP, and things are moving very quickly. I am extremely optimistic for growth enrollment for both incoming international students and UNCP students studying abroad," she said. "I have a positive outlook on the prospects for increased enrollment in all of our programs."

"I will continue to engage in the direct recruitment of international high school and college students, and I will build customized programs for them and for our students going abroad," Mandzik said. "The biggest obstacle for study abroad is money. We must vigorously go after grant money and engagement with select universities overseas that offer scholarships."

Mandzik said that beyond the numbers, she will maintain her eye on the “didactic component” of international education.

“The by-product of every connection and every opportunity is to benefit our students,” she said. “Everything is about enriching the educational experience of all of our students.

“The educational component of international programs must serve a student’s education in a practical sense - Has the student grown professionally and personally? What are the learning outcomes gained from the experience?” Mandzik said.

At Husson College, Mandzik increased international student enrollment by 20 percent in one year, and enrollment in ESL program enrollment surged 40 percent. She forged six agreements with international universities and received recognition from the Korean government in 2006 for producing the highest rated internship, ESL and community based programs.

Community service and community relations are also important components of international programs, she said.

“For international students to obtain the great American North Carolina experience, they must volunteer in the community and intern in area businesses,” Mandzik said. “This is how we can show them our critical values regarding family, friendships and the value of freedom.”

With nearly eight years in higher education, Mandzik began her career in human resources in industry in Maine and Florida. A New York native, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of South Florida and a Master of Science degree in Business from Husson College.

Broadway veteran to lead Musical Theatre program



Veteran of Broadway and London stages, **Hal Davis** (Music) will lead the Musical Theatre program.

A Kansas native, Davis was trained at The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. He joined the faculty on an interim basis in fall 2006 and became full-time in the spring semester. He has returned this fall as an assistant professor of Musical Theatre.

He has ambitious plans for the young program.

“The future is hopeful, although some days it feels overwhelming to me,” Davis said in an interview this summer. “I’m very excited about the prospects of a fulltime dance/choreographer/costumer not only for the Musical Theatre program but for the Theatre Department and the Physical Education Department as well.”

To read more of this story, please go to:
http://www.uncp.edu/news/2007/musical_theatre.htm

Hopper's work accepted into German gallery competition



Two linocuts by **Janette Hopper** (Art) were selected into the second round to be exhibited through October 2007 in Staedtische Galerie Bietigheim-Bissingen (Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany). Hopper was one of 49 artists selected from the original 400 for the Graphic Arts Prize Competition of Bietigheim-Bissingen's "Linocut Today."

The jury selected from the submitted photographs and decided which pieces will be required in original for the second selection round. The gallery may be visited online at www.bietigheim-bissingen.de.



Apple recognizes Dr. Curtis' work

Apple Inc. recognized **Dr. Anthony Curtis** (Mass Communications) as one of the most active members of its Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE) program.

Apple hand picked ADEs for membership in its global community of innovative leaders in education focused on excellence and leadership, and Dr. Curtis has been an ADE since 2000.

Among his recent activities, Dr. Curtis was one of 15 judges nationwide in the 2006 Apple Scholars program, which celebrated student achievement and rewarded college-bound high school seniors who demonstrated the ability to think differently. Ten

students from across the U.S. were selected based on each student's innovative use of technology in academics.

Dr. Curtis also participated in the UNCP grant for “iPods in Teaching, Scholarship and University Service,” using podcasts in his online course, “Media and Politics,” in fall 2006. He has supported UNCP’s role as an iTunes U campus.

Maxx Judd, Apple Education senior manager for advocacy programs, told Dr. Curtis, “We’ve been watching the journal reports and are simply amazed at the time and dedication you put into your role as an Apple Distinguished Educator.

“A huge thank you from the entire team at Apple Education,” Judd continued. “Your efforts make Apple's education advocacy program the best on the planet and most importantly you are positively impacting teachers and students across the globe. We're so happy to consider you one of our Distinguished Educators!”

Dr. Curtis advises the editors of *The Pine Needle* student newspapers on their podcasts and blogs.

Dr. Curtis, along with **Dr. Judith Curtis** (Mass Communication), represents UNCP in the North Carolina Consortium on Distance Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Dr. Curtis’s Web site “Space Today Online” is in the collection of the National Science Digital Library, the National Science Foundation's online library of resources for science, technology, engineering and mathematics education and research.

Dr. Curtis to contribute to technology encyclopedia

Dr. Anthony Curtis (Mass Communications) will contribute several articles to a new “Encyclopedia of American Technology” to be published in 2008 by ABC-CLIO and the Western Reserve Historical Society.

ABC-CLIO is a Santa Barbara, Calif., publisher of academic and reference books and CD-ROMs and research publications. The company focuses on history and social studies resources for scholars, students, teachers and librarians in universities and secondary schools. It may be best known for its databases, “America: History and Life” and “Historical Abstracts,” which are mainstays of bibliographic research for historians. ABC-CLIO's reference books have won numerous awards from Library Journal, Choice, and Booklist.

The latest work in which Dr. Curtis will participate is an historical encyclopedia of American technology.

Dr. Curtis previously wrote 13 article entries for “Space and Humanity: An Historical Encyclopedia” to be published this year by ABC-CLIO and the American Astronautical Society.

Blood Drive

Dr. Monica Osburn (*Counseling and Testing*) was an early bird blood donor June 27 in the U.C. **Cora Bullard** (*Student Health Services*) was on hand to help the Red Cross.



Staff Council elects officers for 2007-08

At its June 13 meeting, the Staff Council elected officers for the 2007-08 year. They are: Chair **Aubrey Swett** (Center for Leadership & Service), Vice Chair **Brenda K. Jacobs** (Regional Center), Secretary **June Powers** (Library), Treasurer **Roger Killian** (Business Affairs), Parliamentarian **David Young** (Library) and Employee Recognition Committee Chairs, **Illya Lindsey** (Regional Center) and **Bridget Jones** (Physical Plant).

Staff Council Members include: **Andrea Branch** (Media Center), **Denise Carroll** (Business Services), **Ellen Revels** (Financial Aid) and **John A. Locklear** (Physical Plant).

Staff Council Alternates are: **Thelma Colon** (School of Business), **Jenny Hadden** (TRIO) and **Edward Strickland III** (Police).



Brenda K. Jacobs (*Regional Center*) with **Jason Crab** of *The Crabb Family*. The gospel group was in concert June 23 at GPAC.

2007 State Employees' Awards for Excellence nominations

The 2007 State Employees' Awards for Excellence Program is open for nominations. The program offers the opportunity to recognize those high-performing state employees whose contributions make a difference in the lives of North Carolinians.

The 2007 nomination form is available at www.osp.state.nc.us/recognize/nomform.doc. The deadline for nominations is July 15, 2007.

"I am also pleased to announce that the State Employees' Credit Union has pledged their ongoing support for the State Employees' Awards for Excellence Program," said Thomas H. Wright, director, Office of State Personnel. "Funding from SECU will allow us to continue to publicly recognize our deserving recipients in a ceremony with their family, friends and coworkers.

"On behalf of all state employees, thank you for your support of the State Employees' Awards for Excellence Program," he said. "The Office of State Personnel looks forward to working with you to ensure the continued success of this important initiative."

For information, please contact HR at extension 6279.

Births

Congratulations to Stanley and **Jamie Hall** (Psychology & Counseling), who are the proud grandparents of Brodie Lee Bryant, born June 23 at 5:17 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. and was 21 inches long.

Deaths

Viola Sampson, the mother of **Betty Strickland** (Campus Police), passed away on June 6.

Vernell Oxendine, 49, died Sunday, June 10, in Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, N.C. He was the brother of **Panthie Locklear** (Housekeeping).

Birthdays in July

July 1 - 15

Abeyta, Gloria L.
Bass, Jill K.
Benson, Sarah B.
Blackmon, Alvin B.
Blanton, Rachel N.
Bloomfield, Kizzy M.
Blue, Mary S.
Brayboy, Courtney S.
Campen, Gwentyth L.
Chavis, Sherlene B.
Duparc, Jesse M.
Fields, Patricia S.
Goolsby, Janice B.
Hamzah, O. Z.
Harris, Hiram F.
Hawthorne, Michael R.
Hunt, Wanda O.
Jacobs, Brenda K.
Jacobs, Debbie L.
Jacobs, Mancil
Jordan, Terrie T.
Labadie, Marjorie
Layne, Ron L.
Leach, Thomas J.
Locklear, Cecelia K.
Locklear, Judy
Locklear, Penny O.

Locklear, Tawanna L.
Loney, Derek A.
Losh, Judith A.
McClanahan, Virginia K.
Morgan, Annette
Oswald, Robin S.
Oxendine, Teresa A.
Power, June L.
Sigmon, Dennis H.
Soto, Stephen H.
Taylor, Amby D.
Thompson, Tommy
Walters, Gretchen M.
Wang, Lin
Yarborough, Luciana S.

July 16-31, 2007

Baker, Thomas W.
Bell, Sharon L.
Brewington, Rhonda S.
Bryant, Teresa L.
Campbell, William
Carroll, Denise A.
Collier, William G.
Colon, Thelma
DeMars, Tony R.
Dowless, Meredith B.
Farmer, Lori S.
Harrington, Charles F.
Hunt, Bryan
Hunt, Mary E.
Knight, Brigitte
Lakatos, Joseph P.
Lewis, Leanie G.
Locklear, Gwendolyn H.
Locklear, Marla K.
Long, Emily R.
Lowry, Darleen O.
McNish, Terry A.
Moore, William J.
Nicolosi, Tori A.
Oxendine, Amelia K.
Oxendine, Reginald L.
Phillippi, Nathan E.
Queen, Aleca C.
Raacke, John D.

Richardson-Cox, Sandra A.
Ricotta, Lorna
Roberts, Terry A.
Robison, Stephen S.
Shoulders, Craig D.
Stremlau, Rosemarie N.
Swiney, Robert P.
Van Zandt, Paul G.
Vela, Richard
Woriac, Velinda L.

New Hires

Panthie Oxendine - Building & Environmental Technician, Physical Plant
Jennifer English - Building & Environmental Technician, Physical Plant
Theresa Strickland - Building & Environmental Technician, Physical Plant
Terri Oxendine - Administrative Support Specialist, Controller's Office
Jacquelyn Simmons - Administrative Support Specialist, Controller's Office
Jill Bass - Administrative Support Supervisor - Bookstore
Dwayne Bryant - Building & Environmental Technician, Physical Plant
Daryl Chavis - Building & Environmental Technician, Physical Plant
J. Michael Clark - Facility Architect, Facility Planning & Construction
Myra Moody - Technology Support Analyst, Registrar's Office
Pamela Chavis - Business & Applications Technician Analyst, UCIS
Symphony Oxendine - Associate Director of Student Life, Student Life

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