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In a sea of graduates - Dr. Gary Wright
(Music) directs the Pembroke Chamber Singers in the National Anthem at Spring Commencement 2008.

UNC Pembroke graduates 475 on May 3

In his welcoming remarks at Spring Commencement on May 3, Student Government Association President Barry Burch Jr. summed up the moment for 475 graduates.

“We all took diverse routes to get here and we will all go different ways, but commencement is the one moment we all come together,” the student leader said.



On cue, commencement speaker Scott Turow, who is an attorney and author of seven best-selling novels, advised the graduates to reject the famous words of poet Robert Frost, that there is “one road or the other.”

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As a youthful idealist of the 1960s, Turow set out to become a novelist but went to law school instead.

“It turned out to be the best decision I ever made,” he said. “Going to law school gave me what I needed to become an author; the law gave me a subject about which I am passionate.”

Looking back, Turow said he “met more great human beings in the law than I would have any where else.” Two roads separated and came together for the lawyer turned writer.

“I regard my life as a charmed one, and I cannot give anybody guidance on being as lucky as I have been,” Turow continued. “I recognize how large a factor chance has played in my own success.”

Despite the fact that “fortune cannot be tamed,” he said “remember who you are today; write your stories; and be loyal to yourselves.”

To read more:

http://www.uncp.edu/news/2008/commencement_may.htm

Volunteers make Spring Commencement successful

It takes a lot of people to make commencement happen.

The following faculty, staff and students served as volunteers at the May 3 Commencement exercises: **Michael Alewine** (Library), **Sally Vallabha** (Chemistry), **David Young** (Library), **Susan Whitt** (Library), **Carl Danis** (Library), **June Power** (Library), **Teresa Lowery** (HCAP), **Anne Coleman** (Library), **Karen Fritts** (Library), **Rob Wolf** (Library), **P.J. Siler** (student), **Carine Fracois** (student) and **Rakesha Johnson** (student). **Lawrence Locklear** (University & Community Relations) recruited and led the volunteers.

Helping organize the graduates were **Denisha Sanders** (Career Center), **Cynthia Oxendine** (Student Affairs) and graduate assistants, **Kathleen Frank** (Career Center) and **Galissia Graves** (Career Center).

Patricia Fields (GPAC) and **David Thaggard** (GPAC) directed the University Marshals, and **Dr. Steve Marson** (Social Work) organized the faculty. **Larry Freeman** (Facilities Operations) and his staff provided the heavy lifting, **Cora Bullard** (Student Health), **McDuffie Cummings Jr.** (Police) directed health and security services, **Pattie Deese** (Housekeeping) and her staff kept things clean and **Dr. Tim Altman** (Music) and **Dr. Gary Wright** (Music) directed the music. **Darlene Lowry** (Registrar) and **Natricia Drake** (Registrar) handed out diplomas. **Mary Helen Walker** (Disability Support Services) and **Kelly Cheek** (Disability Support Services) assisted disabled graduates and attendees. **Janet Taylor** (Chancellor’s Office), **Rhonda Sturgill** (Chancellor’s Office) and **Jana Bradley** (Chancellor’s Office) organized the platform party.

George Johnson (Mass Communications) and **Sallyann Clark** (Mass Communications) recorded the event for WNCP-TV, and in the afternoon, helped student volunteers record a “UNCP Conversations” program with commencement speaker Scott Turow. **Dr. Mark Canada** (English) interviewed Turow. Johnson was at the site at 7 a.m. to assist C-SPAN in setting up to record Turow’s speech.

University and Community Relations coordinated the event. **Dr. Glen Burnette, Amber Rach, Phyllis Hunt, Kandi Kinlaw, Lawrence Locklear, Robert Ayers, Jerrod Hatfield and Scott Bigelow** all had roles in the event.



Looking a little like a medieval fair, Spring Commencement 2008 played out on the green grass of the Old Soccer Field.

Native American Resource Center announces June 19 re-opening

The Native American Resource Center is pleased to announce its Grand Re-Opening! A celebration of the re-opening will be held at 7 p.m. on June 19 in the center. Everyone is invited, and refreshments will be served.

The Native American Resource Center was closed during the majority of the spring semester for remodeling and reconstruction. The center now boasts a new and much nicer ceiling, a new and improved track lighting system, several new exhibit cases, and two new interactive computer displays where visitors will be able to view video productions.

The center is marking the re-opening with three new exhibits. The first is a photographic exhibit titled *Recollections: Lumbee Heritage*, which features a pre-1945 photographic overview of Lumbee family and community life combined with pictures of the same subjects made in 1994 by Lumbee photographer David Oxendine. Separated by at least 50 years, these two groups of photographs illustrate the rich and continuous traditions that are the legacy of the Lumbee people. *Recollections: Lumbee Heritage* will be on display throughout the summer.

The second exhibit is a permanent addition about the history of the University entitled *A Tradition of Learning*. This exhibit features photographs, documents and artifacts from the 121-year history of the institution, from Indian Normal School to Regional University.

The third exhibit is titled *History of the Lumbee Community*. This permanent exhibit allows visitors to walk through time from the earliest documented prehistoric artifacts through the 19th century. *A Tradition of Learning* and *History of the Lumbee Community* include descriptive text panels that provide an overview of the exhibit material.

Mark your calendars now to attend the Native American Resource Center's Grand Re-Opening Celebration on June 19!

University attorney Donna Payne headed for ECU



Donna Gooden Payne (Chancellor's Office), who joined UNCP as university counsel in 2002, was named university attorney at East Carolina University, effective July 1.

At UNCP, Payne also serves as chief of staff for the Office of the Chancellor and assistant secretary to the Board of Trustees. She led a staff of three in the chancellor's office and recently brought attorney Joshua Malcolm onto the legal staff. Malcolm came to UNCP with more than three years of experience practicing higher education law.

As chief legal counsel at ECU, she will direct a staff of four attorneys and four administrative staff members. Payne said ECU presents challenges, some familiar and some new.

"First, I will miss my friends and colleagues at UNCP," Payne said.

"I am very excited about the challenges and opportunities that East Carolina will offer," Payne said. "Like UNCP, serving rural North Carolina is an important part of ECU's mission. Although ECU is a large and legally complex institution with a medical school, many of its institutional values, goals, and challenges are amazingly similar to ours at UNCP."

A native of Bladen County, Payne is a graduate of the UNC-Chapel Hill, where she was a Morehead Scholar. She earned a law degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

UNCP's LeaderShape 2008 a 'life-changing' experience

The University sponsored its first session of the LeaderShape Institute, the nation's premier higher education leadership development program.



Just days after final exams in May, 58 students left campus for six days of intense experiential learning at Ft. Caswell on Oak Island, N.C., said **Sara Jahansouz** (Greek Life), director.

“The primary focus for UNCP LeaderShape 2008 was leading with integrity and developing a vision for an ideal world for each participant,” said Jahansouz, who served as the UNCP Program Coordinator for LeaderShape and worked as a facilitator at the institute.



Three departments in the Division of Student Affairs sponsored UNCP LeaderShape 2008: Greek Life, (from left) **Symphony Oxendine** and **Dr. Tom Corti** (Student Life) and **Aubrey Swett** (Center for Leadership and Service). A grant was also obtained from the faculty Strategic Planning Committee for Intellectual

Capital.



UNCP's LeaderShape 2008 team

The curriculum concentrated on daily themes including: Building Community; The Value of One, The Power of All; Looking to What Could Be; Bringing Vision to Reality; Living and Leading with Integrity; and Staying in Action.

Student reaction was very positive, even “life-changing.”

“It was like an earthquake within me,” said Quinta Ellis. “I learned things about myself that I didn’t know and was shown there is still work to be done.

“Life-changing moments don’t come very often,” Ellis said.

“I am a future leader of America,” said Yuasmine Diaz. “We all have a vision for life; the thing is how we put that vision into action.”

“I learned the importance of support,” said Jermaris Genwright. “My ‘family cluster’ supported me the entire week.”

“It was an amazing experience,” said Elizabeth Armstrong. “I strongly believe it should be continued.”

“Our students are incredible,” Jahansouz said. “This program is a great investment in them.

“LeaderShape is designed to enhance our students’ lives,” she said. “This program supports our academic mission, builds on student engagement and leadership and speaks to the future of UNCP.”



Outstanding -- Faculty Awards went to from left: **Dr. Karen Helgeson**, (English), **Linda Hafer** (Mathematics), **Dr. Beth Maisonpierre** (Music), **Dr. James Robinson** (Sociology) and **Dr. Mark Thompson** (History).

Outstanding faculty recognized at annual Appreciation Dinner

The University's faculty closed the book on the Spring Semester at the annual Faculty Appreciation Dinner on May 2.

In thanking the nearly 200 guests "for making UNCP a special place," Chancellor Meadors said passion is contagious here.

"What makes you special teachers is passion," he said. "The beautiful thing is that we will have nearly 500 students walk across the stage tomorrow with a passion for learning that they did not have when they arrived here."

The Adolph L. Dial Award for Scholarship and Creative Work went to **Dr. Ramin Maysami** (Business), pictured here on the left, and **Dr. Charles Beem** (History).



Four retired faculty members were awarded Professor Emeriti status: **Dr. Linda Oxendine** (American Indian Studies), **Dr. Pat Cabe** (Psychology & Counseling), **Dr. Suellen Cabe** (Geology) and **Dr. Bonnie Kelley** (Biology).

Outgoing Faculty Senate Chair **Dr. David Zeigler** (Biology) offered observations on a busy semester.

"The environment at UNCP has allowed faculty to chose and develop their professional careers in the own directions," Dr. Zeigler said. "I feel lucky that UNCP has allowed me to pursue my passion."

Dr. Mark Canada (English), winner of the 2008 Board of Governors Award for Teaching Excellence, discussed the ideal of scholarly pursuit.

"As scholars, our main job is to discover and deliver the truth, and our mission is an important one," Dr. Canada said. "The truth is really hard to find, and really, really matters."

"As teachers, our main job is to help students learn the paramount value of the truth," he continued. "What we must continue to insist on is learning and the delivery of the truth."

Dr. Monika Brown (English) chaired the Awards Committee of the Faculty Senate.

UNCP, Scotland County team up for teacher training program

The School of Education was awarded a \$300,000 federal Department of Education grant to train Scotland County teachers to use technology in the classroom.



The grant, Supporting Instructional Technology for Enhanced Learning (SITE Learning), is for an 18-month program, said **Dr. Debra Thompson** (Education), director of instructional technology and UNCP's author of the grant application.

"The plan is to develop a training program for elementary through high school teachers," said Dr. Thompson. "This summer, we will host 37 teachers for a one-week institute."

Besides hands-on training of teachers in practical uses of a variety of technologies - from building Web sites to digital video editing - the SITE Learning program has other important features. An 18-year public school veteran and a former school technology trainer, Dr. Thompson said relevant and realistic goals are built into the program.

"We will help teachers develop activities that may be incorporated into their curriculum," Dr. Thompson said. "We will use technology as an instructional tool not to teach technology as an end in itself," Dr. Thompson said.

The grant is entirely for training and has a sustainability feature built in.

"After the summer institute, the teachers will go back to their schools to train their colleagues," Dr. Thompson said. "We will go to Scotland County Schools on a regular basis to follow-up and troubleshoot in the first year.

"Next summer, the first cohort of teachers will train the next group of teachers," she continued. "It is designed as a self-sustaining program."

Scotland County's Dr. Anne Crabbe wrote the grant application with the help of UNCP's Office of Sponsored Research and Programs. She said it is an ambitious plan.

"The 'train-the-trainer' aspect will have a ripple effect to every teacher in the school system," she said. "We need additional training to bring technology into the curriculum."

Twenty-two schools will be affected by the program, Dr. Crabbe said. The grant supports a large Golden Leaf grant that purchased technology for approximately 90 "future-ready" classrooms.

Before training begins, the teachers will be tested to draw a baseline of their knowledge of technology, Dr. Thompson said.

“We will need to establish what their abilities are so we can provide appropriate training,” she said. “There is no point in teaching low level skills to advanced learners; the goal is to meet specific needs.”

Teachers will be encouraged to “play,” Dr. Thompson said.

“Teaching and learning technology is a hands-on process,” she said. “A big piece is that teachers will need time to play and use the equipment.”

UNCP will employ considerable faculty resources for the SITE Learning program. Mary Klinikowski, of the Mathematics and Computer Science Department, is co-coordinator.

Also working with the program is Dr. Betty Brown, associate dean of the School of Education.

SITE Learning grants were awarded on March 28 by UNC General Administration to UNCP, North Carolina State University, Fayetteville State University and Winston-Salem State University.

The grant allows for technology transfer from the University straight into the classroom.



Dr. Ritter awarded Space Grant for Weightless Lumbees

Dr. Timothy Ritter (Physics) was awarded \$5,000 on May 1 by the N.C. Space Grant Consortium.

The goal of the N.C. Space Grant Informal Education and Public Outreach Programs is to provide funding to develop and implement activities that will increase the appreciation and knowledge of aero/space related issues of the general population of North Carolina.

The project is titled “Fun with Zero-G: A Space Sciences Education Awareness Program for North Carolina’s Native American Youth. The project will continue UNCP’s microgravity education program across the state and into regions previously not visited.

“We propose to make 1-2 outreach presentations per month to largely, but not exclusively, American Indian youth, Dr. Ritter said. “We already have commitments and invitations from educators in several regions of the state to come and speak with their young people.

“Due to the wide geographical area that we try to cover, the largest percentage of the funds requested will be used to support travel to these locations,” Dr. Ritter continued. Most of the remaining money will go towards instructional souvenirs that the children will be able to make themselves and take home with them.

The children are also shown video of this same demonstration when performed by team members in microgravity on board the aircraft. On the C-9 aircraft, the research students perform their experiments inside a “glove box.”

A small portion of the budget is for Weightless Lumbees logo stickers for the children to take with them and informational brochures describing the program. No salary money is being requested for the implementation of this proposal. Dr. Ritter and the undergraduate team members donate their time to this important educational program.

The project will take place beginning July 2008 and continue through June 2009.

UNCP PEOPLE



Dr. Jennifer Bonds-Raacke named associate dean of the Esther Maynor Honors College

As an undergraduate and later as a faculty member, **Dr. Jennifer Bonds-Raacke** (Psychology) saw the value of honors programs.

“As an honors college student, I was able to make connections with faculty members and do research that took my scholarship to another level,” Dr. Bonds-Raacke said.

At her first faculty post, Dr. Bonds-Raacke was instrumental in founding an honors program.

“I was involved in all aspects of creating the program from curriculum development to community service projects,” she said. “In this position, I will be able to draw upon my experiences about what worked and didn’t work.”

Dr. Bonds-Raacke, an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology and Counseling, has been named associate dean of the Esther G. Maynor Honors College.

In her second year on UNCP’s faculty, Dr. Bonds-Raacke has already established an outstanding record for guiding undergraduate research. Among her other duties with the Honors College, she will direct honors theses, said **Dr. Jesses Peters** (English), dean of the college.

For more information:

http://www.uncp.edu/news/2008/jennifer_bonds-raacke.htm

Dr. Rick Crandall and his father write the book on business success



Rick Crandall



Richard Crandall

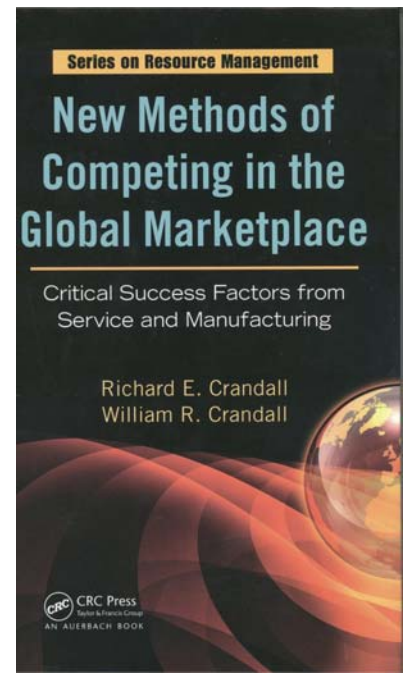
A new book co-authored by **Dr. William ‘Rick’ Crandall** (Business) lays down rules for business success in a competitive and rapidly changing marketplace.

Dr. Crandall is co-author of the book “New Methods of Competing in the Global Marketplace: Critical Success Factors from Service and Manufacturing” (2008, CRC Press). It offers guideposts for success in the 21st century world of business.

According to Dr. Crandall, one important driving force for business improvement is that manufacturing companies are becoming more like service companies and service companies are acting more like manufacturing companies.

“Manufacturing companies have existed in their world by producing high quality products at low cost, and service industries have gotten good at building unique relationships with their customers,” Dr. Crandall said. “Now, successful companies act more like hybrids.

“The question this book answers is how do service companies learn from manufacturers, and how do manufacturers learn from service companies,” he said. “Take IBM as a model. Originally, IBM was a manufacturing company, but today, they look more like a service company.”



For more information:

http://www.uncp.edu/news/2008/crandall_book.htm

Oswald celebrated her 20th Indianhead yearbook

The 2008 edition of the *Indianhead* yearbook is Faculty Advisor **Sara Oswald's** (English) 20th.



Oh sure, there were headaches and deadline pressures and a few monumental disasters, Oswald said in an interview from her new headquarters in the University Center Annex. The bottom line is that students are the heart and soul of the publication.

“I’ve worked with a lot of talented and dedicated students over the years,” Oswald said. “I really have come to love it because it allows me to work with students in a collaborative way and to work closely with students outside the classroom.”

In her new office in the U.C. Annex, Oswald poses with 20 editions of the Indianhead that she edited.

It wasn’t always so. Oswald became the faculty advisor in 1988, and in 1990, she wrote in an official communication that one of her goals was to find a replacement for herself within five years.

“I didn’t realize how much I would come to love it,” she said.

Oswald does a lot at UNCP. She is editor of the *Academic Catalog*, managing editor of *ReVisions*, the annual publication of best student essays, and works on *The Beacon* newsletter for the Department of English, Theatre and Languages.

She also teaches courses in British Literature before 1790, Computer Assisted Editing and Publication Design, English Usage, Sentence Mastery and Punctuation and Freshman Composition.

A university yearbook is a large operation, and the 224-page 2008 edition of the *Indianhead* had a staff of 30.

“Our budget doubled over the years, and this is the first edition to be produced 100 percent digitally,” she said. “We got it out three weeks ahead of schedule; technology is great when it works.”

This spring, Oswald gave a presentation to the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention titled “Twenty Years of Changing Technology: Lessons Learned and Strategies for the Future.”

“I asked them to imagine a world without PhotoShop, digital cameras, DVDs, email, the World Wide Web, cell phones and so on,” Oswald said recalling her first years with the *Indianhead*. “Their response was ‘OMG, how did you even live back then?’”

Technology may have changed (“anybody remember 5 1/4-inch floppies?”), but the supply of good students on the *Indianhead* staff has remained constant, Oswald said. Many students made huge contributions over the years, but several stand out, including the 2008 editor Jennifer Key.

“Jennifer was one of those students who make it possible,” she said. “Jennifer took over in mid-year this year, and she did the same thing in 2007. In all, she worked five years with us.

“Sarah Lynn Brown was editor for two books also,” Oswald said. “She worked several years before becoming editor; she really enjoyed it.

“Allison Alvarez was editor for three years including the year we made the transition to desktop publishing,” she said. “Allison was editor for the 50th anniversary edition in 1995.

“Joel Beachum was never editor, but he has contributed thousands of photographs over many years,” Oswald said. “He worked on this edition too.”

As Oswald contemplates the future of the *Indianhead*, she has few regrets.

“At the end of the day, very few people get to hold up a finished product with as much pride as I have over the years,” she concluded. “It’s been a great run—and it’s not over yet.”



Dr. Lucy Li publishes paper in business journal

Dr. Lucy Li (Business) co-authored a paper with Drs. T.J. Hess and J.S.Valacich titled “Why Do We Trust New Technology? A Study of Initial Trust Formation with Organizational Information Systems” that was published in the *Journal of Strategic Information Systems*.



Business faculty are published in journal

A paper authored by **Dr. Victor Bahhouth**, M. Hamadeh, M. and N. Khaita, titled “Studying the Characteristics of S&P 500 Risky Stocks during Negative Swings” was presented at the International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines Conference in Dallas, Texas. The paper was given a research award and has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of*

Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs is featured speaker at national convention



Dr. Mary Ann Jacobs (American Indian Studies) is the invited banquet speaker for the Alpha Pi Omega Sorority's (first American Indian sorority) National Convention. The banquet will be June 7 at 7 p.m .at the Madeline Suites at UNC-Wilmington.

On June 16, Dr. Jacobs will give an afternoon staff development workshop on Native Americans in North Carolina as part of the Broyhill June Scholars Program for the Caldwell County Schools in Lenoir, N.C.

Faculty collaboration results in publication



A paper by (from left) **Drs. Victor Bahouth, Christopher Ziemnowicz, and Ramin Maysami** (Business) titled “Effects of Lifestyle, Culture, and Tradition on Consumer Behavior in a Developing Nation – Results from Lebanon” was presented at IABPAD Conference in Dallas, Texas. The paper was

given a research award and has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of International Business, Marketing and Decision Sciences*.

Beth Jacobs named N&O’s ‘Tar Heel of the Week’ on May 4



Beth Jacobs, daughter of Bruce and **Brenda Jacobs** (Music) was named “Tar Heel of the Week” by the *Raleigh News & Observer* on May 4.

Jacobs was active in organizing the recent protest against a Raleigh radio station. Disc jockeys for the station made derogatory remarks about American Indians and Lumbee Indians specifically.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from UNC Pembroke in 2004 and a law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law in 2007.

Currently, Jacobs is a community organizer for Democracy North Carolina. She has been an advocate for children’s rights and founded a nonprofit called Brown Babies, which is meant to help disadvantaged children.

The group meets with parents to hear their concerns about the quality of education in Robeson County and offers possible solutions. “The only way real significant change will happen in this country is if we start with the children,” Jacobs told the *News & Observer*.

Tar Heel of the Week is a weekly feature of the newspaper that recognizes North Carolinians for outstanding work.

“We’re real proud of her,” Brenda said.

Dr. John Bowman attended China Institute in May



Dr. John Bowman (Sociology) was selected to attend a two-week China Institute during the 2008 edition of the Asian Studies Development Program.

Beginning May 19 in Honolulu, Hawaii, the institute is co-sponsored by the East-West Center and the University of Hawaii at Manoa. It will bring together undergraduate faculty from Southeast Asia and American colleges and universities.

The first week focused on Chinese philosophy, history and culture, and the second week looked at contemporary issues related to the environment, politics and socio-economic development.

This type of faculty development pays dividends for the individuals engaged in it and for the institution, said **Dr. Charles Harrington** (Academic Affairs), provost.

To read more:

http://www.uncp.edu/news/2008/john_bowman.htm

UNCP delegation meets with German officials



Dr. Mario Papparozi (Criminal Justice & Sociology) writes: “one of my first events here in Europe involved meetings with justice officials in Germany. We met with the minister of parliament who oversees the judiciary (probation and corrections included). UNCP has already made their Web site. Check it out: <http://www.dbh-online.de/?id=87>:

NASA selected UNCP virtual campus as site for Future Forum



UNCP assisted NASA with its 50th anniversary Future Forum celebration on May 14 by providing streaming video of the celebration events to residents of Second Life (SL).

The University was one of only four sites selected by NASA to participate.

Dr. Anthony Curtis (Mass Communication) was asked by the space agency to set up a conference participation site on the UNCP campus in Second Life.

Video and audio of the entire event was streamed to all of the Second Life world with opportunities for SL residents to submit questions to the panelists in the real world throughout the day.

The event was staged live in the real world at San Jose, Calif., Participants were NASA leadership, astronauts, scientists and engineers along with business, technology and academic leaders and local, state and federal officials.

The main topic of the day was the role of space exploration in advancing science, engineering, technology, education and the economy that benefits the community and the nation. The program also featured a preview of NASA's Constellation Program to return America to the Moon and beyond.

The other participation sites where the video stream could be viewed in SL will be at the International Spaceflight Museum, NASA JPL's Explorer Island, and NASA Ames CoLab.

A NASA representative visited the campus in SL on April 28 and selected an outdoor site ordinarily set up for seminars on the grass lawn behind the classroom building on main campus level 1. Dr. Curtis erected a pair of large video screens there for easy viewing. The NASA Future Forum agenda for the day and general instructions were available at the site.

NASA hosted this series of mixed reality forums to discuss its future as part of its 50th anniversary commemoration. The space agency was founded Oct. 1, 1958.

The event was part of a year-long series of NASA outreach events to discuss the role of space exploration in advancing science, engineering, technology, education and the economy. The program built on the agency's collaborative efforts in virtual worlds, and featured a preview of NASA's Constellation program.

Speakers included NASA Astronaut Rex Walheim, STS-122 Mission Specialist; James Norman, Director of NASA's Constellation Systems Division; Peter Friess, President, San Diego's Tech Museum of Innovation; and Shana Dale, NASA deputy administrator.

Dale was in the virtual world to deliver her part of the event as her avatar Xena Dahl in Second Life. Her presentation was simulcast in the real world on NASA TV at 8:30 a.m.

Second Life is a virtual world developed on the Internet by Linden Research, Inc. of San Francisco. A free downloadable viewer enables residents to interact with each other through avatars, providing an advanced level of social networking. Residents explore, meet other residents, participate in individual and group activities, undertake manufacturing and commercial wholesale and retail activities, and create and trade their virtual property and services. Most of the 13 million residents participate via free membership.

Dr. Curtis constructed and oversees the UNCP virtual campus facility in Second Life.

Expert panels discussed “Unleashing the Power of Technology and Creativity,” “Pushing the Limits of Knowledge to Inspire a New Generation,” and “Building Idea Factories for the Future.”

Panelists included: Dr. Jim Garvin, Chief Scientist, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center; Dr. Darlene Lim, NASA Ames Research Center, SETI Institute; Dr. Peter Vitousek, Carnegie Institute, Stanford University; Dr. Seth Shostak, senior astronomer, SETI Institute; Dr. Steven Beckwith, vice president for research and graduate studies, University of California, and director eEmeritus, Space Telescope Science Institute; Dr. Joyce Winterton, assistant administrator, NASA Office of Education; Dr. Mike Wiskerchen, director, California Space Grant Consortium; Diane DemÃce-Benoit, director, Innovation in Education Project, Commonwealth Club of California; Peter Levy, director of strategic development, Curriki; Kristin Hilf, vice president of community relations, Raytheon; Doug A. Comstock, director of NASA Innovative Partnerships Program; Sourabh Satish, architect and engineer, Symantec Research Labs; James T. Ryder, vice president, Advanced Technology Center, Lockheed-Martin Space Systems; Liam Kiely, vice president, engineering, converged data networks, Nortel; and R. Joseph Cassady, director of business development, emerging exploration technologies, Aerojet.



Staff Roundtable *Staff Council representatives at the April 29 discussion were from left: David Young (Library), June Power (Library), Illya Chavis-Lindsey (Regional Center), Brenda Jacobs (Regional Center), Andrea Jacobs (Media Center), Denise Carroll (Business Services) and Roger Killian (Business Affairs). Chancellor Meadors and staff members attended the open session.*

Staff Council announces election results

The Staff Council announced the final results for the.

Congratulations to **Andrea Branch** (Media Center), **Joey Locklear** (Business Services), **Carolyn Price** (English & Theatre), **Tiffany Parrish** (Business Affairs), **Blake Tyner** (Art), **Sherry Locklear** (Library), and alternate **Leah Hammonds** (Library).



*Staff Council, pictured with UNC Staff Assembly chair J.C. Boykin from left: **Joey Locklear** (Business Services), **Denise Carroll** (Business Services), **Tasha Oxendine** (GPAC), **Brenda Jacobs** (Regional Center), *Boykin*, **David Young** (Library), **Roger Killian** (Budgeting & Planning), **Aubrey Swett** (Leadership & Service), **Sherry Locklear** (Library) **June Power** (Library), **Leah Hammonds** (Library) and **Andrea Branch** (Media Center).*

UNC Staff Assembly chair visited UNCP's Staff Council on May 11

J.C. Boykin, a construction project manager at North Carolina State University and chair of the UNC Staff Assembly met with the Staff Council on May 11.

Boykin, who has visited every campus during his two-year tenure, brought greetings and information.

“I was always very vocal and always took the staff side, so I guess that’s why I was named a delegate to the new Staff Assembly,” Boykin said. “I’ve visited all 16 campuses and met some wonderful people.”

Boykin praised the work of the new Staff Assembly and UNCP’s delegation of **Roger Killian** (Budgeting & Planning), **Brenda Jacobs** (Regional Center) and **Aubrey Swett** (Leadership & Service), who is chair of the Staff Council.

Although neither faculty nor staff have a seat on the UNC Board of Governors, Boykin said he has the ear of UNC President Erskine Bowles.

“I attend the Board of Governors meetings, and I meet with President Bowles once a month for an hour,” he said. “It’s a very full hour.”



Boykin said he believed SPA employees would get a better deal than the 1.5 percent pay increase proposed in Gov. Mike Easley’s budget.

“We’re 35,000 strong,” he said. “We have the numbers, and we will be heard.”

Chief Information Officer Robert Orr earns doctorate



Dr. Orr with wife, Kathy, in his new colors

Because technology has evolved rapidly and because teaching and learning in higher education has migrated online, the Office of University Computing and Information Services is one of the busiest places on campus.

This spring, the University’s Chief Information Officer and Associate Vice Chancellor **Bob Orr** (UCIS) took time off to accept a Doctorate in Higher Education Leadership from Western Carolina University.

Dr. Orr, who has worked in technology all his adult life beginning with radio, is a lifelong learner.

“Out of high school I earned my 1st class FCC radio engineering license,” he said. “I didn’t start back to school until I was 30 and I’ve been going ever since.”

Beginning with an Associate of Applied Science degree in electronic engineering from Southwestern Community College, Dr. Orr earned a Bachelor of Science degree in communications and a Master of Science degree in human resources from Western Carolina University.

“I enjoyed all of it including the research for my doctoral dissertation,” he said. “I did my undergrad degree mostly one class at a time because UNC employees are allowed one free class per semester.”

To read more:

http://www.uncp.edu/news/2008/bob_orr.htm

Alan Prevatte awarded degree on May 3

Alan Prevatte (UCIS) earned a Bachelor of Science degree in philosophy and religion with a minor in computer science.

“It is never too late!” said Prevatte who graduated from high school 27 years ago.

Prevatte attended Southeastern Community College, Robeson Community College and UNCP.

Along the way, he was named an Outstanding Student in Biblical Studies in 2008; inducted into Theta Alpha Kappa, the National Honor Society for religious studies and theology; inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda, the Premier National Honor Society for Non-traditional Adult Students; and was a charter member of Tomorrow’s Religious Leaders.



Elizabeth Taylor gets nursing degree from UNCP

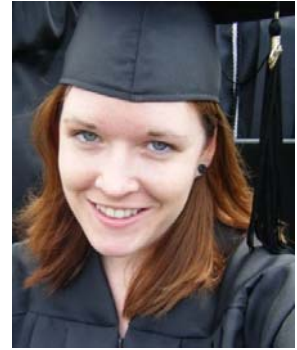
Elizabeth Taylor received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UNCP on May 3. She is the daughter of Charles and **Janet Taylor** (Chancellor’s Office).

Elizabeth will take the state nursing boards this summer. She has joined Duke University Hospital in the Cardio-Thoracic Step-Down Unit.

Blair Mills earns nursing degree on May 3

M. Blair Mills graduated May 3 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UNCP. She is the daughter of **June Mills** (Library).

She has been invited to join Cherry Hospital, a state-owned psychiatric facility in Goldsboro, upon passing state boards, but has several other interviews scheduled at different treatment centers across North Carolina before making a decision.



Our grads

*Top row from left: **John McMillan** (Enrollment Management) earned a Master of Arts in physical education; **Nickie Blanton** (Library) earned a B.A. in sociology, and **Shelley Bowens** (Graduate Studies) earned a B.S. in mass communications with a concentration in public relations. Bottom row from left: **Maurice Jones** (Post Office) earned a B.S. in mass communications.*

Samantha Bryant earns BSW degree May 3

Samantha Laine Bryant was awarded a Bachelor of Social Work UNCP's Spring Commencement on May 3.

She is the daughter of **Lora Cummings** (Housekeeping).



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Samantha started her new job at the Bladen County Department of Social Services after graduation.



Ashleigh Johnson M.D. graduates from medical school and is married on May 24

Ashleigh Tennille Johnson graduated from the Brody School of Medicine East Carolina University

Dr. Johnson is one of six Native Americans from Robeson County to graduate from medical schools on May 9. She is the daughter of Ricky and **Sylvia Johnson** (HCAP).

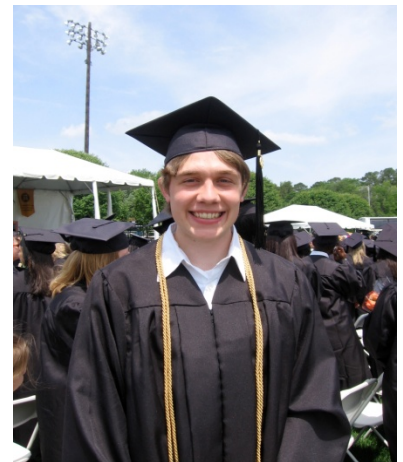
Dr. Johnson will begin her residency in family medicine in mid-June at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, S.C., where she will reside. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from UNCP in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in biology and chemistry with biomedical emphasis.

Dr. Johnson and Eric Glenn Freeman, Jr., both of Pembroke, were married May 24 at Prospect United Methodist Church. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia.

Christopher Mauk awarded UNCP degree

Christopher David Mauk graduated Magna Cum Laude from UNCP on May 3 with a Bachelor of Science in elementary education and a concentration in psychology.

During his four years at UNCP, Mauk was a North Carolina Teaching Fellow. He was also a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society, and *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Christopher is the son of **Dr. Gary W. Mauk** (Sponsored Research & Programs) and wife, Pamela.



Chiara Oxendine is salutatorian at Purnell Swett



Chiara Lynn Oxendine, daughter of **Cynthia** (University Center) and **Terry Oxendine** (Facilities Operations), will graduate in June from Purnell Swett High School as salutatorian of the class of 2008.

She received numerous honors including being a member of the National Honor Society, National Beta Club and a North Carolina Academic Scholar. Chiara was inducted into *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and the National Society of High School Scholars. She was recognized in the *Who's Who Registry of Academic Excellence* and was awarded a President's Award for Educational Excellence.

Chiara has been accepted at UNC-Chapel Hill where she plans to major in chemistry. She received the distinction of being named a Boykin Scholar as the recipient of the UNC Lottie Blue and Marvin Boykin Memorial Scholarship and was named a Gates Scholar as the recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholarship. She was also awarded the George Lewis Scholarship through the United Tribes of North Carolina, the Public Schools of Robeson County Association of Educational Office Professionals Scholarship and the Sam Walton Community Scholarship through the Wal-Mart Foundation.



**Basketball
Spoken here**

*New basketball coach **Ben Miller** was a guest at a reception in his honor on May 19 at the Angel Exchange, home of Native Angels Hospice and Home Care at COMtech. Pictured are from left: **Dan Kenney** (Athletics), **Ken Spencer**, '91, an assistant basketball coach at Winston-Salem State University, **Abdul Ghaffar, Miller** and **Bobbie Ghaffar**, Angel owners.*



On exhibit

***Janette Hopper** (Art) stands with **Gottfried Wagner** as artists and guests tour the Cameron Art Museum's May 1 opening of their Holocaust exhibit. Hopper had several works on display. Also from the Art Department in the show were **Gina Gibson, Dustin Hinson, Dr. John and Margie Labadie, Dr. Tulla Lightfoot** and **Carla Rokes**.*

This photo also appeared in UNCW's staff and faculty newsletter. The exhibit was titled "Art and Social Conscience: HOLOCAUST." The exhibit is the first in the museum's "Art and Social Conscience" series and features works by art faculty members from 12 of the 16 branches of the University of North Carolina system.

Birthdays June 1 - 31

Bass, Patsy S.
Boudrias, Sherry A.
Bullard, Ellen R.
Clark, Will E.
Dimery, Theresa D.
Edgell, Dennis J.
Fairley, Michael
Fountain, Sharon L.
Gay, William R.
Guy, Roger S.
Harris, Gregory
Helgeson, Karen
Hunt, Kimberly A.
Johnson, Staci L.
Lowry, Monika C.
McCarthy, Thomas D.
McGirt-Hunt, Phyllis
McNeill, Jennifer L.
Moody, Myra P.
Oxendine, Penny L.
Payne, Mark J.
Powell, Veronica S.
Roberts, Rebecca B.
Russell, Mary J.
Sacco, Carrie H.
Stephenson, Shelby D.
Strickland, Ronald K.
Swett, Aubrey D.
Underwood, David G.
Walker, Mary H.

June 16 - 30

Bahhouth, Victor
Bass, James M.
Blue, Sharon K.
Brodsky-Post, Barbara D.
Brown, Robert W.
Chaves, Debbie E.
Damman, Edwin J.
Evans, Emma N.
Flowers, Paul A.
Foster, Elinor F.
Frederick, James R.

Fuller, Fran F.
Graham, Lori J.
Hardin, Adam B.
Hinson, Dustin W.
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.
Martin, Ronnie W.
Massey, John W.
Oswald, Sara
Oxendine, Alisia S.
Oxendine, Cammie H.
Oxendine, Terri A.
Parker, James W.
Perry, Ollie C.
Russell, Shawn M.
Sexton, Jean E.
Staal, Laura A.
Thompson, Debra
Twaddell, Jennifer W.
Tyner, Kenneth B.
Vesely, Mark E.
Wilson, Hazel A.
Winans, Justin S.

New Hires

Debra Singletary – Special Assistant for Licensure Programs, Graduate Studies
Sharon Kissick – Registrar, Registrar's Office
Mark Adams – Information Technology Manager, UCIS
Christopher Scott – Facilities Maintenance Technician, Facilities Operations
Kellie Cain – Administrative Support Associate, Controller's Office
Julia Gore – Administrative Support Associate, UCIS
Anthony Baker – Public Safety Telecommunicator, Police & Public Safety

Promotions

Leah Jacobs-Hammonds – University Library Technician, Library

Births

Everett and **Kimberly Locklear** (Controller s Office) had a baby boy on May 29. Kaden Hunter weighed in at 7 lbs. and 12 ozs.

Weddings

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