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Soccer's Record Season

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Chancellor Allen C. Meadors, Ph.D., FACHE

Setting our sights high at UNC Pembroke

We have a lot to be proud of at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and a lot more exciting work ahead of us. In this era of record-setting growth — in enrollment, faculty and campus facilities — we must not lose focus of our main goal, which is to become the best regional University in the nation.

To reach this achievable goal, we must remain focused on our franchise, which is the high quality of our people and programs. UNC Pembroke's great tradition of teaching excellence provides our students with personal learning interactions of all kinds.

This University has proved that we can attract students, erect new buildings and create new programs when we work hard and spread our message. The real test is how we will continue to improve the quality of our teaching and learning environment.

There is considerable positive momentum at your University. In four years, enrollment has increased 54 percent. Record numbers of Native American, African-American, White, Hispanic and international students now attend UNC Pembroke.

UNCP's full-time faculty has grown from 146 to 204 since 1999, and there are 98 new staff members. More than 1,500 students live on campus, about double the number of just four years ago.

UNC Pembroke was awarded \$9.2 million in grants last year, almost double of what we received in 1999. Our performing arts and athletic programs continue to improve. UNCP's soccer teams are enjoying record-winning seasons. The women's soccer team

turned in a record-setting year and an impressive 13-5 overall record. With a #9 national ranking and a school record 15-1 mark, the men's soccer team hopes to receive a bid to the NCAA Division II tournament.

UNCP has established itself in meeting and exceeding our goals, and we will continue to set more records with your help. We know we can obtain incredible things together.

Many UNCP programs distinguish your University as an institution dedicated to providing its students with excellent opportunities. Our quality programs include the University Honors College (UHC), the UNCP Teaching Fellows, our School of Education and our International Programs.

The University Honors College, which admitted its first members in 2001, now boasts 74 outstanding scholars with average SAT scores of 1180. In five years, we expect the UHC to have 200 members and average SAT scores of 1250.

The Teaching Fellows program is another example of how we are raising the standard of excellence by attracting top students to already outstanding programs. This semester, UNCP has 53 Teaching Fellows — up almost 20 percent in two years. Given the outstanding programs in place for training teachers, we expect to have nearly 100 Teaching Fellows enrolled in five years.

UNC Pembroke's School of Education is one of just two colleges and universities in North Carolina to achieve exemplary status in all three years of state Department of Public Instruction ratings.

A fourth area in which UNCP builds on its excellence is in our two-year-old International

Programs. We have circled the globe to forge exchange agreements with outstanding universities.

Our efforts have paid off this semester by attracting a record number of international students from 33 nations, but we are just beginning the larger "internationalization" process that will realize hundreds of exchange students traveling each year between Pembroke and almost every continent on the globe.

Allow me to challenge our alumni with another goal. UNCP wants to see a significant number of our alumni return to their University every year. Imagine how your influence and continued participation would enhance the excellence of your University.

The goals set for your University are very, very aggressive. To do less than our best would be to shortchange this proud institution and the communities we serve.

UNCP is an engine of growth for our communities, and our quest for excellence is directly translated into the success of our graduates and their communities.

Rise to the challenge! Join your former schoolmates and friends at Homecoming 2004. This event gives us the opportunity to come together to share the progress that your University is making.

See you there.



Frank "Hal" Sargent '96, Alumni Association President

Homecoming would be a great time to see your new campus

There are many things that make the picture of UNC Pembroke a great one: the refurbished Lowry Bell Tower, the new University Village Apartments, record enrollment for the fourth year in a row, a new marching band, the new Legacy Program, exciting speakers on campus, Broadway shows, the Nostalgia Music Series, the Holiday Drop-In at the Chancellor's Residence and, of course, Homecoming 2004.

This picture is incomplete without you! The campus features a great deal of new and exciting things, but it is not UNCP without you. A campus is buildings, but you are the University's true legacy. It comes alive when you visit, walk the halls and talk to new students and old friends.

If you were unable to attend the Holiday Drop-In, please call today for Homecoming 2004, February 15-21.

You are the real legacy of UNC Pembroke, and now is the time to come home and visit. I hope to see you on campus soon!



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Five members join Board of Trustees

Arlinda Locklear, Nadean Hafner, Breeden Blackwell, Dick Taylor and Freda Porter joined the Board of Trustees in 2003.

A Pembroke native, Locklear has more than 25 years' experience in tribal law. She appeared several times before the U.S. Supreme Court on matters of tribal law. Locklear has represented the Lumbee Tribe since 1987.

Hafner is president of the Student Government Association. From Fayetteville, she is a pre-law major with a minor in history. She has worked with the Campus Activities Board and *The Pine Needle*.

Taylor is a Lumberton businessman with interests in insurance and real estate.

UNCP's new track bears his name and the name of his wife, Lenore, for their support of the University.

Porter is a UNCP graduate and former professor of mathematics at the University. She is one of only a handful of Native American women to hold a doctorate in mathematics. A Pembroke native, she is the owner of Porter Scientific in Pembroke.

A Fayetteville resident, Blackwell is a retired educator and an elected member of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners. He is also a former Fayetteville City Councilman.



Blackwell



Locklear



Taylor



Hafner



Porter

Blackwell is a 1968 UNCP graduate. His wife, the former Cathy Johnson of Fayetteville, is a 1969 graduate.

Brayboy ends successful career in grants office

When it was time to retire, Gene Brayboy wanted to go out on top.

The director of the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs did just that when he left his post October 15.

"I believe in my heart that it will take a man with a lot of energy to keep this office moving in the right direction," said Brayboy. "It is time for me to step aside."

He put his considerable energy into winning grants for 11 years. And the numbers bear out his success story. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, Brayboy's office helped the University take in \$9.3 million in grants. Grant receipts and grant applications have steadily increased since his arrival in 1992, when the University took in just \$485,000.

This is a faculty-driven enterprise, and I've had a good staff and a lot of support from the top," Brayboy said. "We don't just write grants; we look at markets to see where we can best put our limited resources to good use."

In the current budget-cutting environment, grants are increasingly important in higher education, Brayboy said.

"If we want to continue supporting growth, we've got to go out and get it ourselves," he said. "There is renewed interest for faculty to be engaged in research and grant activities."

As a regional University, Brayboy said the University and its grants office must support its surrounding communities.

"We are a community-based organization, and in that role, we brought in \$2.3 million in outreach grants last year for economic development and youth and health-related programs," he said. "I'd say that is remarkable for an institution like ours."

He is also proud of his office's work to develop the Regional Center.

"Remarkable" is a good description for Brayboy's life and career. He grew up on a farm in the Philadelphus community near Pembroke.



Gene Brayboy

"At that time, it was either be a farmer or a school teacher," he said. "I went military."

"We will miss him," said Lynda Parlett, assistant director. "We would not be where we are without him, and he has handed us a blueprint for the future of this office."

This blueprint should keep grant receipts, research and outreach programs on top, where Brayboy put them.

Minority Affairs director named

Robert L. Canida II has been named to the newly created position of director for the Office of Minority Affairs.

Canida's office is in the Multicultural Center in Old Main. He was formerly assistant librarian for nine years.

The primary goal of this position will be to assist in maintaining a campus environment that supports student diversity and promotes learning opportunities and services leading to the success and retention of minority students.

Canida reports directly to Dr. Diane Jones, vice chancellor for the Office of Student Affairs. "Mr. Canida's knowledge of the campus, our students, our mission and his involvement in student-related activities make him a natural fit," she said.

Canida said the time is right for an Office of Minority Affairs. "As the University grows and becomes even more diverse, all minorities will need to have a voice on campus. This University is creating an environment of inclusion for everyone."

Canida has been actively involved in the community and the University. He is a member of the Faculty Senate, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce and a past president of the Robeson County Rape Crisis Center.

A Cincinnati, Ohio, native, Canida earned his master's of library science degree from the University of Kentucky. He is working on his doctorate in higher education at N.C. State University.



Canida

Waterkotte to lead Advancement

Sandra K. Waterkotte has been hired as vice chancellor for the Office for Advancement to lead fund-raising and alumni activities.

Waterkotte comes from the University of Oklahoma, where she served as assistant vice president and director of development.

Chancellor Meadors said the newest member of his executive staff brings a strong fund-raising background in higher education.

"We are delighted to have Sandy Waterkotte join the UNCP family," said Chancellor Meadors. "She brings 25 years of experience. In this day, our ability to let our alumni and friends participate in the growth and development of their University is critical to the future."

Before leaving Oklahoma, Waterkotte got a piece of advice about UNCP from one of its most famous native sons.

"When I heard about this opportunity, I went to UNCP's Web site, and who did



I see on the home page but [Oklahoma University basketball coach] Kelvin Sampson," she said. "Kelvin is a really great guy, and he was incredibly enthusiastic about Pembroke.

"This is an exciting time in the history of this University," she added. "This institution shows all kinds of promise. During my initial visits to campus, I was immediately impressed with the commitment and enthusiasm of board members, volunteers, faculty and the Advancement staff. Everyone seems to recognize that we're poised for greatness."

One of Waterkotte's important functions is to serve as executive director of the UNCP Foundation Inc., which manages a large portion of the University's endowment.

"Through his vision for this University, Chancellor Meadors has put the foundation and our endowment in a great position to grow," she said.

Waterkotte is a member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and of the Association of Fund-Raising Professionals (AFP).

Dent is new dean of Business School

Dr. Eric B. Dent is the new dean of the School of Business.

Dr. Dent comes from the University of Maryland's University College, where he was founding director of a doctoral program in management with specializations in organizational processes, international management, and technology and information systems.

Before earning his doctorate in organizational behavior and development, Dr. Dent worked in software development and



management consulting as a corporate vice president.

He is particularly excited by the prospect of joining a growing University.

"One of the most attractive aspects of this opportunity is that the University is growing so quickly," he said. "I prefer to be part of an organization in the growing stage."

"One of the most important things I have been asked to do is develop the relationship between the University and the local business community," he added.

Dr. Dent has published two books. He lists his current research interests as leadership in turbulent environments and organizational learning experience at universities.

Honors College: Growing numbers and influence

With 69 scholars already enlisted and 22 new recruits this fall, the University Honors College (UHC) is making its mark on campus.

In just its third year, the college is producing some of the University's top scholars and leaders. Several members have distinguished themselves recently.

Blake Tyner published a book this fall on local history. Barbara Jacobson was the recipient of the University's top leadership and community service award for 2002-2003.

"Many of our students have distinguished themselves inside and outside of the University community," UHC Director Dr. Carolyn Thompson said. "This is what being an honors college is all about. We want to create a community of scholars that will enhance the scholarship of the entire University."

"It's also about forming a cohort that works together to challenge each other," she added. "It's working, and we believe it will get better and better."

The University has set aggressive goals for the Honors College for the next five years, Dr. Thompson said.

"We will have about 200 outstanding scholars in the college by the year 2008," she said.

"Freshmen enrolling in the Honors

College in 2008 will have average SAT scores near 1200 and graduate having taken many honors courses for their general education requirements."

During the 2002-2003 academic year, the Honors College curriculum consisted of eight courses. Five more honors courses will come online in 2003-2004.

The average GPA of current UHC scholars is 3.6, and 60 percent of the 22 incoming freshmen have SAT scores above 1150.

The UHC is taking an active role in the state, regional and national Collegiate Honors Councils (CHC). Last year, the University hosted the annual state CHC meeting, and five UHC members traveled to Salt Lake City to participate in the national meeting.



University Honors College 2003-2004

Dr. Thompson believes that the foundation for meeting the UHC's goals is firmly in place, but there are some major challenges.

Fund-raising is a major issue because state aid for honors programs is limited. Higher participation by minorities and athletes is also a top priority.

"I would like to thank Jefferson Pilot and (local agent) Gene Hall for their generous support," Dr. Thompson said. "But more support is needed."

Challenges aside, Dr. Thompson said it has been fun.

"It's great," she said. "I really do enjoy these kids. They are a diverse group."

For more information about the University Honors College, call (910) 521-6841.

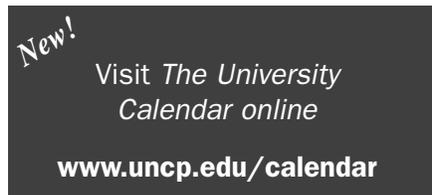
Stay in touch with us at the new online calendar

A new online calendar for the University was launched this fall. It is the University's first comprehensive calendar, and may be found at www.uncp.edu/calendar/.

The University calendar may be viewed as a single master calendar or as eight smaller calendars, including academic, administrative, alumni, arts and entertainment, athletics, faculty and staff, and student life, said University Web Publisher Lawrence Locklear.

"I believe it is easy to use and useful," he said. "In one source, all University events are accessible to the public and the University community."

University and Community Relations Vice Chancellor Glen Burnette Jr. hailed



the project as an important one for a growing University.

"The Office for University and Community Relations is pleased to offer this excellent planning tool for the entire University and the public," Dr. Burnette said. "The University calendar is one of many valuable services we offer to keep our public informed of the various events,

accomplishments and up-to-date news occurring at their University."

Links to the University calendar will be added throughout the University's Web site. A button will be added to the main Web page linking to the University calendar, Locklear said. The calendar also has an e-mail feature for its users.

"The public can subscribe to individual calendars using their e-mail address, and they will be sent reminders of events, as well as notifications of additions, deletions and changes in events," Locklear said. "The calendar may also be customized and printed for each viewer."

The University calendar may be viewed by day, week, two weeks, month or year.

Lowry Bell Tower serenades campus once again

The Lowry Bell Tower is playing our song again.

Silent since the mid-1990s, the Lowry Bell Tower is playing the Alma Mater and marking time again thanks to a complete overhaul last summer.

Located on the Quad, the Bell Tower is a campus landmark with a history as sweet as the music that emanates from it. It is the story of two great friends of the University, Ira Pate Lowry (1906-1992) and his wife, Reba Millsaps Lowry (1906-1980).

As music drifts over the campus from the new carillon, it should be remembered that the Bell Tower was their invention, their dream. Amid the hustle and bustle at North Carolina's fastest-growing University, the revival of the Lowry Bell Tower has found a warm welcome.

"It's great! I love it," said Dr. Len Holmes. Sitting on the Bookstore patio, the Chemistry professor was charmed. "It's like a park out here."

The new look and music from the 22-year-old tower are not lost on students, either. "The clock tower's new look gives the campus more of an updated look," said Michael Johnson, a senior from Laurinburg. "I think it makes the campus look more beautiful," said Jamie Connerton, a junior from Garner, N.C.

The Lowry Bell Tower is sweet music to the ears of Chancellor Meadors, who has led the charge for its resurrection.

"The Lowry Bell Tower is a landmark on our campus and should be maintained in a manner that represents the spirit and love in which it was given to the University," he said. "I am delighted we have 'brought back' the music to campus!"

The tower got a new \$20,000 sound system and an \$80,000 facelift that displays the University seal embedded in a rendering of UNCP's hawk mascot.

The work took place throughout the summer of 2003 and, soon after, a University bell master was named. Lawrence Locklear mans the controls of the refurbished tower. "As part of my duties, I studied the history of the tower and the people who inspired its purchase and construction," Locklear said.

"The Lowrys were very involved in music and campus life," he added. "They were so passionate about their University that in 1941, Ira Pate wrote the music to the

University Alma Mater, and his wife wrote the lyrics."

Locklear said playing "Hail to UNCP" at noon and 6 p.m. daily has given the school song new life, something that would have pleased the Lowrys.

"Ira Pate believed that life is incomplete without music, and a campus is incomplete without a carillon," he said.

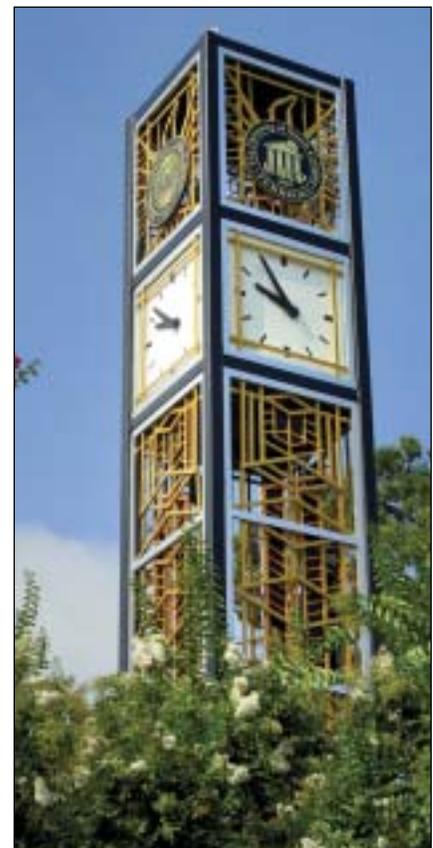
The Lowrys contributed \$20,000 of the original \$45,000 cost of the tower. It was formally dedicated on May 10, 1981.

Reba served UNCP for 40 years in a variety of capacities. She was an instructor and chair of the Foreign Languages Department, yearbook adviser, the first dean of women, director of the Pembroke Players and women's basketball coach.

Lowry was the first female member of the Chancellor's Club, an elite group of supporters and contributors to the University. Her other legacy is the lyrics to "Hail to UNCP."

"As the tones roll across the area and rise into the skies, let them remind us of this educational institution and of fine people like Ira Pate and Reba Lowry ..."

Excerpt from the Bell Tower dedication in 1981



Ira Pate organized the University's Music Department and served as chair from 1935-1957. Of the Alma Mater, Lowry said the music came to him in the middle of the night, and he wrote down the notes at 2 a.m.

The Lowrys' contributions to a young and struggling Indian teachers' college are immeasurable, but the Bell Tower is their lasting legacy. Sadly, Reba died a year before the tower was dedicated.

Ira Pate said at the 1981 dedication ceremony, "Bell towers make such wonderful additions and produce such beautiful tones."

The new design for the Bell Tower was inspired by Native American themes, and it promotes pride in the University. Facilities Designer Frank Britt coordinated the creative work for the new tower and supervised the work.

A campus committee designed the top panels of the tower that display the UNCP and UNC seals.

"The hawk is looking skyward for inspiration," Britt said. "It symbolizes both power and inspiration."

Ira Pate and Reba are up there smiling down.

“There is a renewed and contagious spirit of cooperation at the University with faculty and the leadership of Continuing and Distance Education. I’m so pleased that we have in place the kind of forward-thinking, insightful and energetic leadership that is forging cooperation and innovation simultaneously.”



— **Dr. Roger Brown**

“The evolution from the classroom to online courses takes technical expertise and teamwork. UNCP’s commitment to high-quality instructional programs is uncompromised by this matchless growth in distance learning. As a regional University where teaching reigns supreme, UNCP’s dramatic growth in this instructional delivery arena signals the strong, front-end involvement of faculty in the design, delivery and continuous fine tuning of electronically delivered instruction.”



— **Dr. Collie Coleman**

UNCP rising to meet the demand for online education

■ *With more than 1,000 students enrolled in online courses in the fall semester, the University is finding new ways to meet student needs*

In the competitive world of online higher education, UNC Pembroke has taken its place at the table as an important provider in regional and state markets.

With demand for online education growing quickly, the University’s online enrollment is going through the roof. Faculty and administrators say, “There isn’t a bad seat in the house” as new courses and entire programs are being rolled out to meet the needs of a new generation of students.

Surprisingly, the University is offering more online courses this fall than UNC Chapel Hill, according to the Office of Outreach and Distance Learning. And satisfaction with online courses is high among professors and students.

Here are some fast facts about online education at the University:

- The first two online courses were offered in 1999, with 47 students registered.
- In 2002-2003, a total of 70 courses were offered, including an undergraduate degree in business and a Master’s in Public Administration (MPA) degree. Last year, 1,212 students enrolled.
- This fall, 51 courses will be offered online with an estimated enrollment of 1,050 students.

Administrators are obviously pleased with the rate of growth and the impact online education is having on meeting the needs of a diverse population of learners.

Dr. Roger G. Brown, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said the planned growth in online offerings and

programs is in keeping with the University’s mission, Academic Affairs’ goals and objectives and with the strategic, institutional goal of extending the University’s resources to every corner of the region and state and around the world.

“It is not mere happenstance that the impetus for the rapid growth of online education at UNCP coincides with the arrival of Chancellor Meadors,” Dr. Brown said. “When Chancellor Meadors arrived on campus in 1999, he saw that online education was a key part of the program mix for a regional University if that University is to serve its region.”

Dr. Collie Coleman, associate vice chancellor for Outreach, said today’s learners — especially adult learners — are more interested in what they learn than they are in simply getting a degree.

“Students who have experienced online instruction are rather consistent in their positive and favorable assessments,” Dr. Coleman said. “They find the time saved driving, parking and walking to class may be better spent at home studying and getting on with their lives.”

Through online offerings, the University is meeting the needs of the students who make up the changing landscape of higher education, Dr. Coleman said.

“What is more, we are actively engaged in this endeavor as part of the planned growth and expansion of the University,” he added. “This matter of online courses and programs is clearly an idea whose time has come.”

Dr. Warren McDonald, director of the Office of Continuing and Distance Education, is responsible for coordinating and marketing the programs.

A new Blackboard

Posing with an old blackboard and the trademark of the new online course software is Political Science Professor Frank Trapp. He had his doubts about student interactivity online, but his fears melted away after one semester.



“More programs and courses are in the development stages. Additional nursing courses and general education electives are on the drawing board, as is an information systems degree from the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science,” Dr. McDonald said.

A U.S. Department of Education survey released this summer reported that 2.9 million students were enrolled in online courses in 2000-2001 compared to half this number in 1997-1998.

Students elect to take online courses for many reasons.

“We had one student continue classes online when she and her husband were transferred to Alaska with the military,” said Courtney McMillan, program coordinator for Continuing Education.

“I have an advisee who is pregnant with complications, and she may be able to finish her degree online,” said Sara Oswald, an English instructor.

Eddie Harris, a senior Art major from Fayetteville, took an online art history class last summer.

“I traveled a lot last summer, and I could keep up with the class wherever I went,” he said. “It was great.”

Sophomore Michelle Bell of Fayetteville signed up this fall for online courses in algebra, literature and geography.

“It works for me,” Bell said, while shopping in the Bookstore and pushing her 1-year-old son, J.R., in a stroller. “I can’t always be in class.”

Nick Arena, general manager of Acme Electric’s manufacturing operations in Lumberton, took his first online class while earning an MBA.

“I am not that good with computers, so that was an issue,” Arena said. “It was a good experience, but, in my mind, it does not replace the classroom. Some of my professors are great lecturers, and you can’t do that over the Internet.”

Political Science Professor Frank Trapp has been surprised by the level of student-teacher interactivity online.

“I taught my ‘Introduction to Political Science’ course online last summer,” Dr. Trapp said. “That was the first time I taught an online course, and I used the discussion board feature to stimulate discussion among the class members. I was very pleased and surprised at the volume of messages posted by my students.”

“Compared to my traditional students, these students were also engaged in an informative and lively discussion,” he added.

At the Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development, there are currently 15 professional certificate

programs online, including graphic design, webmaster, administrative medical specialist, project management and records management, said Director Sylvia Pate. Other courses are under consideration for the near future.

There are orientation sessions that can be taken online or in person, but most students and faculty find Blackboard easy to use. Support staff has been added to assist online learners. The Bookstore offers online book purchasing, and the University recently hired an outreach/distance education librarian to assist students enrolled in the program.

Tuition for a three-hour undergraduate course is \$159.27 (in state), and graduate tuition for a three-hour course is \$237.27 (in state).

About 20 percent of students taking online courses are from outside the nine-county region surrounding UNCP.

As the growth curve for online enrollment continues on an ever-upward path, University administrators, faculty and students are becoming comfortable with online higher education, but the phenomenon still lacks universal recognition by the public.

“We’re getting there,” Dr. McDonald said. “This is not a franchise you will see on every street corner. We have a better idea. We’re in every home.”

Brian Young named PBC Scholar of Year

The Peach Belt Conference (PBC) has named soccer player Brian Young the Outstanding Male Student-Athlete of the Year. The award is presented annually to the graduating male and female student-athletes with the highest overall GPA.

Young was a three-year starter on the soccer team and graduated in May with his degree in mathematics and computer science and a 3.867 GPA. A team captain his senior season, he scored two goals, one a game-winner, from the midfield for the Braves.

He graduated summa cum laude and was named to the Chancellor's List for seven consecutive semesters and to the PBC Presidential Honor Roll four straight years.

Athletic Director Dan Kenney said the award is a great honor for Young and UNCP athletics.

"This is a great tribute for Brian, his family, the University and our coaches," Kenney said. "The mission statement of our athletic program is 'To prepare champions,'



A co-captain, Young excelled on the field, too.

and having a student-athlete receive this honor is a testimony that our goal is being fulfilled. I am proud of Brian's accomplishments and the support he received from Coach Schaeffer and his coaching staff."

Veteran Soccer Coach Mike Schaeffer said Young is most deserving of the honor.

"He set a great standard for the rest of the team in the classroom, and we take great pride in the fact that 11 men's soccer

players were named to the Peach Belt Conference honor roll," he said. "We wish Brian luck as he pursues his doctorate at the University of Central Florida."

A Fayetteville native, Young recently wed former UNCP volleyball player Jill Wilson. The newlyweds relocated to Florida, where Brian attends the University of Central Florida on a graduate fellowship, working on his doctorate in computer science.

A record 54 UNCP athletes were among 633 Peach Belt Conference students to earn a place on the conference's Presidential Honor Roll. This was good enough for third place in the conference for the 2002-2003 academic year.

Topping the honors list for UNCP were a record 11 men's soccer players. The student-athletes had to maintain a 3.0 GPA for the year.

The University of North Florida led the way in the PBC with 112 student-athletes on the list. UNCP was third with 58.

P.J. Smith wins leadership award

Wrestling Coach P.J. Smith has been named USA Wrestling's 2003 FILA Junior/University Leader of the Year. This is Smith's third award of 2003 after being named NCAA East Region Coach of the Year and UNCP's 2002-2003 Coach of the Year.

Smith was honored for his continuing efforts to promote and support USA Wrestling's Junior/University Division. This division primarily consists of the southern United States.

Over the summer, Smith, who is also aquatics director, served as director of the NCUSA Developmental Camp. He was assistant coach for the NCUSA Wrestling Junior and Cadet National Team at the Junior Nationals and directed the Lumbee Games' Swimming and Wrestling Championships during Lumbee Homecoming.

SID Rikki Cockrell on injured list

A two-sport performer in her undergraduate days, Sports Information Director (SID) Rikki Cockrell '01 was indestructible.

Cockrell, who was named SID on May 1, 2003, was sidelined this fall, recovering from injuries she sustained in a one-car accident September 23.

She sustained leg and internal injuries when her car went off the road during an early morning rainstorm. A 10-day hospital stay and two surgeries later, she recuperated at her parents' home in Rocky Mount.

Lightning struck twice this year at Jones Athletic Center. Intramural Coordinator Tony Chavis spent the summer and fall recovering from an auto accident. He directed programs from a wheelchair this fall.



While earning her master's degree in mathematics education, Cockrell was a graduate assistant coach with the women's basketball program and assistant to former SID Pamela Mason.

Cockrell lettered all four years in both softball and basketball, earning the Coach's Award in softball and Most Valuable Player honors in basketball in 2001.

Graduate Assistant Brent Hagar filled in during Cockrell's absence.

In an interview with *The Pine Needle*, Cockrell thanked the University community for its support following the accident.

"All the thoughts, prayers and support of faculty, staff and students were welcome," she said.

Cockrell said she is checking her e-mail at rikki.cockrell@uncp.edu. She was back on her feet and in action at the Jones Athletic Center by late fall.

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German Christoph Schiessl sizzled for the Braves

Braves get first-ever NCAA invitation

Before the start of the soccer season, veteran Coach Mike Schaeffer had more than the usual issues to deal with.

His team was picked to finish last in the Peach Belt, and he was making an unusual number of trips to the airport.

His fellow coaches' opinion of Schaeffer's 2003 squad was the least of his worries. Schaeffer was concerned with philosophical issues.

"I've got coaching issues that I've never faced before," the 24-year veteran said. "If we have injuries, I've got depth. I've got to worry about playing time issues."

This was last summer, when most observers were listening to Coach Schaeffer in disbelief.

Schaeffer and Assistant Coach Marco Genee assembled a mini-United Nations with six Germans, two Norwegians, two Brits, one Swede, one Spaniard and one Guatemalan.

Schaeffer also had some proven talent in returning all-conference goalkeeper Alex Hall, a four-year starter, and junior defender Graeme Little.

After a month of demolishing a host of non-conference opponents and racking up a goal margin of 34-4, Schaeffer had the best start in the history of Braves soccer. Skeptics were running for cover.

"Our entire team has done a tremendous job," Schaeffer said. "Some of our most competitive matches have come in scrimmages."

"The experience of the German players is tremendous," he added. "These are 21- and 22-year-old players with a lot of knowledge about the game."

Schaeffer kept his team together. "They've worked their butts off and given it all they had every day in practice," he said.

With the Braves breaking into the top 10 in national rankings, the last doubter was heard mumbling, "Wait 'till the Peach Belt."

After defeating Francis Marion and North Florida, there was one large question left — USC Spartanburg, ranked number two in the nation.

"Without a doubt, that match was the biggest game played in the history of the program," Schaeffer said.

Following a 2-1 OT loss, Hall, whose save on a penalty kick kept the Braves in the game, summed up the team's feelings. "We'll see them later."

The Braves rebounded to take second place in the Peach Belt, defeating Lander, Clayton and Aiken. Second place is the Braves' highest finish ever in any PBC sport.

At Press Time

The soccer team ended its historic season with two shootout losses to USC Spartanburg in the PBC tournament and to Carson Newman in the first round of the NCAAs. Officially, these games were recorded as ties.

Cover Photo

First row, from left: Manager Yoshi Yung, Mike Zindros, Jose Sanchez, Thomas Lindal, Christoph Schiessl and Tom Martin.

Second row, from left: Assistant Coach Marco Genee, Trond Myrland, Sascha Görres, Arthur Mellors, Veit Schaidinger, Ahmet Yenisen and Christian Gurgau.

Third row, from left: Alex Hall, Barat Killian, Eric Clark, John Cooper, Ryan Bethea and Chris Carson.

Fourth row, from left: Graeme Little, Dustin Shores, Austen Bittle, Eric Clark, Phil Holcomb, Greg Walters and Head Coach Mike Schaeffer.

Fifth row, from left: Chad Carlile, Rafa Parra Roman, Nic Henderson, Grace Musiitwa, Christian Kucklick, Avery Croteau and Joe Warrend.

Not pictured: Jan Wachsmuth.

The Lady Braves finished 13-4, 4-3 in the PBC, good enough for third place. Thirteen wins is the most ever for the three-year-old program.

Jewish temple's parting gift is to promote tolerance in its community

It was fitting that the last official act in the history of Lumberton's Jewish Temple Beth El was to promote racial and cultural harmony.

After discontinuing services about 10 years ago, Temple Beth El closed its books October 17, 2003 with a contribution of more than \$28,000 to the University to establish an endowment for an annual speaker series that will "address students at the campus on subjects and issues of racial tolerance, bigotry and discrimination that promotes harmony among races, cultures and nationalities."

The endowment is a permanent symbol of the remarkable story of the Jewish community here.

Synagogue Treasurer Al Kahn and N.C. Senator David Weinstein represented Temple Beth El.

"I cannot think of a better cause or a better place than the University to put this," Sen. Weinstein said.

"This gift is symbolic of the caring and dedicated nature of those who were members of Temple Beth El," said Chancellor Meadors. "It represents the true meaning of all faiths and the desire

for all of us to live together in peace and understanding."

Sen. Weinstein is a former UNCP trustee and maintains close ties to the University.



David Weinstein and Al Kahn with Chancellor Meadors

Family finds son had many friends on campus

Jason Wayne Hunt's life touched the lives of many others.

Hunt was a rising junior computer science major when he died in a May 2003 accidental drowning.

Family, fraternity brothers at Phi Sigma Nu and friends organized a golf tournament in August to raise funds for the Jason Wayne Hunt Endowed Memorial Scholarship. People came from near and far to play in the golf tournament to honor Jason and raised more than \$3,500 for the endowed scholarship in his name.

"The fraternity has been wonderful. They worked very hard on the project," said Sandra Hunt, Jason's mother. "People came from as far away as Raleigh and Wilmington to play."

The golf tournament was held Aug. 2, 2003 at Flag Tree Golf Course in Fairmont. The event was a success with 21 teams competing, and the family plans to make it an annual event.

Chancellor Meadors praised the effort behind the scholarship.

"Jason was an outstanding young man, and an endowed scholarship is a lasting tribute to his life," he said. "I cannot think of a better way to honor his legacy."

Jason and his older brother, Kenneth, who is a candidate for a master's of business administration (MBA) at UNCP, were members of Phi Sigma Nu, the campus' first Native American fraternity, established in 1996. Both were excellent students at UNCP and at South Robeson High School, where Jason graduated third in his class.

A sister, Marie, who is a nursing student at Robeson Community College, also survives Jason.

"The scholarship will be awarded to a student who shared Jason's dream of a college education," said his father, Larry Hunt.

The scholarship will go to a sophomore computer science major from Robeson County with a demonstrated financial need.

"Jason earned two scholarships that helped him attend the University, and the family feels that this scholarship will help other deserving students realize the dream of a better life through education," Ms. Hunt said.



The Hunt Family: From left, Larry Hunt, Marie Locklear, Chancellor Meadors, Sandra Hunt and Kenneth Hunt.

Lowry family honors parents with endowed scholarship

The sons and daughters of Burleigh and Pearlie Lowry have joined together to honor the memory of their parents with an endowed memorial scholarship at the University.

The Lowrys lived in the Harper's Ferry Community near Pembroke, where they raised 12 children and farmed 350 acres.

The Burleigh and Pearlie Lowry Endowed Memorial Scholarship is a perpetual scholarship. Revenue from the endowment will go to a student who has demonstrated financial need, preferably a resident of Robeson County and preferably a member or a relative of a member of Harper's Ferry Baptist Church.

Family members started the scholarship with gifts and pledges totaling \$15,000. They expect to continue building the endowment.

"We discussed the idea of a scholarship at family reunions, which we hold the

second weekend of October every year at the home place," said Burlin Lowry. "Everybody liked the idea."

Church and family were the cornerstones of the Lowry home, but they were also strong supporters of education in the community.

Mr. Lowry was a member of the school committee at Harper's Ferry Elementary School until 1939, when Pembroke High School was built as a separately operating high school from the Normal College. Pembroke High School was located on property adjacent to the Normal College property. Mr. Lowry then became a member of the school committee at Pembroke High School.

Later, when the new Union Elementary School was built near Hopewell, combining the Harper's Ferry and Hopewell elementary schools, Mr. Lowry switched to become a member of the Union Elementary school committee. He was



Burleigh and Pearlie Lowry



The Lowry Family: Surrounding Chancellor Meadors from left, Klyne, Nell, Odessa, Lycurous, Oceanus, Vanice and Burlin. Not pictured are Eurania and Wanda. Deceased siblings are Oberon, Learlene and Henry.

also superintendent of Harper's Ferry Baptist Church.

"Daddy was born in 1889 and took charge of the family farm when he was 12 years old," said Klyne Lowry. "He could not continue his education."

Odessa Lowry continued, "He was a World War I veteran," she said. "He and Mom married in 1920. They had seven boys and five girls."

Burleigh Lowry died in 1963, and Pearlie died in 1967, but their lives will be remembered eternally with this scholarship, Chancellor Meadors said.

"This is a great way to honor great people," he said. "This gift will help young people from the community for years to come."

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Schedule of Events:

Friday 2-20-04
6:30 - 8 PM

Registration
Lumbee Hall
8 PM
The Four Tops
GPAC

Saturday 2-21-04
9 - 10 AM

Late Registration
University Center (U.C.)
9 AM - Noon

**UNCP Golf Cart/
Walking Tours**
Old Main

Noon

Reunion Luncheon:
Class of 1999, 1994,
1979, 1954

U.C. Cafeteria
2 PM

**Women's Basketball vs.
Kennesaw**
4 PM

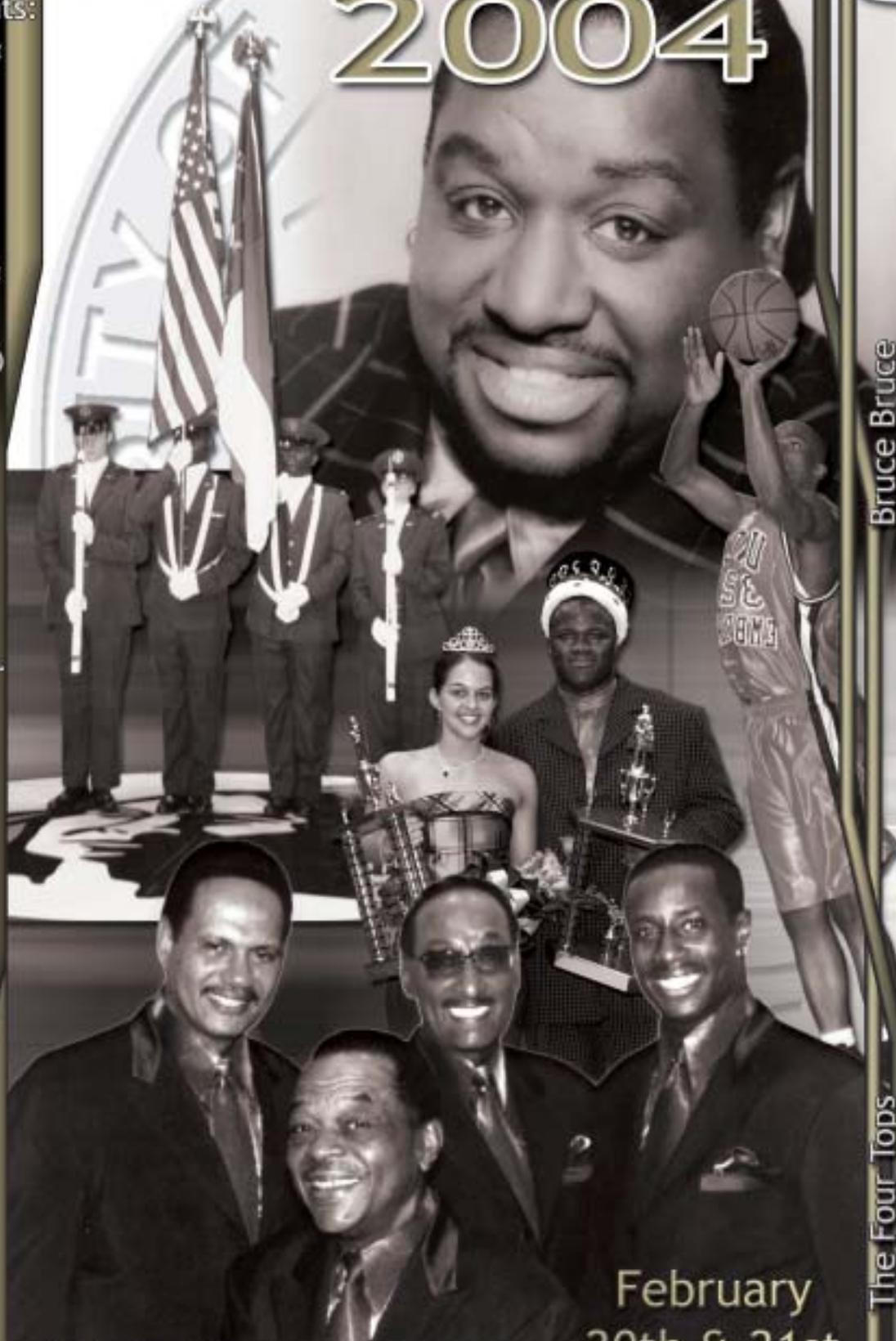
**Men's Basketball vs.
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6 - 8 PM

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8 PM

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1960s

Noah Woods '62 was appointed president of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. Woods was selected during the association's 96th annual conference held in Greensboro.

Breeden Blackwell '68 was named to the UNCP Board of Trustees (see page 2). He also won the Mid-Carolina Council of Government's M.H. Brock Award for outstanding work as a county commissioner for Cumberland County.

Mary P. Templeton '68, '85 and her husband moved to Myrtle Beach, S.C. She retired as principal of Tanglewood Elementary School on July 1 after more than 35 years in education.

Betty Nelson '69 serves on the Juvenile Justice Planning Committee for the Governor's Crime Commission in North Carolina.

1970s

Larry Ray Chavis '72 was appointed to the N.C. Banking Commission. Chavis is president and CEO of Lumbree Guaranty Bank. He serves on the board of directors of the Boy Scouts of America, the Cape Fear Council and the Lumber River Council of Governments.

Angela Mize Williams '72 is employed with Patrick Henry Community College as assistant professor of developmental English and as coordinator of the Writing Center.

Kathryn Person '73 retired from the N.C. Department of Corrections, Division of Community Corrections, in May 2002 after 28 years of service.

James Hardin '74 became executive director of the N.C. Indian Economic Development Initiative in Fayetteville on Nov. 1.

Leon Maynor '74, a Lumberton city councilman and an employee of the Public Schools of Robeson County, has been appointed to serve on the National League of Cities' Small Cities Council Steering Committee.

James Culler '75 received his doctorate in educational leadership. He is president of Patchwork Arts and operates the Children's Theatre of South Florida.

Hazel Perez '78 is technology manager at the Lumbree Regional Development Association's Head Start Program.

Penney Phipps '78 is vice president of operations at Troy Anixter.

Randy Hammonds '79, who has worked 24 years with the N.C. State Highway Patrol, has been promoted to lieutenant and transferred to Troop Headquarters in Monroe, N.C.



Wendy Jones '99 and the Fayetteville Alumni Chapter co-hosted the Soccer Tailgate on Oct. 4, 2003 during Parents Weekend. For more information, see "Chapter News" on page 14.

MARRIAGES

Debbie Humphrey Patterson '79 married L. Randall. They have two children enrolled at UNCP: Melissa Carol Rising, a freshman, and Michelle Lee Rising, who plans to graduate with her bachelor of science degree in nursing in May 2004.

1980s

Joseph Locklear '81 is Assessment Center coordinator for Cumberland County Schools. For 14 years, he led bands in Robeson County schools. He



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earned his master's of arts in education from UNCP and his doctorate from South Carolina State University. He led testing in the Public Schools of Robeson County before becoming Cumberland County's testing director two years ago.

Dwight Willoughby '81, formerly of Fairmont, has joined First National Bank's Southeast Financial Services Center as controller. Dwight is a Certified Public Accountant.

Tony N. Brown '85 served as Halifax County's human resources director for six years. He was promoted to the position of assistant county manager on March 1. Brown is also a captain in the Air Force Reserves, assigned to the 916 Air Refueling Wing at Seymour Johnson AFB. He currently resides in Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

Priscilla J. Maynor '85 was named senior assistant for communications and information for the Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh. She has worked with the Department of Public Instruction since 1995. She oversees the department's communications efforts.

Ernst V. Smitka '86 works for the U.S. Postal Service. He is married to Lorraine A. Fosco of New York. They are busy raising 10-year-old twins and reside in North Carolina.

Ed Drew '88 is the newly appointed pastor for Chocowinity United Methodist Church in Chocowinity, N.C.

Linda N. Gregory '88 announced that her daughter, Kelli, graduated with her master's of science degree in speech pathology from East Carolina University in May 2003. Her son, Erick, is a sophomore at UNCP.

Tim McNeill '88 graduated from the University of Iowa College of Law in May 2003. He completed a post-graduate fellowship in health plan management with the American Association of Health Plans in Washington, D.C., and in Albuquerque, N.M., in 1999. He graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with his master's degree in health administration in 1992. He practices corporate health care law with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield in Des Moines, Iowa. He married **Kimberly Herring McNeill '87, '95**. They have two children: Weston Cooper McNeill, 2, and Reese Camlin McNeill, 3.

MARRIAGES

Julie Barnes Herring '84 and W.L. Baxley Jr. were married June 28 in Lumberton. Julie works for Clayson Knitting Co. of Red Springs

BIRTHS

Wanda Whitmore Penner '89, '98 and Joseph Franklin Penner had their first child Nov. 27, 2002.

1990s

Barbara Dees Coble '90, '02 was awarded an honorable mention in the third annual Brady-Kendall Juried Art Exhibition. The award was from the Columbus County Arts Council and the Visual Arts Guild.

Melanie Strickland Hunt '91 works at Richmond Community College as a basic skills coordinator in Scotland County and is pursuing a master's in public administration at UNCP. She has two children, Cetera and Kayla. They reside in Pembroke.

Juandalynn Jones-Hunt '92, '95, '96 received the Guilford County Communities In Schools' J. William McGuinn Award.

Michael Joyner '92 has been a photo-journalist for WRAL-TV in the Fayetteville bureau for 11 years.

Dr. Brian M. Florita '93, Dr. Jason Locklear '95 and Dr. John Deese have opened chiropractic care practices in Red Springs and Pembroke.



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Chapter News

Fayetteville Chapter

The Fayetteville Alumni Chapter and the Alumni Relations Office co-hosted the Soccer Tailgate on Oct. 4, 2003 during Parents Weekend. The chapter is currently hosting a membership drive. Contact **Wendy Jones '99**, chapter president, at walowery1@yahoo.com for information.

Robeson Chapter

For information on joining this chapter, please e-mail fhlocklear@aol.com. The Robeson County Alumni Chapter meets every fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. in Room 213 of the University Center.

Scotland Chapter

Chapter president Marcia Coble was instrumental in establishing the UNCP "Alumni Spotlight" on the WLNC radio station in Laurinburg. Tune in daily to hear alumni news.



Chancellor's Club Dinner, Oct. 16, 2003: Honored for service were Advisory Board members, from left, **Harvey Godwin '91, Henry Lewis '73, Cherry Beasley, Barbara Meadors, James Ebert, Chancellor Meadors and Gene Hall '71, past president.**



Floyd Locklear '86, president of the Robeson Alumni Chapter, at the Soccer Tailgate Party on Oct. 4.

Gary Strickland Jr. '93 is community and economic development director for the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

Edwina Young '93 was one of 10 recipients to receive the prestigious Shaklee Teacher Award, which recognizes the country's outstanding teachers of children with disabilities.

Stephanie Garner '94 is working at Bladenboro Middle School as an assistant principal. Before pursuing her master's degree in school administration, she earned National Board Certification in 1999. She plans to graduate from Fayetteville State University in 2004.

Clayton S. Alexander '95 is associate director of Admissions and director of Village 401 at Greensboro College.

Rick Dial '96 has received his National Board Certification. Rick is a teacher at Peterson Elementary in Red Springs.

Marsha Thomas '98 received her master's degree in physical therapy from East Carolina University. She is employed with Lenoir Memorial Hospital.

Randal A. Foster '99 has been elected to a two-year term to the executive board of the North Carolina Career Development Association. He also serves as chair of the association's Government Relations Committee. He is a state- and nationally certified counselor. Randal is a career counselor for

Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst and maintains a private counseling practice in Southern Pines.

Bridget Dial Hunt '99 is a counselor at the Baptist Children's Home Facility. She works with troubled children at the Odum Home in Pembroke.

Laura Lawyer '99 has completed the requirements for state licensure as a clinical social worker. She works as a school social worker with Cabarrus County Schools.

Renee Merion '99 is pursuing her master's degree in education with a concentration in English at Minot State University.

Betty Johnson Roberts '99 retired from the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention as chief court counselor in Wake County on March 31.



Lawyer

MARRIAGES

Angela Cox Aqrabawi '91 married Ahmad Aqrabawi on April 22 in Amman, Jordan. She is a National Board-Certified teacher with Cumberland County Schools.

William F. Deese '91 and Tina Marie Locklear and were married May 31. The groom is a teacher at Purnell Swett High School.

Millicent Celeste Strickland '91 and James R. Locklear were married Sept. 6 in Fairmont.

Jennifer Marie Britt '96 and Terry Keith Stone were married July 12 at Lumber River State Park.

Christopher Garrett Hicks '96 and Kellie Regina Evers were married May 17 in Red Springs.

Kelly Dean Chavis '98 and **Shandora Lynn Locklear '02** were married April 26 in Lumberton. Kelly is employed with Unilever HPC-NA as an analytical chemist. Shandora is a youth development specialist with the Public Schools of Robeson County.

LaShanda L. Lennon '98 and Gerald James Mosby were married May 17 in Fairmont. LaShanda works for the Texas Department of Child Protective Services.

Bridget A. Dial '99 and Julian Monroe Hunt were married June 21. The bride works for Odum Home.

Renee Lewter Merion '99 married Daniel Merion, a former U.S. Marine and now senior airman in the U.S. Air Force, in Las Vegas on Aug. 19. They reside on Minot AFB, N.D.

Hope Renee Norris '99 and Richard Martin Hunt were married at Unity Christ Church on May 31. Hope works for New Hanover County Public Schools.

BIRTHS

Kelvin Oxendine '90 and **Dinah Hunt Oxendine '93** are the proud parents of Jacob Brendan. He was born Aug. 23, 2002.

Whitney VanZandt Jones '91 and **Barry Edward Jones '90** announced the birth of Blair Elizabeth on Jan. 24. Blair's proud older brother, Bryce, is 3.

Robert Williamson '92 and wife Amy announced the birth of their first son, John Russ, on Feb. 11.

Roger Locklear '93 and **Anita Locklear '98** announced the birth of their daughter, Natalie, on Jan. 14 in Raleigh.

James '93 and **Kirstie '95 Jorgensen** announced the birth of their daughter, Sara Elise, on Feb. 1. The couple also has a son, John.

Kimberly Norbeck Evans '94 and her husband, Eric, announced the birth of their fourth child, Kenneth Eric Evans, on April 29. Their children include Austin Evans, 9, Alexis Evans, 7, and Brittany Ruthanne Evans, 2. Kimberly is a regional manager for Spherion, a national staffing agency.

Dana L. Ramseur '95, husband Dolph



and their son, Dolan, welcomed a new baby, Evan. Dana recently began working with the Southern Shows of Charlotte as an inside sales representative for the Women's Show Series Division.

Jason S. Bentzler '96 announced the birth of his second son, Camden Scott Bentzler, on June 5. His first son, Casey Harrison Bentzler, was born Feb. 14, 2000.



Cara Parnell '96 and Neil Parnell welcomed the birth of their son, William Neil Parnell IV, on May 13, 2002.

Tami Robertson '97 and Trent Robertson announced the birth of their son on May 14.

Rebecca Brown Raxter '97 and husband, Lee, welcomed their first child, Andrew Lee, on June 5, 2002.

T. Kevin Crawford '98 and his wife, Jennifer, announced the birth of their daughter, Kaitlyn Mia Crawford, on April 14.

Katherine L. White '98 and William White had their first baby girl, Ivy Claire, on Oct. 12, 2002. William was promoted to sergeant major in the U.S. Army in November 2002.

Anita Lynn Jacobs Locklear '98 and Roger Ray Locklear had a baby girl, Natalie Renay Locklear, on Jan. 14.

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EDUCATORS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Hunt

John D. Bryant '85 earned National Board Certification in Young Adult Science/ Chemistry in December 2002. He is the only National Board-Certified teacher in Richmond County Schools.

Felicia Hunt '88 of Purnell Swett High School is Robeson County's Teacher of the Year for 2003-2004. Hunt has been a marketing teacher since 1995.

Kay Thompson '89 has been named Teacher of the Year for Brunswick County, where she teaches fifth grade at Waccamaw Elementary School. Thompson, who lives in Holden Beach, N.C., began teaching 15 years ago.



Thompson

Jamie Darian Brown '98 was recently voted Teacher of the Year at North Moore High School, where he teaches language arts and writing. On April 30, he received the Teacher of the Year Award for Moore County at a special banquet held at Pinehurst Country Club. He received \$2,100 and a laptop computer. Jamie earned his National Board Certification in 2003. He is married to **Heidi Williams Brown '01**.



Brown

Tracie Taylor '92 was named N.C. High School Basketball Coach of the Year. Tracie is a former standout point guard for UNCP. She is the girl's basketball coach at 71st High School in Fayetteville, which won the 2003 state championship. Tracie scored 1,340 points in her career at UNCP and was an all-district and an all-conference player her senior year.

Brian Freeman '92, a second-grade teacher at Peterson Elementary School, has been recognized as one of five finalists for the Horace Mann National Education Association Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence. Brian will receive \$10,000 for his nomination and will compete for a \$25,000 cash award in December.



Freeman

Heidi Williams Brown '01 teaches sixth grade at Highfalls Elementary School. She received the Extra Mile Award for her dedication to students. She married **Jamie Darian Brown '98**.

2000s

Scott Alan Dreyer '00 is program director for Volunteers for Youth in Hillsborough, N.C.

Michelle Terry Huffman '00 was named softball and cross country coach at Gray's Creek High School.

Clay Vinson Locklear '00 received his master's in health administration from UNC Charlotte in May 2003. He is employed with Carolinas Health Care System in Charlotte as practice manager for the Children's Specialty Center and Blumenthal Oncology Associates.

Shane Brown '01 is a resident counselor for the Methodist Home for Children.

Kathryn Shipman Burch '01 is employed with the Robeson County Department of Social Services as an adult protective services investigator, social worker III.

Jutta Renee Gleaves-Robinson '01 was recently promoted to residential coordinator for Crest in Fayetteville. The company provides housing, life skills and job training for adults with developmental disabilities.

Barry Graham '01, a student in East Carolina University's physician assistant program, is the 2003 recipient of the N.C. Academy of Physician Assistants Scholarship.

Patrick Strickland '01 is a public relations specialist with the Lumbee Tribe.

Lee Thaxton '01 graduated from East Carolina University in 2002 with his master's of business administration.

Tina B. Goodwin '02 is a sexual assault response team coordinator and counselor. She received an award from the N.C. Coalition Against Sexual Assault on Sept. 3 that honored her work to increase awareness of sexual assault in her community.

Rhesa Grady '02 is a loan officer at First Metropolitan Mortgage Company in Asheville, N.C.

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2004 Alumni Calendar

Keith A. Murchison Sr. '02 took a full-time position as disease intervention specialist with the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services on June 18. He works out of the department's Fayetteville office.

Matthew Perkins '02 is working on his doctorate in teacher education at the University of Tennessee. He also works for the university's education and engineering departments as a graduate teaching assistant.

Kelli Wallace '02 won the title of Miss Fayetteville 2003. Kelli was Miss UNCP 1999. She plans to pursue a master's degree in elementary education and administration.

Eric Alsop '03 accepted a head coaching position with Limestone College's men's soccer team. Alsop assisted UNCP Soccer Coach Mike Schaeffer for the past two seasons.

Ashley Bennett '03 joined the Holiday Inn Bordeaux as a sales representative. She is a native of Fayetteville.

MARRIAGES

Andrea S. Locklear '00 and Brian Simmons will marry Dec. 27. Brian is a construction engineer with Dupont in Virginia. Andrea will complete medical school in 2005 and plans to practice locally.

Margaret Maynor '00 and Alan Chapman, both of Franklin, were married June 14 in Red Springs. Margaret works in an attorney's office.

Karrie Beth Sampson '00 and Craig Locklear were married June 28. Karrie is employed with the Public Schools of Robeson County. Craig is employed with Campbell Soup of Maxton.

Kevin Scott Walton '00 and Mary Elizabeth Britt were married July 12. The groom works for Franklin County Schools.

Shereta LaRue Mclver '01 and Rodney Ellis Jenkins, both of Columbia, S.C., were married June 21. Shereta works at the S.C. Department of Mental Health.

Heather Lowry '01 and **Gregory Jacobs '02** were married Aug. 16. Heather is the daughter of Beverly Lowry, game room manager at UNCP. Heather is in the accelerated bachelor's of science in nursing program at Duke University's School of Nursing. Gregory is employed at the State Employee's Credit Union in Raleigh.

Kenneth Radford '01 and **Nakecia Locklear** were married Aug. 16.

Alycia Locklear '01 and **Ryan Revels '99** were married Nov. 16, 2002. Alycia is a teacher with the Public Schools of Robeson County. Ryan is human resource benefits manager with Robeson Health Care Corporation.

Kimberly Renee Jones '02 and Phillip Wayne Hunt were married June 7. The bride works with Coordinated Health Services. The groom is employed with Duke Fluor Daniels of Greensboro.

Sarah Cummings '02 of Lumberton and Casey Sears of Forest City were married Aug. 30 in Rutherfordton, N.C. Sarah works for Planned Parenthood of Greensboro. Casey is employed with the National Motor Company.

Karrye Patrice Bullard '03 and Matthew James Chadwick, both of Bladenboro, were married June 7. Karrye works with Bladen County Schools. Matthew works with Bladen County.

Joanna Dawn Kinlaw '03 and Derek Miles were married June 14 in Lumberton. The bride is volunteer coordinator for Community Home Care and Hospice of Robeson County. The groom is employed with Simmons Heat and Air in Laurinburg.

December 2003

- 4-6 Alumni Travel, "The Miracle of Christmas," Amish County
- 12 Holiday Drop-In at the Chancellor's Residence
- 13 Alumni Travel, Seven-Day Western Caribbean Cruise

February 2004

15-21 Homecoming 2004!

- 20 Registration - 6:30 - 8 p.m., Lumbee Hall
- 21 Campus Tours - 9 a.m. - Noon, Old Main
Reunion Luncheon - Noon, U.C. Cafeteria
Women's Basketball vs. Kennesaw - 2 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Kennesaw - 4 p.m.
Alumni Awards Banquet - 6 p.m., U.C. Cafeteria
Alumni Dance - 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., U.C. Lounge

March 2004

- 19-22 Alumni Travel, Macon, Ga.,
Cherry Blossom Festival

April 2004

- 18 Alumni Travel, Australia and New Zealand

May 2004

- 29-June 10 Alumni Travel, Norwegian Wind
Hawaii Cruise

June 2004

- 22-27 Alumni Travel, Black Hills
Tour of Indian Culture and History

July 2004

- 24-31 Alumni Travel,
Western Canada Highlights

September 2004

- 14 Alumni Travel, English Countryside

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Tamara Anne Oxendine '03 and Kevin Hunt were married June 7 at the home of Jonathan and Kathy Hunt in Fairmont. The bride works for Great State Insurance. The groom attends Lumberton Truck Driving Academy.

Jessica Renee Hunt '03 and Kary Lee Wilkins, both of Lumberton, were married July 26.

BIRTHS

Malcolm C. Cosby '02, a police officer with the Fayetteville Police Department, has a new baby girl, Lauren Ashley Cosby, born Aug. 22.

Legacies honored with ceremony, pin

Alumni "legacies" were honored at the first-ever banquet this fall.

A University legacy is the child of a graduate, and 28 freshman legacies enrolled at the University this fall — a record! The Office of Alumni Relations hosted the students and their parents at a dinner and pinning ceremony at the Givens Performing Arts Center on campus.

Alumni Director Lorna McNeill Ricotta said the event highlights the growing importance of UNCP alumni.

"We can't overestimate the importance of recognizing our alumni and students for choosing UNCP as a family tradition," Ricotta said. "Instead, we must celebrate the legacy as a testament to the outstanding education and quality college life offered at UNCP."

A special pin was created for the event, which will become an annual tradition.

"The pin contains the University seal with a red border, symbolizing the bloodlines of our graduates being passed down to the next generation," Ricotta said.

"As the University grows, our alumni become a more important life force for us," she added. "The large number of legacies at the University speaks to the growing importance of tradition at UNCP."

A separate program will be held later in the year for legacies who are upperclassmen.

"Now that the recognition has been established, we want to ensure that every student who is eligible gets pinned in an effort to continue the tradition," Ricotta said.

To learn more, call (910) 521-6533, go to www.uncp.edu/alumni or e-mail alumni@uncp.edu.



Campaign to help servicemen started by friend of UNCP

Marty Baldwin of Fayetteville, mother of two UNCP graduates, **Carol '84** and **Beth '86**, and an active friend of and donor to the University, was featured in the October issue of



Marty Baldwin, left, and Loretta Wood, an 'Operation Sweatsuit' volunteer

Military Officer magazine. Baldwin organized a national campaign to send necessary items to soldiers who arrive at the Landstuhl Military Hospital in Germany from Afghanistan, Iraq, Africa and other countries.

To become involved, please contact Landstuhl Regional Army Medical Center, CMR 402, Chaplain's Office, APO AE 09180 Attn: Loretta Wood, Operation Sweatsuit.

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Channing Jones sends word from under the sea

■ **The following is a letter from Channing Jones '99 to Biology Professor Bonnie Kelley.**

Hi Dr. Kelley,

This is your long-lost student, who has found himself 60 feet underwater in a place called Aquarius. I am currently on a 10-day mission, and we are on day seven with the National Undersea Research Center here in Key Largo, Fla.

I am having a great time and getting tons of data from the experiments that I am running. It is absolutely amazing to spend so much time underwater. You actually start to feel incorporated into the natural environment. The fish and invertebrates don't seem to mind that we are here and go about their natural, everyday routines. I have seen so many amazing and spectacular things that I really do not know where to begin. I have seen mass feeding frenzies of tuna, barracuda, snapper, groupers and many other fish species. Yesterday, I swam with a

7-foot nurse shark and glided on a 4-foot-wide stingray this morning. Aquarius is an amazing place, and I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to be here. Only a handful of scientists and divers have participated in Aquarius missions, and I think I am the first Native American. Our Web site is www.uncw.edu/aquarius.



Channing at work

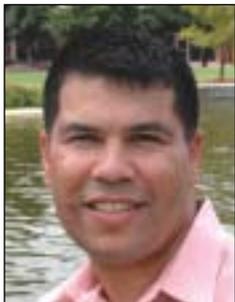
Mom (**Dr. Diane Jones, '71** vice chancellor for Student Affairs) tells me that there is a major renovation in progress to the science building. I am still working

on my project with hydroids to determine the prevalence of nematocyst vs. a noxious chemical defense. During the summers, I work very hard to set up field experiments to test hydroids and their associated compounds against potential predators. I spend a lot of time in my chemistry lab trying to isolate and structurally elucidate the novel compounds I am finding. I received a three-year Ford Foundation Fellowship last year that should conclude all the funding for the remainder of my graduate career.

I am engaged to **Emily Love '01**, who is in the computing center at UNCP, and we are getting married in April. I have also been a speaker at many national meetings from benthic ecology to pharmacognosy (pharmaceutical applications of natural products). I will be presenting in Puerto Rico in mid-October and in Miami, Fla., in late October. I really hope things are going well for you.

Thanks for everything, and I hope to hear from you soon. — *Channing*

James Hunt '99 working on next degree from UNCP



When he graduated with his mathematics degree, James Hunt was already an ordained minister, Marine, husband and father.

Hunt did not slow down after graduation, attending Indiana University through the Graduate Minority Achievers Program (GMAP). Upon receiving his master's degree in mathematics in December 2001, he returned home.

"I was born and raised in Robeson County, and I will retire here," Hunt said. "I want to give back to my community."

Hunt will graduate in May 2004 with his master's degree in school administration. He is assistant principal at South Robeson High School, takes night classes at the University and is a father for the second time.

After a short break from school, Hunt plans to return to University life for a doctorate. — *Sheri Sides*

Omega Jones' radio voice known throughout region

When Omega speaks, people listen — on 100,000-watt Oldies 96.5. For more than 20 years, radio personality Omega Jones has gone from spinning records to playing eight tracks to clicking the mouse on a computer.

"When I first started in radio, I had to deal with records and needles," Jones said.

At UNCP, Margaret Omega Jones was a cheerleader and an ROTC cadet.

At Foxy 99 in Fayetteville, she was known as "The Juice." While Foxy 99 may have a different audience than Oldies 96.5, Omega, who is married with three children, remains the same.

"I still have my attitude," she said. — *Sheri Sides*



'JC' was everywhere at once on campus



Worthington, left, with Abdul Ghaffar, '90 Director of Student Activities

December graduate **John Carroll "JC" Worthington '03** was one of the most recognizable figures on campus.

"I usually get up about 4 a.m. and run with ROTC to stay in shape," he said. "And after that, I do

grounds-keeping work at the University Courtyard Apartments."

Five days a week, he works as night manager at the University Center from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. A scant few hours later, his day starts again.

New Alumni

He is active in SGA, the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, the Campus Association of Social Workers, several honor societies and a social fraternity.

JC has also been heavily involved in the Leadership and Service Opportunities Program (LSOP), which coordinates student volunteer and community services programs, said LSOP director Melanie Clark.

"First of all, JC is an inspiration for all of us," Clark said. "He epitomizes the ideal of student leadership. He is a key member of our program and has participated and helped recruit student volunteers."

JC served 26 years in the U.S. Army, retiring as a sergeant major.

"I enjoyed seeing the world, but I always thought I missed something by not going to college," he said.

He will graduate from UNCP with his degree in social work and wants to work with a hospice program.

JC is thankful for the help UNCP has provided.

"From the groundskeepers to the Chancellor, no one has ever denied me assistance," JC said. "The help is there; you just have to ask for it."

JC, who has children ranging in age from 9 to 43, thinks there is one more thing that sets him apart from other students.

"I believe I'm the oldest student registered."

JC, 66, said with a characteristic grin. - Sherri Sides

What's New?



Alumni may submit new information about retirements, births, marriages and job changes by completing this form. We want the information for the purposes of maintaining your permanent alumni record and publishing Alumni Notes in the UNCP *Today* magazine. Mail your information to Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 1510, Pembroke, NC 28372. The deadline for the next issue is March 1, 2004.

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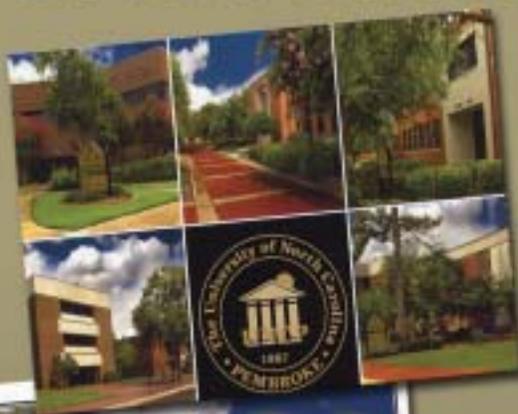
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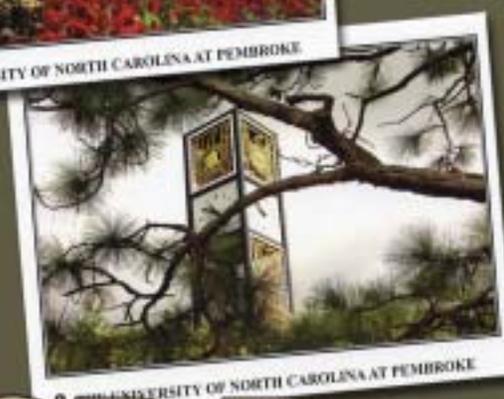
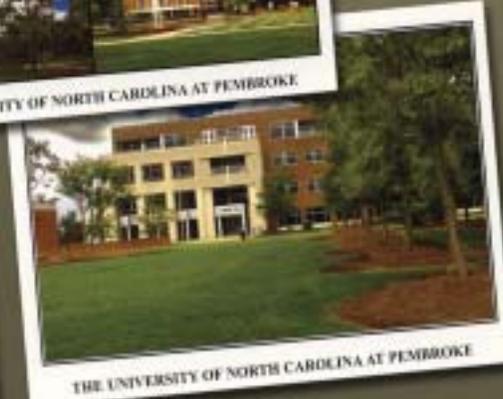
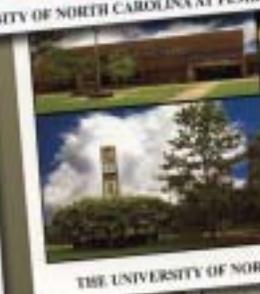
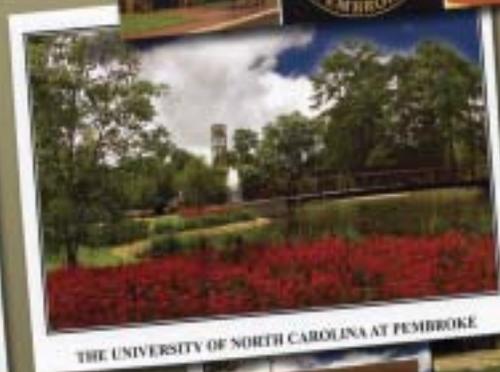
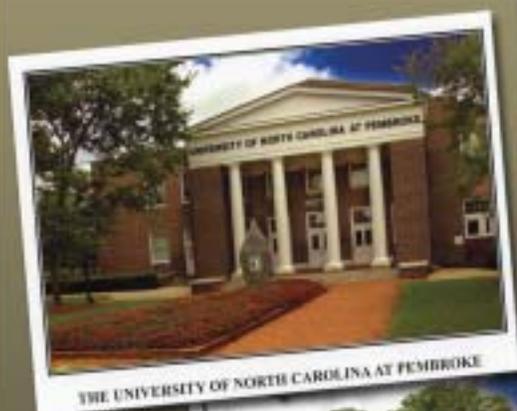
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Arrowhead secrets revealed

The Indian head on the front of this great stone arrowhead, has become a symbol of the spirit of the University.

1959 Indianhead

The Arrowhead was built by J. Hampton Rich (1874-1949), a newspaper owner from Mocksville, N.C., who erected 358 stone monuments across America from 1913 to 1938, according to Everett Gary Marshall, his biographer.

“Mr. Rich,” Marshall writes, “was a Good Roads advocate. The initial objective was to bring public sentiment to bear on state legislators to improve highways. He’d convince town leaders that what the town needed was a Daniel Boone marker. Money would be raised, he’d build the marker and off he’d go to the next town.”

Rich also raised monuments to other American heroes, including Chief Sequoia. UNCP’s marker has a Sequoia tablet on one side and a buffalo trail marker on the other. “The Buffalo Trail marker is supposedly there to identify original Buffalo traces that were then used by Native Americans and early colonists, that eventually became routes for modern highways,” Marshall said. “The UNCP marker has been registered in our database as monument no. 136. That is, I have documented 136 original sites, of which 47 still survive with a monument and/or marker.”

Although its exact construction date has never been determined (probably in the 1930s), UNCP’s Arrowhead has been moved twice since it was erected. It was originally located on the Quad between Old Main and Sampson Hall. The Arrowhead was rebuilt after the first move. In November 1985, it was moved directly in front of Old Main where it rests today.



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