

Asia Day 2007 was November 16

The University's contingent of Asian students brought the colorful heritage and popular culture of their native lands to the University.



It was the 4th annual Asia Day at UNCP on November 16. Asia Day was celebrated in song, dance and fashion.

Fulbright Scholar **John Labadie** (Art) was the featured speaker. Dr. Labadie, director of the Digital Academy, recently spent a year teaching in Taiwan and another month in India.

Sharing – *Per-Anders Stenman, from Sweden, discusses China with Diana Long.*

“It is a profoundly transformative experience to live and study internationally,” Dr. Labadie said. “The contrast between East and West is really quite remarkable as is how the old is incorporated into the new in these profoundly changing societies.”

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Dr. John Bowman (Sociology) spoke on his travels to Mainland China, a journey which followed the old Silk Road.

“I traveled as part of a faculty development program,” Dr. Bowman said. “In China everything is large and every thing is changing so rapidly.”



Entertainment included rock ‘n roll by a Chinese foursome who went by the band name The Doomsday. Traditional folk music and dance were featured along with the popular and colorful fashion show.

Fashionable – *International students surround Dr. Marilu Santos* (Biology), *9th from left, Dr. Bowman and his wife, Emily Whittle.*

There were information booths and demonstrations of Chinese crafts and martial arts. Naly Yang, a Hmong native, and Xing Zhang, Chinese Master of Public Administration candidate, were mistress and master of ceremonies respectively.

Dance!

From left, Daxin Zhou, Wen Deng and Yuan Wei perform a traditional Chinese dance.



Student Ambassadors decorate showcase tree at Chancellor's Residence

Student Ambassadors from the Office of Admissions decorated the Alumni Christmas Tree on November 27 at the Chancellor's Residence. It is the official kick-off to a busy holiday season at the residence.

Hundreds of ornaments for the 11-foot, live tree were contributed by alumni at the annual Alumni Holiday Drop-in event, which is Friday, December 14, this year.

Barbara Meadors, wife of Chancellor Allen C. Meadors, hosts the tree decorating each year. She explained the traditions of the tree, located in the main room.



Sabrina Leshore reaches to the top



“This is the 8th year of the Alumni Christmas Tree,” Mrs. Meadors said. “Every year our alumni contribute ornaments, which are numbered and inventoried in a permanent registry.”

The Ambassadors are student-workers in the Office of Admissions who give tours to prospective students and their families. This group was experienced in holiday decorating, although they had never seen a live tree so large.

“It’s beautiful, and it will be more beautiful when we get done,” said Carrie Sacco, assistant director of Admissions and coordinator of the Ambassador program.

“This is intimidating because I’ve never decorated a tree this big before,” said Caroline Goins from Wadesboro, N.C. “We have four trees that we put up every year at home.”

Finished!

Leshore, Carrie Sacco and Kristen Usrey

Some of the ornaments, which may be signed or personalized by alumni donors, intrigued the Ambassadors.

“This one is from North Hall where I live,” Goins said. “And this one has ‘PSU’ on it from before the University’s name changed.”

Family holiday decorating traditions varied among the Ambassadors.

“We put our tree up at home last week,” said Kristen Usrey, who is also from Wadesboro. “I put the hooks on, and my mom hangs the ornaments.”

“My little brothers – I have five younger brothers - and I put up the tree while my mom is at work,” said Sabrina Leshore of Charlotte, N.C. “It’s fun for the babies.”

Decorating for the season continued this week at the Chancellor’s Residence under Mrs. Meadors’ direction. Last year, the residence had a Southwest theme, and Mrs. Meadors gave a preview of this year’s theme.

“The drought affected what we had planned for this year,” she said. “We are going with a Native American theme based on four sacred plants, sage, cedar, tobacco and sweet grass.

“These plants have special meaning for American Indians,” she concluded.

Hundreds from the University community and region visit the Chancellor’s Residence during the holidays.

Retired Faculty Club hosts annual dinner

The Retired Faculty Club held its annual dinner on November 26 in the new Annex of the James B. Chavis University Center.

Dr. Raymond Rundus (English), chair of the Retired Faculty, welcomed guests and provided updates.

The Board of Directors for 2008 are **Dr. James Ebert** (Biology), **Dr. Gibson Gray** (Political Science), **Dr. Jesse Lamm** (Education), **Dr. Robert Romine** (Music) and **Dr. Tom Ross** (Geography), an associate member.

Newly retired and faculty since 2004-05 were welcomed: **Dr. Warren Baker** (Education), **Lillian Brewington** (Library), **Dr. Patrick Cabe** (Psychology), **Dr. Suellen Cabe** (Geology), **Dr. Rhoda Collins** (Education), **Dr. Sandra Cross** (Health), **Dr. Bonnie Kelley** (Biology), **Dr. Thomas Leach** (English), **Dr. Merrill Miller** (Religion), **Dr. Peggy Opitz** (Nursing), **Dr. Linda Oxendine** (American Indian Studies), **Dr. Robert Reising** (English), **Dr. Douglas Schell** (Business), **Dr. Sharon Sharp** (Education), **P. J. Smith** (Physical Education), **Ralph Steeds** (Art), **Sandra Stratil** (English), **Dr. Harold Teague** (Chemistry), **Dr. William Truman**

(Mathematics) **Paul Van Zandt** (Art), **Dr. George R. Walter** (Music) and **Dr. Peter Wish** (Biology).



Faculty Club

From left: **Dr. Gilbert Sampson** (Mathematics & Computer Science), **Manuel Conley** (History), **Paul Van Zandt** (Art), **Dr. Jesse Lamm** (Education), **Dr. Raymond Rundus** (English), **Dr. Gibson Gray** (Political Science), **Magnolia Lowry** (Education), **Dr. Peggy Opitz** (Nursing) and **Dr. James Ebert** (Biology)

Recently deceased faculty members were remembered with a moment of silence, including **Dr. Mary Guy Beaver** (Physical Education), **Dr. David Eliades** (History), **Dr. Harold Ellen** (Physical Education) and **Billy Evans** (Library).

Chancellor Meadors delivered an update on events of the calendar year. He noted that 35 new, full-time faculty members were hired for 2007-08, bringing the total full-time faculty to 290.

Chancellor Meadors said four new endowed faculty positions were established last year: the Joseph B. Oxendine chair in education, the BB&T chair in business, the Jim Thomas Family chair in entrepreneurship and the Robert and Anne Zucker chair in nursing.

The University's endowment has grown to \$10 million compared to approximately \$1 million a little over 10 years ago, Chancellor Meadors said.



Associate members – *From left:* **Dr. Jose D'Arruda** (Physics), **Armand Opitz** (Grants) and **Dr. Tom Ross** (Geology)

Dr. Charles Harrington (Provost) offered an update from the Office for Academic Affairs. New programs in Interdisciplinary Studies, Entrepreneurship and the Master of Social Work are being launched, while programs in Media Integration, and Master's of science, environmental science and geoscience are in the planning stages.



Annie Ruth Maynor (left), wife of the late Dr. Gerald Maynor, and guest Edith Deese

“I am pleased to note that a Harvard University study of faculty cited UNCP for its exemplary university practices for reasonableness of promotion and tenure policies and for building an environment conducive to work and family,” Dr. Harrington said.

Guest speaker was first-year coach **Pete Shinnick** (Football) who gave an overview of UNCP's first year of football.

“More than 16,000 attended home games in the first season,” Shinnick said. “There is a lot of excitement about Braves football here.

“We finished 4-7, and might have gone 6-5 if not for four plays,” Shinnick said. “I've tried to educate my team that 4-7 is a good start, but it won't be good enough in the future.”

Shinnick described the mission of the football program for student-athletes.

“One thing I like about (NCAA) Division II football is that it's not about how the players are doing to become NFL players; it's about how they are doing to become graduates,” he said.

Entertainment was provided by the UNCP Jazz Ensemble under the direction of **Aaron Vandermeer** (Music) and **Dr. Larry Arnold** (Music).

For information about the Retired Faculty Club, please call the Office for Advancement at extension 6252 or email advancement@uncp.edu.



Business school's accreditation plan gets an 'A+'

An accreditation plan filed by the School of Business with the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) so impressed the agency that it was placed on its Web site as a model.

“When the committee discussed your accreditation plan the committee was very

impressed with the quality of your plan and found it well written, complete and concise,” said Lucienne Mochel, assistant vice president for accreditation services in a letter to **Dean Eric Dent** (Business). “In an effort to provide our members with appropriate guidance in their accreditation effort, we are currently looking for quality documents that we can use as examples to share with schools.”

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

The school was notified last 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 UNCP’s business programs, faculty and student learning, said Dr. Eric Dent, dean of the School of Business.

“We were very pleased and honored to know our plan was so well crafted and so well received,” Dr. Dent said. “We hope this is a strong indicator of the success of our accreditation effort.”

The AACSB accreditation is the premier seal of approval for higher education business programs.

The plan may be viewed at:

http://www.aacsb.edu/accreditation/process/ACCREDITATION_PLAN_SAMPLE.pdf

Dr. D’Arruda is Commencement speaker on Dec. 8

Winter Commencement 2007 will be held Saturday, December 8, at 10 a.m. in the Main Gym of the English E. Jones Athletic Center. More than 450 students will graduate.

A 32-year member of the faculty, **Dr. Jose D’Arruda** (Physics) is the featured speaker. He is the recipient of the 2007 UNC Board of Governors Award for Teaching Excellence.

Graduates meet in the Auxiliary Gym at 8:30 a.m., and faculty will robe and line-up in the lobby of Lumbee Hall by 9:15 a.m. Administrators will gather on the second floor of Lumbee Hall by 9:15 a.m.

Board of Trustees and administrators will meet in the Jones Center in rooms 1165 and 1166 (next to the racquetball courts) by 9:15 a.m.

The platform party is to line-up in the Dance Room by 9:15 a.m.

UNCP PEOPLE

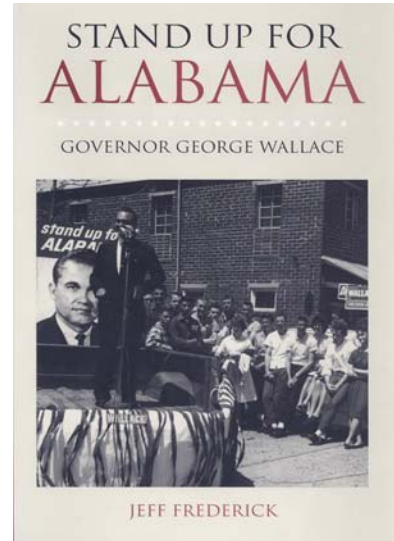
THREE BOOKS

*New books were published
by faculty authors in late 2007*

UNCP historian takes a new look at George Wallace's legacy

Without a doubt, George Wallace is one of the South's most revered and vilified politicians. He is also one of the most studied and perhaps least understood man of his time.

In his recently published book "Stand up for Alabama: Governor George Wallace" (University of Alabama Press; Tuscaloosa; 2007; 489 pages), **Dr. Jeff Frederick** (History) seeks to shed new light on the controversial figure.



"What readers will get out of this book is a sense of how government really worked in the 1960s, 70s and 80s," he said.

The book answers two questions, Dr. Frederick said: Why did Alabamians elect George Wallace so often over a 25 year period? And what was the effect of his administration on the state?

It is a political biography of George Wallace's years as governor that explores paths less traveled and not as well understood, Dr. Frederick explains.



"I don't cover his presidential candidacies or civil rights," he said. "Those areas are well covered."

Wallace and his first wife, Lurleen, governed Alabama for 17 years, but there is a political and administrative legacy that is less well understood. Dr. Frederick examines Wallace's impact on politics, education, conservation, health and mental health, criminal justice and economic development.

Because other scholars have not peered into these areas, Wallace's biography is incomplete, until now. Dr. Frederick provides insight into Wallace the shrewd politician, governor and man.

"Boys and girls growing up in the South had different kinds of dreams," the historian said. "His was to be governor, not the quarterback at Alabama or an astronaut.

"The power was in the governor's office, and he was an incredibly powerful governor," he continued. "In 1982, he could not get elected without the black vote, and the old segregationist won that vote. That is an indication of his political savvy."

Wallace playing the pugnacious segregationist is the common image of the governor. Dr. Frederick explains how the clever Wallace played his enemies.

"Wallace was a Golden Gloves boxer as a youth," Dr. Frederick said. "He learned to counterpunch, a weapon he used with voters, political opponents, the press and interest groups when necessary."

To have a book on Wallace published by the University of Alabama Press is a solid endorsement to begin with because as Dr. Frederick notes, "Feelings about the governor still run high in Alabama."

In liner notes, other Wallace historians give strong endorsements.

- "I can't imagine that anyone will ever be able to go very far beyond what Frederick has uncovered about the inner workings of the Wallace administration and their impact on the state of Alabama," said Dan Carter, author of "The Politics of Rage: George Wallace, the Origins of the New Conservatism, and the Transformation of American Politics."
- "... meticulous research, keen analysis, and spirited writing. Everyone who has tried to make sense of Alabama politics will relish this book," Wayne Flynt, author of "Alabama in the Twentieth Century."

Dr. Frederick joined UNCP's faculty in 2003. After growing up in Florida, he earned a Ph.D. from Auburn University.

"I went to Auburn because I wanted to write about George Wallace," he said. "A month after I arrived, he died. I watched as ordinary Alabamans tried to make sense of his legacy."

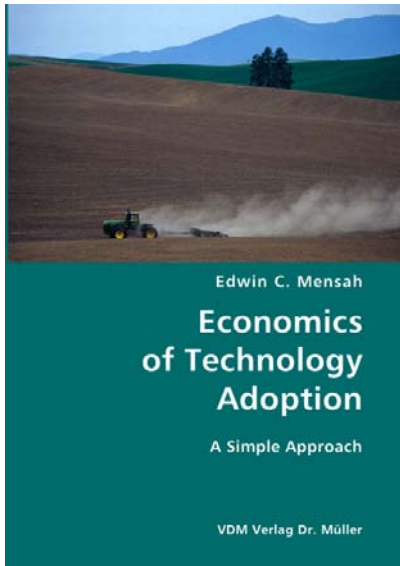
As a polarizing figure of the age, surely Dr. Frederick had feelings for the man going in and possibly different feelings about Wallace upon completion of the book.

"I didn't go in as a fan of George Wallace, and I did not come out a fan," he said. "I found more of everything – more to be critical of and more to praise him for.

"There are some good things to say about George Wallace the politician and the man," he said. "He possessed a full personality."

Dr. Frederick teaches a full range of courses at UNCP from entry level U.S. history to Civil Rights, the new South, the old South, American political history and sports and society. His interest in sports and culture will provide him with his next challenge.

“I’m interested in looking into what happened when the barriers broke down, and blacks and whites began playing sports together,” Dr. Frederick said. “I believe this is an area that has had a positive effect on race relations.”



Dr. Cliff Mensah produces book on agricultural economics

Economist **Dr. Edwin C. Mensah** (Business) has written a book on the adoption of new technologies in agriculture.

“Economics of Technology Adoption: A Simple Approach” was published in October 2007 by Verlag Dr. Muller, a worldwide publishing house for academic research.

Dr. Mensah earned his doctorate in economics from NC State University and is currently in his 4th year on the faculty of the School of Business.

Talking about his orientation in research, he said “I’m an economist who desires to research all aspects of the economy. However, I have a passion for the agricultural sector especially since my first degree was in agriculture. A good data on agriculture is always welcomed as other sources would.”

His latest study is on the adoption of new technologies in soybean farming. Specifically, Dr. Mensah studied the simultaneous adoption of ‘No-till’ farming and Roundup Ready soybean varieties.

“Roundup, a broad-spectrum herbicide introduced by Monsanto, has been used on many fields including corn, cotton, soybean and other crops,” he said. “Its introduction coincided with the promotion of the use of ‘No-till’ and other forms of reduced tillage to save time and fuel cost among other economics benefits.

“I hope that students will gain some appreciation for the techniques I used to analyze the data.”



“Given that soybean fields are usually plagued with weeds, recommending ‘No-till’ for soybean cultivation requires a conscious effort to ensure a reduction in weed infestation thus enhancing the survival of the crop,” Dr. Mensah continued. “Subsequently, the

strategy adopted was to breed soybeans to be resistant to Roundup so that it could be used concomitantly with No-till technology.”

He also noted that the ‘No-till’ farming technique “does not disturb the soil structure and avoids soil compaction.”

A team directed by a marketing company collected the data for the study from the major soybean growing areas in the U.S., including the South and Midwest.

“My role was to analyze the data,” Dr. Mensah said. “I do not know if Monsanto funded the data collection, so I was not biased by that knowledge.”

Dr. Mensah said the book serves as a text for middle and upper level students.

“I hope that students will gain some appreciation for the techniques I used to analyze the data,” he said. “I found a way to develop a mathematical model for the simultaneous adoption of technologies which I felt was worth sharing.

“I will undoubtedly improve the book for subsequent editions,” he said. “I hope others will improve on what I have done. This is just a frontier of research for someone to push further. I hope it stirs up a positive debate for a better understanding.”

The data points to positive benefits for ‘No-till’ farming techniques with Roundup Ready hybrid soy beans.

“There is synergy built into the conception of the two strategies which points to some simultaneity between the two, but to make a conclusion on ‘complementarity’ between the two technologies would require a lot more evidence,” Dr. Mensah cautioned.

Dr. Mensah’s next project may catch the attention of developing countries like his native Ghana.

“My current research is focused on Ghana’s redenominated currency,” he said. “I am interested in how it has changed spending habits and money management.”

Dr. Mensah is contemplating a survey of Ghanaian citizens to collect data on the reconfiguration of the national currency, which will be finalized in December 2007.

“How do people make sense of Ghana’s new currency?” he asked. “I am currently considering how the data will be collected.”

A U.S. citizen who came to this country in 1998, Dr. Mensah remains connected to his homeland.

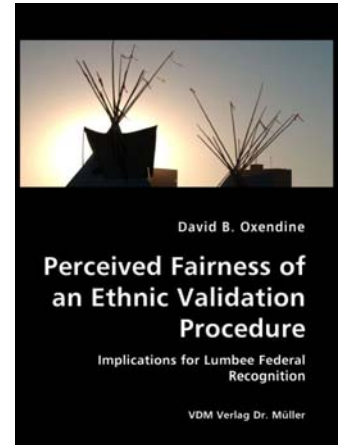
“Each summer I return to teach at a selected university free of charge,” he said. “This is a way of giving back to my community.”

“Economics of Technology Adoption: A Simple Approach” is available at the UNCP Bookstore or through online booksellers such as Amazon, Books-A-Million, Target etc. To contact Dr. Edwin C. Mensah, please call extension 5713 or email edwin.mensah@uncp.edu.

Ethnic identity is subject of Dr. David Oxendine’s book

Dr. David B. Oxendine (Education) has written a book titled “Perceived Fairness of an Ethnic Validation Procedure: Implications for Lumbee Federal Recognition.”

Published by VDM, an international publisher headquartered in Europe, the book details Dr. Oxendine’s research on how individuals perceive their ethnic identity and contrasts that with how the U.S. government regulates American Indian identity. The research was part of the scholar’s doctoral dissertation in psychology.



“Procedures are used today in all areas of life including business, education and politics to determine a group’s ethnicity,” Dr. Oxendine said. “American Indians are the only ethnic group that must petition to the United States government to validate legally their ethnicity.”

The study of more than 120 individuals viewed how white Americans view their ethnicity in different settings. According to Dr. Oxendine, individuals that identify themselves as “white” generally do not consider themselves racial or ethnic beings.



“So what if, based on their racial or ethnic identity, their patriotism or Americanism was questioned?” Oxendine asks. “This was conducted in a post 9/11 environment when ethnicity became a national issue.”

The study was designed loosely on the “original 22” concept used with American Indians in Robeson County in the 1930s. At the time, government “scientists” stated they could determine the degree of “Indianness” based on specific anatomical measurements including skull measurements.

“In this study, we did the same thing with some variations,” Dr. Oxendine said. “As expected, a statistically significant result determined these procedures were unfair.

“Although a significant outcome was found for unfairness, there was also a gender difference on the degree to which males and females perceived these procedures as unfair with females perceiving the procedure with greater levels of unfairness than males,” he said.

This result follows Carol Gilligan's research on gender differences with levels of moral development, Dr. Oxendine said. Gilligan posited that females operate from an "ethic of care" which differs from males. In other words, there is a gender difference concerning views of justice.

"The data suggest that both males and females perceive procedures designed to determine one's ethnic group membership as unfair," Dr. Oxendine continued. "Therefore, do these results suggest that procedures such as the Federal Acknowledgement Program in the Bureau of Indian Affairs for American Indians as unfair?"

"If so, then perhaps procedures that attempt to 'validate' an ethnic group's 'ethnicity' may itself need to be reevaluated for fairness and appropriateness," he concluded.

Dr. Oxendine said the study produced a tremendous amount of data for further correction. He said that although the study is academic in nature, its conclusions are valuable in the ongoing federal recognition of Lumbee and other American Indians.

Using some of the same methodology, the scholar is laying groundwork for another study of views on racial issues.

"I'm looking at how ethnically diverse universities promote ethnically diverse attitudes and beliefs among students," Dr. Oxendine said. "The preliminary results are interesting."

A Pembroke native, Dr. David Oxendine received a Ph.D. in psychology from NC State University and joined UNCP's School of Education faculty in 2005. A theatre major as an undergraduate, he has directed the local outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind!" for 15 years.

"Perceived Fairness of an Ethnic Validation Procedure: Implications for Lumbee Federal Recognition" is available at the UNCP Bookstore or at online booksellers.

ETL Department adds an assistant chair



One of the University's largest academic departments will get an assistant chair on Jan. 1, 2008.

Dr. Mark Canada (English), pictured at left, will become assistant chair of the English, Theatre and Languages Department (ETL). The department has more than 50 full and part-time faculty, according to its chair **Dr. Dennis Sigmon**

(English).

"Over the past few years, the department has grown tremendously, and it's one of the most complex departments on campus," Dr. Sigmon said. "This was a good time to help with the workload.

"I'm looking forward to Dr. Canada's contributions, and I'm looking forward to working with him," he continued. "Mark is very versatile in his skills."

Dr. Canada teaches early American literature and composition, a general education requirement for all UNCP students. He said overall enrollment growth has ignited the department's growth in course sections and faculty.

"Composition is a most important and most difficult course for our students that prepares them for success in college and in their careers," Dr. Canada said. "Because the University has grown so rapidly, the current chair needed assistance."

In the College of Arts and Sciences, ETL will be the only academic department to have an assistant chair. Dr. Canada will handle a share of the logistical work, class scheduling, faculty observation and fill in for the department chair during his absences.

"As assistant chair, I will also provide additional office hours for students who need to meet with an administrator," Dr. Canada said. "I am looking forward to assuming these duties and working with Dr. Sigmon."



UCIS head presents at ECUCAUSE conference

"Moving the Graveyard: Merging Services for Faculty Development" was the presentation topic of **Robert Orr** (UCIS) and Anna McFadden of Western Carolina University on October 24 at the EDUCAUSE conference in Seattle, Wash.

The presentation addressed the merger of educational technology with traditional faculty development resources to provide a single point of service to enhance teaching and learning.

Science departments represented at NCSTA institute

A large contingent of faculty and students attended and presented sessions at the North Carolina Science Teachers Association Professional Development Institute held on November 15 - 16 in Greensboro, N.C.



Dr. Timothy Ritter (Physics), left, **Dr. Peter Wish** (Biology), middle, and **Rachel McBroom** (Biology) presented a session titled "Hands-On Activities for Teaching the Basic Physical Quantities of Mechanics." Physical science and physics teachers from across the state gained hands-on experience in using low-cost classroom activities to

effectively teach the quantities of velocity, acceleration, force, work and kinetic energy.

McBroom, **Dr. Martin Farley** (Geology), left, and **Dr. Lee Phillips** (Geology) presented “Life of the Aquifer: A Partnership for Engaging 9-12 Students in Local Geology.” Participants learned about UNCP’s partnership with the Public Schools of Robeson County to increase high school students’ interest in the geosciences using the local aquifer as a theme for instruction. The project links basic concepts of geology to groundwater and water wells as a way to show how geology affects society. To date, the project has provided professional development opportunities and instructional materials for high school earth science teachers.



Three graduate candidates in the Master of Arts in science education program presented their leadership projects. Melissa Harris, Suzanne Hartmann, and Kathy Williams presented “Eureka! Inquiry...What is it and how do I do it?” Participants learned how the three teachers implemented inquiry-based laboratory activities modified from traditional laboratory activities in their high school science classrooms.

Two adjunct faculty members also presented sessions. **Ken Brandt** (Astronomy), left, presented two sessions related to his work at the Robeson Planetarium and Science Center. **Pam Patterson** (Chemistry) was a co-presenter for a N.C. Department of Public Instruction’s session on the 2004 standard course of study for chemistry.



Dr. Ross and Erin Poliakon attend regional geography conference



Dr. Tom Ross (Geography) and **Erin Poliakon** (Geography) attended the recent meeting of the Southeast Division of Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG) in Charleston, S.C.

Dr. Ross wrote a round of questions for the competition, which included teams from 10 states and served as judge of the preliminary and championship rounds. North Carolina’s state team lost in the final round to Florida. Dr. Ross serves on the World Geography Bowl Committee of SEDAAG.

Dr. Vest participated in Heritage Month discussions

On November 8, **Dr. Jay Hansford Vest** (American Indian Studies), together with several Lumbee elders, participated in a panel discussion titled “Being Native Today” that was sponsored by Epsilon Chi Nu fraternity in commemoration of Native American Heritage Month in November. The discussion topics centered upon identifying and respecting elders, Native career diversity, prevention of the loss of American Indian



heritage and other current issues including Lumbee federal recognition and Native sacred geography.

In a second acknowledgment of Native American heritage, Dr. Vest traveled to UNC-Chapel Hill on November 27 to participate in a panel discussion addressing contemporary American Indian issues. Called the Eagle Eye Conference, Dr. Vest joined two scholars from anthropology and sociology at UNC-CH in a discussion of federal recognition of select North Carolina tribes including the Lumbee as well as the challenges and cultural traditions inherent to Native Americans in North Carolina.

UNCP group attended supervisor training at RCC

UNCP employees attended the Supervision and Management Fundamentals certification program at Robeson Community College. Physical Plant provided meals and transportation for the group. There were four sessions on a variety of management issues from time management to effective communications

Attendees from Physical Plant were **Mark Vesely, Pattie Dees, Gary Locklear, Taylor Fields, Donnie Locklear Jr., Doris Allen, Terry McNish, Randall Blue, Larry Freeman and Webster Smith**; from Business Services were **Glenda Kiser and Kim Locklear**; from the Controller's Office were **Frances Hunt and Sherry Chavis**; and from Human Resources was **Brenda Gregory**.

Stephanie Marson was in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade



For the second year in a row, Stephanie Marson, daughter of Barbara and **Dr. Steve Marson** (Social Work), represented North Carolina in the opening act of the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Chosen from over 1,000 applicants, Stephanie auditioned for a role in this event at a Camp Broadway during the summer of 2006 and appeared in last year's parade. She was invited to return for the Nov. 22 parade, which celebrated its 81st year.

This is the third year that Camp Broadway, the award-winning theater arts education company, was chosen to open the festivities. The opening act was broadcast live from Herald Square on NBC television at 9 a.m.

Stephanie in costume

With approximately 600 other children aged 10 - 16 from across the U.S., Stephanie performed an original song and dance titled "Making Magic," written by renowned composer Michael Feinstein,

with lyrics by Bill Schermerhorn and professional choreography by John Dietrich. For six days prior to the parade in New York City, Stephanie was involved in a series of Broadway classes and rehearsals to prepare for the performance.



From above -- Macy's Parade with Camp Broadway performing

Three attended Art Education Association conference



Teresa Caswell (Art), left, Dr. Ann Horton-Lopez (Art), middle, and Dr. Tulla Lightfoot (Art) attended the North Carolina Art Education Association Annual Professional Development Conference in Wilmington, N.C., on November 2 - 4.

Caswell led a workshop on “Color Theory for Elementary and Middle Level Students” and gave a presentation on “Art History and Integration in Elementary Art Classrooms.”

Dr. Lightfoot gave two presentations: “Discipline in the Art Classroom” and “Seagrove and the Jugtown Potters.” She also led the walking history and Bellamy Mansion tours.

Dr. Lightfoot was elected to be the higher education division representative for the state and continues to be the managing editor of the *Journal of Visual Culture*, the organization’s scholarly publication.

Campus representatives attend Planned Parenthood leadership training

A group of student and community supporters of the Office of Multicultural and Minority Affairs were selected to attend the Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina (PPCNC) Leadership Institute. UNCP was the first university in North Carolina to complete the five-week program.

The PPCNC Leadership Institute sought emerging social justice activists who would commit themselves and their leadership talents to working for reproductive freedom. The initiative’s mission is to address the challenges facing young reproductive justice activists by expanding leadership capacity, fostering awareness about reproductive freedom issues and creating supportive network.

UPCOMING

A Viennese Christmas at GPAC on December 3

A special Christmas show is Monday, December 3, at 8 p.m. in GPAC. Tickets are \$15 faculty or staff.

The spirit of America is captured in lovely and enchanting performances by the New Sigmund Romberg Orchestra. The program is rich with good, traditional Christmas music as well as songs from the brilliant era of Sigmund Romberg. This performance is a must-see for the Christmas season!

Candlelight vigil in Fayetteville remembers lost children



On Thursday, December 6, at 7 p.m., at the Angel of Hope statue, located in Cross Creek Park on Green Street indowntown Fayetteville, families in the community are invited to join members of the SHARE Pregnancy and Infant Loss support group, the Compassionate Friends, and the Agape Pregnancy Loss Support Group at Ft. Bragg, for a candlelight memorial service honoring the memory of any baby or child of any age who has died.

Fayetteville joins approximately 30 other cities around the U.S., in this special annual remembrance of these special lives. Candles and carnations will be provided, or families may bring their own flowers. Bring a folding chair.

Grieving families need to know they are not alone, and there is a place of hope in our community to gather and acknowledge the memories, the joys, the tears, and most of all, the love, for these precious children. **Lori Farmer** (Nursing) is the Angel of Hope program coordinator and SHARE facilitator. For more information, please call (910) 487-2986.

Getting in the Spirit!



*The U.C. hosted its annual Holiday Social on November 28 featuring that jolly old elf himself. Santa said staff, faculty and students have been good this year, so he's expecting a busy Christmas Eve. With Santa are **Joyce Leonard** (International Programs), left, and **Jessica Hall** (International Programs). Singing with the band are **John Locklear** (Physical Plant) and his daughter, Layla. On bass was **George Johnson** (Mass Communications) and lead guitar **Dr. Michael Spivey** (Sociology).*

Birthdays in December

December 1-15, 2007

Bates, Thelma I.
Beem, Charles
Blank, David L.
Brandt, Kenneth C.
Brooks, Ginger S.
Bullard, Diane C.
Chavis, Tony
Cooper, Rebecca K.
Day, Derek D.
Deal, Rebecca A.
Dziewa, Desiree D.
Edwards, Sylvia T.

Francisco, Sarah R.
Frederick, Jeffrey J.
Freeman, Natalya S.
Gan, Loo G.
Geller, Jeffery L.
Godwin, Elena S.
Gressman, George
Hanmer, Deborah R.
Huggins, Loria A.
Hughes, Sidney D.
Hunt, Robert A.
Livermore-Brasher, Julie S.
Locklear, Diane
Locklear, Gary
Locklear, Lanette C.
Lowery, Gordon J.
Lowry, Charly J.
Metcalf, Sara C.
Orr Fritts, Karen S.
Powell, Frankie D.
Prevatte, Marcus F.
Sampson, Charles M.
Sanderson, Dennis J.
Schultz, Lawrence R.
Sharber, Dora C.
Sloop, Amy P.
Strickland, James B.
Taylor, Janet L.
Thaggard, David P.
Vesely, Elaine J.
Whitt, Susan F.
Wilkins, Roderick L.
Zsilinszky, Laszlo

December 16-31, 2007

Bell, Freddie
Bell, Ricardo A.
Brown, Betty W.
Bullard, Takisha L.
Burnette, Richard J.
Carter, Teresa S.
Chavis, Sylvia D.
Clark, Sallyann C.
Cummings, Sandra J.
Decinti, Alison T.
Dial, Tracy J.

Farley, Martin B.
Fortune, Janet C.
Frantz, John E.
Gaston, Sun Y.
Godsey, Jessica N.
Goins, Kevin L.
Gray, Michelle
Hammonds, Douglas E.
Hedgpeth, George
Hunt, Carol D.
Jacobs, Mary A.
Janson, Nicole M.
Jones, Carla J.
Jones, Ericka A.
Jones, JoAnn
Karim, Mohammad A.
Killian, Roger A.
Lewis, James I.
Locklear, Connie F.
Locklear, Edward L.
Mauk, Gary W.
Mentor, Kenneth W.
Miller, Merrill P.
Oxendine, Trevan W.
Paparozzi, Mario A.
Parrish, Tiffany R.
Prevatte, Sheila J.
Revels, Cynthia A.
Richardson, Shane M.
Robinson, James
Seesengood, Robert P.
Smith, Rachel B.
Smith, Webster
Strickland, Edward
Swierz, Margaret M.
Synan, David J.
Valenti, Patricia D.
Voss, Danielle P.
Windmeyer, Maureen A.
Zhang, Xing

New Hires

Paula Peterson-Campbell - Administrative Support Specialist, Human Resources
Shannon Chavis - Administrative Support Specialist, Registrar Office
Tiffany Alford - Administrative Support Specialist, Registrar Office
Jennifer Sinsley - Administrative Support Supervisor, Bookstore

Robyn Deemer - Coordinator for Student Exchange, International Programs
James Martin Jr. - Assistant Director of Admissions
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Charly Lowry - Assistant Director of Admissions

Promotions

Emily B. Locklear - Administrative Asst. II, Regional Center

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