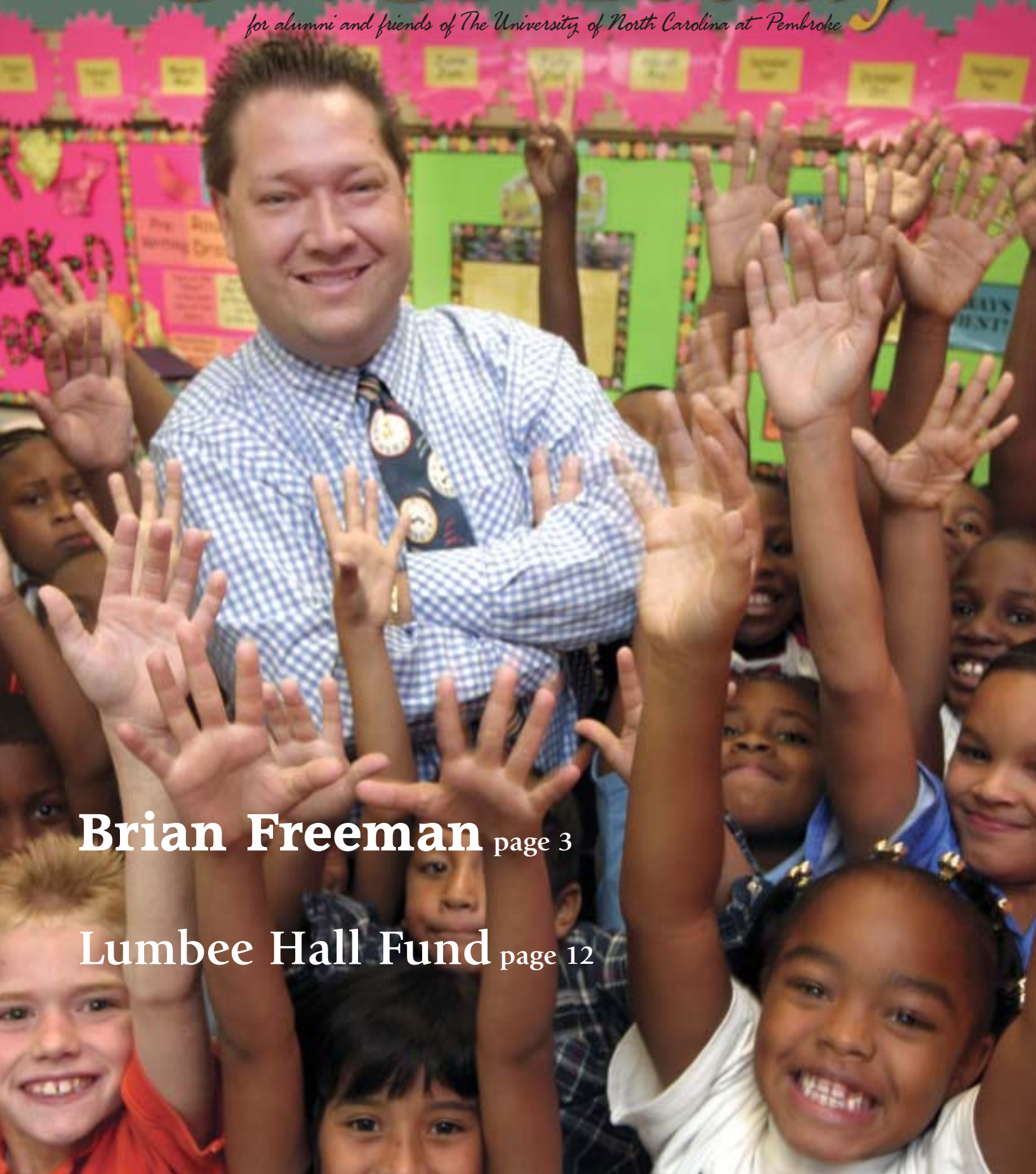


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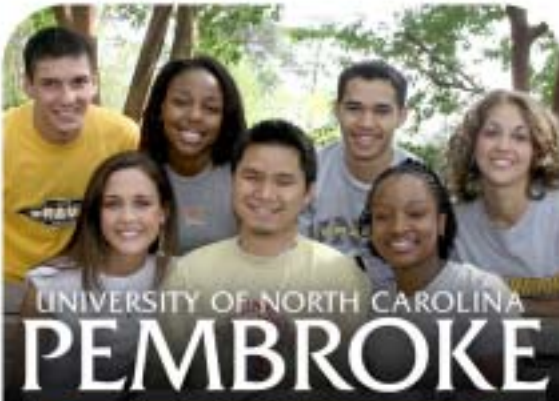
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The University of North Carolina at **Pembroke** is burgeoning with successes on a national level, making us a premier regional university. While writing this address to you — UNCP's alumni, donors and friends — I received word that *U.S. News & World Report* ranked UNCP as one of America's best universities in four categories of its 2005 edition of "America's Best Colleges." Another national nod was given to UNC Pembroke when we were selected as one of only four universities in the nation to join an American Association of State Colleges and

Universities program funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to promote an integrated approach to engagement for universities and their surrounding communities (see story on page 8).

UNC Pembroke recently completed its first video marketing piece to feature its academic excellence and economic impact to worldwide audiences. The 11-minute video's audio was translated into Spanish and Chinese and has received much acclaim. This video, featuring Senator Elizabeth Dole, UNC President Molly Broad, state Senator David Weinstein, others and myself, may be viewed at UNCP's Web site at [www.uncp.edu](http://www.uncp.edu).

As the University continues to grow its enrollment, beautify its campus and gain more national attention, its core mission will remain unchanged. UNCP will always be a campus with an unyielding commitment to students and the pursuit of knowledge, and will create a better world by educating future leaders. UNC Pembroke will celebrate and honor its diversity and continue to make stronger partnerships within the Town of Pembroke and its surrounding communities. In essence, UNC Pembroke demonstrates academic excellence and serves the citizens of its region as a resource for economic and professional growth.

Alumni are UNC Pembroke's most valuable assets. You represent a set of possibilities for the future and a tie to the University's traditions — its past, its culture, its life — and its evolution. We welcome your active participation on the campus of your alma mater. Please plan now to attend an athletic or GPAC event, and gather old college friends together for a visit to campus during Homecoming weekend in February 2005!

*Allen C. Meadors*

Allen C. Meadors, Ph.D., FACHE  
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# Brian Freeman

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# Brian Freeman Makes the Grade in

In his first year teaching, Tommy O'Briant "Brian" Freeman II was teacher of the year for Oxendine Elementary School. In his second year, he was named teacher of the year for the Public Schools of Robeson County.

He has won many awards since then, including the 2003 National Education Association (NEA) Teacher of the Year Award. He is, as one of his students puts it, "the boss with the hot sauce."

The 1992 UNCP graduate had the opportunity to demonstrate his skills as keynote speaker at the 2004 Convocation on Sept. 1. Now the entire University understands why he is one of America's best teachers.

**"After meeting that class, I wondered if the teacher wasn't taking a much-needed vacation," he said. "I guess it was fair to say they taught me more in the first week than I taught them."**

Freeman told an audience of 800 that he was not always a teacher. As a broadcasting major at UNCP, "I could already see my name in lights. I was confident I was destined to be the next Dan Rather or the male version of Oprah Winfrey."

The only highlight of Freeman's broadcasting career was a "world record for the most rejection letters," he said. It was the media's loss.

A substitute teaching job was a way to pay bills at first, but a five-week stint in the fourth grade changed Freeman's life.

"After meeting that class, I wondered if the teacher wasn't taking a much-needed vacation," he said. "I guess it was fair to say they taught me more in the first week than I taught them."

**"One girl named Kayla said, 'Mr. Freeman, I am going to quit school if I have to write my multiplication facts one more time',"** Freeman said. **"That was the beginning of the multiplication train."**

The class of 29 students was crammed "wall to wall" into a singlewide trailer. As the days went by, something just clicked.

"There was something I liked about these children. I became attached to them, and they started to learn a little," he said. "I dumped thousands of worksheets into the trash and relied on my creativity and innovation to inspire these students."

Two things happened during Freeman's encounter with the fourth grade that hooked him for life. The first was a lesson about the relationship between fun and learning.

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The multiplication train was a combination multiplication rap and the opportunity to ride the "Soul Train" if a student answered his or her questions correctly.

"The children were so excited and motivated to learn, so I tried other things," he said. "The children didn't even know they were learning."

Freeman's creativity in the classroom is legendary. As part of lesson plans, he has portrayed a full cast of characters, including Little Red Riding Hood's grandmother, the Hamburglar and the Nutty Professor.

Before becoming a teacher, Freeman was creative, intelligent and charismatic, but teaching made him feel good. The second lesson he learned in the fourth grade was even more powerful.

"We had one student in the class named Isaiah (not his real name). I'm pretty sure his name came from the other place, not the Bible, but I made friends with him," Freeman said. "On the last day of substi-

tuting in the class, Isaiah told me, 'I don't want you to go because people don't treat me as smart as you do.'

"This special moment and touching statement left an enduring impression on me," he added. "I no longer had to star in a more important adventure than in the classroom, which has become a lifelong venture for me."

Freeman said he left that classroom and came to UNCP for teacher certification.

"Yes, I had plans for my life, but I didn't know what life had planned for me," he told the Convocation audience. "When you choose a career, or a career chooses you, you must be passionate about it; it must be a calling."

"I am a successful educator today because of my passion and the great experience I had at UNCP," he added. "Remember, you must first be a successful student in order to be a successful alumni!"

A second-grade teacher at Peterson Elementary School in Red Springs, Freeman spoke at length about the positive influence UNCP had on him as an undergraduate student, a graduate student and as an alumnus.

Since receiving the NEA award, Freeman has traveled 20,000 miles to share his message. There has also been time to reflect on many things, such as the nature of humility.

"Students taught me to be a teacher," he said.

"When you teach second grade, the honesty of a 7-year-old really keeps you straight," Freeman added. "Not every lesson works, and no matter how good you think you are, you can always be better."

# Education



Freeman presents his check to establish his endowed scholarship.

For the future, "Teaching is what I want to do," he said. "I am working on a book right now."

The next step for Freeman is to put all his creative energy and all his incredible talent for teaching into a manual that will inspire other teachers. This project is part of the growing Freeman legacy.

His legacy looms large with his students at Peterson Elementary School. Freeman never misses his students' Little League baseball games, and he visits every student during the summer, "just to see how they are doing and if they need anything."

In Red Springs, Freeman is leaving his mark as an elected town commissioner. At UNCP, he stays involved through alumni activities and through giving. He recently established the Brian Freeman Endowed Scholarship for Teaching Excellence.

"I am the first teacher from North Carolina to win the NEA Teaching Excellence Award and the first UNCP graduate to win it," he said. "But I am also proud of this scholarship because it will help others get into the teaching profession." ■

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## Q & A

**Q** You said you have a book in progress. Can you share a little about this project?

**A** I believe it is the responsibility of teacher-leaders to mentor and to support young folks who are considering a teaching career. My book will share my experiences and award-winning lessons/units of study with educators. I want my book's readers to be inspired, but to have real, practical and useful lessons and ideas they can take back to their classrooms. The goal of my book is to inspire teachers to motivate students to learn and increase student achievement.

## Q & A

**Q** You are widely praised for making learning fun for children. Describe your classroom style for our readers.

**A** I will do whatever it takes to motivate my students to learn, even if this means dressing up as a silly character to teach a lesson. Sometimes I turn a lesson into a rap song and will dance on top of a desk to get my students' attention. I take textbook lessons and worksheets and design hands-on games that students enjoy playing. Besides having fun, I want my students to experience three emotions when they enter my class: happiness, love and the wish to learn.

**Q** You choose to teach in low-wealth schools. What challenges does this environment present?

**A** I chose to teach in my community because I saw a need to make a difference at home. Rural schools represent almost half the total public school population, yet we receive only 20 percent of federal funding. My students have many obstacles in their lives, but I won't let education be an obstacle for them. Rather than allowing them to be impoverished by their environment, I teach them to be empowered by their experiences. The most valuable lesson is teaching my students that despite their race or economic status, they should love learning and love themselves.

**Q** Will you remain in the classroom?

**A** There's nothing greater than being a teacher. I will always be involved in public education in some form. I am happy now with my career and have no immediate plans to leave the classroom. As I grow older, I do see the importance of being an effective teacher-leader. I hope I can use my experiences and leadership in the future to influence change and to help educate our legislators and policy makers about what we need to make great teachers and great public schools for every child!

## Artist Tarleton Blackwell invited to the White House



Art Professor Tarleton Blackwell was invited to the White House on May 17 as the guest of first lady Laura Bush to be honored for his participation in the Art in Embassies program.

It is the program's 40th anniversary, and Blackwell, the Martha Beach Endowed Chair in Art, was also the guest of Secretary of State Colin Powell at a State Department reception.

President George W. Bush praised the program for spreading American ideals and values around the globe.

"This outstanding program places the art of hundreds of American artists into our embassies around the world," President Bush said. "These works communicate the values and diversity of the people of the United States, as well as the aspirations and hope common to all people."

Howard Franklin Jeter, U.S. ambassador to Nigeria, requested Blackwell's life-size group portrait titled "The Unity Series II: Sisterhood." It is a large oil-on-canvas painting that was displayed in the ambassador's residence in Lagos, Nigeria from 2001 to 2003.

"Unity Series II" represents young girls dressed in costumes symbolizing four Pan-Hellenic sororities in the setting of the historic Mann-Simons Cottage Museum of African-American Culture in Columbia, S.C.

This summer, Professor Blackwell's works were on display at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta and on a national tour titled "Thinking with Blood: Conflict and Culture in the American South." The exhibition was in Asheville, N.C., for three months ending June 20.

The exhibition encompassed three decades of contemporary American art that explored issues of identity, racism and Southern stereotypes. The tour was in New York City at the Dorsky Gallery, July 5 through August 30.

A Manning, S.C., native, Blackwell joined the faculty at UNCP in 2003 and teaches painting. ■

## Dr. Valenti presents the first biography of Sophia Hawthorne



Dr. Patricia Valenti's newest book on Nathaniel Hawthorne's wife shatters long-held beliefs about the author and the woman who profoundly influenced his life and art.

Dr. Valenti's book, "Sophia Peabody Hawthorne: A Life, Volume 1, 1809-1847," holds the lives of Hawthorne and his wife up to the light of modern scholarship.

Dr. Valenti has studied Hawthorne and his family for most of her academic career. In her second book on the first family of American literature, she offers fresh insight into the private side of the author's life.

An English professor and coordinator of the graduate program in English Education, Dr. Valenti is an outstanding scholar and teacher, winning the 2004 UNC Board of Governors Award



for Excellence in Teaching. She has been on the faculty since 1984.

In "Sophia Peabody Hawthorne," Dr. Valenti places the story of Sophia's life within its own context and within the context of her marriage. Dr. Valenti begins the book with parallel biographies of Sophia and Nathaniel at comparable periods in their lives.

Volume I of Dr. Valenti's biography concludes with the birth of their second child. The book also offers fresh interpretations of Nathaniel Hawthorne's fiction, examining it through the filter of Sophia's personality. Students and scholars of American literature, literary theory, feminism and cultural history will find much to enrich their understanding of this woman and the era.

"Sophia Peabody Hawthorne: A Life, Volume 1, 1809-1847" (0-8262-1528-9, \$44.95 cloth) is available at local bookstores or directly from the University of Missouri Press. Individuals placing orders should include \$4 shipping and handling for the first book and \$1 for each additional book. For further information, contact Beth Chandler, University of Missouri Press, 2910 LeMone Boulevard, Columbia, MO 65201. ■



# Girardot to lead UNCP's facilities management



David C. Girardot has supervised construction projects around the globe. His next challenge is to supervise the biggest construction boom in the history of the University.

Girardot is the new assistant vice chancellor for facilities management. In this newly created post, he will supervise the offices of Facilities, Planning and Construction and the Physical Plant.

Girardot served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for 23 years, including assignments in Vietnam, South Korea, Libya, Ecuador and the United States. Among other posts, he served as senior Army adviser to the Mississippi National Guard, deputy commander and commander of facilities engineering in South Korea and as deputy commander and commander of the Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Miss.

After leaving the Army, Girardot supervised construction and maintenance for 16 years at three universities, including UNC Wilmington. At UNCW, he was assistant vice chancellor for business affairs — facilities and was responsible for the planning, design and construction of \$200 million in projects.

The University has more than \$40 million in construction projects going on today, Girardot said.

"When you consider that our available staff at Facilities, Planning and Construction is only five people, that is a lot of construction," he said. "The enrollment growth at UNCP has been so rapid that construction is just now catching up."

Girardot said new construction and renovation work at UNCP is both challenging and rewarding.

"My job is all about seeing this huge construction boom stay on track, within budget and on time," he said. ■

## Gao joins International Student Services



With a record number of international students on campus for the 2004 fall semester, Jing Gao, the new associate director for International Student Services, was there to welcome them.

Gao develops programs and provides services to more than 50 international students from approximately 10 nations.

"Our mission is to make the University a home away from home,"

Gao said. "From the chancellor down, every office is working to make this a friendly place for international students."

Gao will develop a variety of special programs for new arrivals and returning international students, including orientation, counseling, programming, career services and transportation.

Gao has worked and studied in the United States for seven years. She is from the city of Baotou, located in the province of Inner Mongolia. She received her Master of Arts Degree in cultural anthropology at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and is working on her doctorate there. ■

## Dr. Bryant joins congressman's education committee



Congressman Mike McIntyre appointed Dr. Alfred Bryant to his Education Advisory Committee. Dr. Bryant is a professor in the School of Education.

Rep. McIntyre's 7th District Education Advisory Committee meets periodically to help keep the congressman informed on the critical issues facing the education system.

Dr. Bryant said he appreciates the opportunity to serve on the committee.

"I am honored to be appointed to Congressman McIntyre's advisory committee," he said. "This will be important work for me,

UNC Pembroke and the education community, as well as Congressman McIntyre. It gives me a great opportunity to be involved in improving educational opportunities for all citizens of North Carolina."

The committee consists of a cross section of southeastern North Carolina community residents who have an interest in education. Congressman McIntyre welcomed Dr. Bryant to the committee.

"The 7th District Education Advisory Committee welcomes Dr. Alfred Bryant," Rep. McIntyre said. "We look forward to working with him and utilizing his knowledge and experience as we look for solutions to the challenges facing our higher education system."

Dr. Bryant is a UNCP graduate and also received his Master's Degree in education from the University. He earned his Ph.D. from North Carolina State University. ■

Faculty/Staff News

## UNCP and friends dedicate Pinchbeck building

More than 150 friends, family and Pembroke residents helped dedicate the new Walter J. Pinchbeck Facilities, Planning and Maintenance Complex on May 26, 2004.

Cutting the ribbon was Bertha L. Pinchbeck, widow of the late UNCP maintenance supervisor. Fourteen family members participated in the morning dedication ceremony.

The new Pinchbeck Complex, encompassing four buildings and 60,000 square feet, replaces the old Pinchbeck maintenance building, which was dedicated in 1978 and will become offices for purchasing, receiving, printing and central stores.

"This marks the first building at UNCP to be completed with funds from the North Carolina Higher Education Bonds that were passed by the voters of this state," said Neil Hawk, vice chancellor for Business Affairs.

Located on the north end of campus, the complex cost \$5.7 million and houses administrative offices, garages, workshops and storage, said Facilities Coordinator Dave Girardot.

"This project and other ongoing projects are changing the face of the University and allowing us to work more efficiently," Girardot said.

A Cree Indian, Pinchbeck was a legendary Boy Scout leader who was credited with introducing more Indian boys into scouting than any other individual. In his



Dedication of the new Walter J. Pinchbeck Facilities, Planning and Maintenance Complex: From left, Neil Hawk, vice chancellor for Business Affairs; Jesse Oxendine, a friend and former Boy Scout; son Francis Pinchbeck; daughters Sandra Bond and Mary Alice Teets; Steve Martin, facility architect; Dick Taylor, UNCP trustee; and Larry Freeman, Physical Plant director.

honor, 10 of his former scouts recited the Boy Scout oath and law.

Architect for the project was Pease Associates from Charlotte, N.C. The building contractor was Adams and Britt of Lumberton, and the project was coordinated by Steve Martin of UNCP's Facilities, Planning and Construction offices. ■



Walter J. Pinchbeck's official portrait, which hangs in the new building.

## UNCP joins national pilot project for community engagement

The University works hard to improve the quality of life in its surrounding communities.

Now the University will become a national model of how universities can serve their regions.

UNCP was selected as one of four universities in the nation to join an American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) program called "Making Place Matter." The program is funded by a \$150,000 grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and is designed to promote an integrated approach to

engagement for universities and their surrounding communities.

The pilot project will take 18 months to complete a comprehensive vision of how UNCP and its community partners can work more effectively. Community partners will assist the University in identifying stewardship opportunities and barriers.

UNCP was chosen for the program based on its existing commitments to community programs, said Chancellor Meadors.

"We are honored to serve the nation as a role model in the Making Place Matter initiative," Chancellor Meadors said. "As the

leading economic engine in our service area, we look forward to strengthening our stewardship practices within the communities we serve."

The project will help the University build on an already strong commitment to public service, Chancellor Meadors said.

"UNC Pembroke is very proud of the successful partnerships within our community — as evidenced by being selected for Making Place Matter," he added. "The relationships we forge and cultivate will strengthen not only the University, but also the communities we serve." ■

## UNCP dedicates new Regional Center headquarters



**Regional Center Ribbon Cutting:** From left, Dr. Collie Coleman, associate vice chancellor for Outreach; Dr. Roger Brown, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs; McDuffie Cummings, Pembroke town manager; Ronnie Hunt, CEO of Lumbee River Electric Membership; Sylvia Pate, Regional Center director; Dick Taylor, UNCP trustee; Chancellor Meadors; Sen. David Weinstein; and Martha McLean of Congressman Mike McIntyre's office.

The new headquarters for UNC Pembroke's Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development was dedicated Aug. 30, 2004.

Located at COMtech, a nearby economic development incubator, it is the first building that UNCP has ever constructed off campus.

"This is more of a celebration," said Chancellor Meadors. "It is truly a joint effort of the University and federal, state and local governments."

Seventh District U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre was one of the people who made the new office, conference and training center a reality.

"The positive economic development vision incorporated into this effort will

indeed make a difference to the people of southeastern North Carolina," Rep. McIntyre said in a letter.

Congressman McIntyre and retired 7th District Congressman Charles G. Rose III facilitated nearly \$3 million in federal Housing and Urban Development grants to provide initial funding for the Regional Center.

The new 11,500-square-foot building has offices for Regional Center programs, including the Small Business and Technology Development Center, health care programs and youth development programs.

The dedication was attended by representatives of several local governments and

businesses, including the towns of St. Pauls, Pembroke and Red Springs, Robeson Community College, Robeson County, Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, Lumbee Guaranty Bank, Southeastern Regional Medical Center, Health Department, the Robeson County Committee of 100, Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce, state Sen. David Weinstein and representatives from the offices of Rep. McIntyre and U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole.

UNCP has high hopes for the Regional Center and its role of improving the quality of life in the region, said Dr. Roger Brown, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

"The Regional Center was born to innovate and to tap the resources of the academic world and connect them with community resources for the betterment of our region," Dr. Brown said. "We are committed to providing comprehensive programs and services that support regional growth and development, including research and development, workforce and business development, and initiatives in education, health and public safety." ■

## Oxendine building back and better than ever

A newly refurbished and revitalized Herbert G. Oxendine Building was dedicated Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004.

The Oxendine Science Building houses the Biology, Chemistry and Physics departments in addition to the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. The building's annex also holds the school's University Computing and Information Services, making it a key part of the school's communication network.

Now the building is better than ever. A whopping \$17 million of the N.C. Higher Education Bond money was used for renovations on the structure, making the new Oxendine Building the single-largest construction project in the school's history. The extensive remodeling closed the building for 14 months.

Over the course of the construction, the building's interior was refurbished and its resources upgraded and expanded. Among the brand-new features added to the building are a new wing of lab space, a greenhouse and, perhaps most impressively, an observatory.

Named for Dr. Herbert Grantham Oxendine, the science building is a tribute to one of the University's past leaders and a pioneering member of the Lumbee Tribe. A lifelong proponent of education, Dr. Oxendine was an enthusiastic teacher and administrator. His love for learning led him to become the first Lumbee to earn a doctoral degree. His work as a civil rights leader paved the way for greater minority representation on Robeson County's school board.

During the 14 years he spent at UNCP, Oxendine served as both head of the



**Oxendine Science Building Ribbon Cutting:** From left, Mildred Jacobs, Herbert G. (Grant) Oxendine, Linda Oxendine, Chancellor Meadors, Miriam Oxendine and Richard Oxendine.

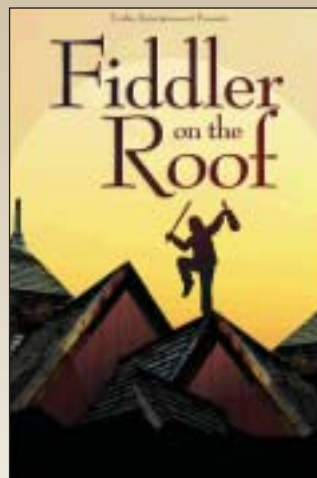
Education Department (1953-1960) and as dean of faculty (1957-1963) before his death in 1966. A year later, the science building was completed. It was named for Dr. Oxendine during a special ceremony Jan. 18, 1973. ■

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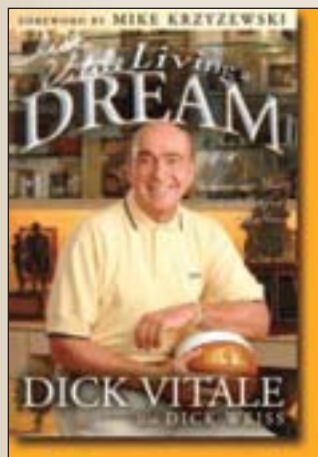
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All shows, artists and dates subject to change due to availability.

## 'Ned' Sampson joins NCHSAA Hall of Fame



Sampson, a three-sport star and 1953 UNCP graduate, was nominated in August to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's (NCHSAA) Hall of Fame.

A legendary player and coach, Sampson is the father of Oklahoma University head basketball coach Kelvin Sampson. According to the *Raleigh News and Observer*, Sampson may be the best Native American athlete ever from North Carolina.

Although he excelled in three sports, Sampson was best at basketball in high school and at UNCP and had an outstanding coaching career at Magnolia High School.

He took the news with characteristic modesty.

"It's something I did not expect, but I'm glad and I feel honored by being selected," Sampson told Earl Vaughn Jr. of *The Fayetteville Observer*.

Basketball is in the Sampson family's blood. Son Kelvin played basketball and baseball at Pembroke High School and later at UNCP.

Ned and Kelvin are the only father-son duo in UNCP's Athletic Hall of Fame. ■

## 76ers name UNCP grad as assistant coach



Philadelphia 76ers head coach Jim O'Brien announced the hiring of Joe Gallagher as his assistant coach.

A 1968 UNCP graduate, Gallagher joined the National Basketball Association team after serving as an assistant coach for the last two seasons with O'Brien for the Boston Celtics. Gallagher and O'Brien are both Philadelphia natives.

O'Brien is the younger brother of Barry O'Brien '75, a standout basketball player and former faculty member. The younger O'Brien was assistant Braves basketball coach for a year in 1976.

"Joe is an outstanding teacher of the game. He is especially an excellent big man coach," O'Brien said. "I have known Joe for years and was an assistant coach for him at Pembroke State. We are very happy to have him aboard."

Gallagher brings to the Philadelphia coaching staff more than 29 years of collegiate coaching experience, including six years as head coach at Methodist College (1973-1975), Pembroke State (1975-1978) and Belmont Abbey College (1991-1992). Gallagher has also served as an assistant coach at the University of Richmond (1979-1986 and 1992-1996), Boston College (1986-1991), UNC Greensboro (1996-1999) and Campbell University (1999-2002).

Gallagher was named Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year each of his two seasons at Methodist College. ■

## Cockrell named assistant athletics director for media relations



Rikki Cockrell was promoted to the new position of assistant athletics director for media relations.

She served as sports information director (SID) and as senior women's administrator.

Cockrell, a 2001 graduate, assumed the role of sports information director in May 2003 after serving as co-SID and graduate assistant for two years prior. In January 2004, she also took on the role of senior women's administrator.

As assistant athletics director for media relations, Cockrell maintains responsibility for UNCP's 14 varsity sports and the athletics Web site. She is also responsible for coordinating all broadcasting needs with WNCN-TV and serving as spokesperson for the athletics department. ■

## Kristen Nusz named cheerleading and dance coach



Kristen Nusz was hired as coach for cheerleading and dance. Nusz also serves as an instructor in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department.

A 2004 graduate of the University of Texas, Nusz was a member of the Longhorns' varsity pompom squad.

Nusz also gained cheerleading and dance experience with the All That Jazz Academy of Dance and the Doubletake Dance Studio. She taught dance, choreography and team organization. ■

# UNCP establishes the Lumbee Hall Fund with a gift from Pembroke law firm

The University established a new fund to honor its founders: W.L. Moore, Preston Locklear, James Oxendine, James Dial Sr., J.J. Oxendine, Isaac Brayboy and Olin Oxendine.

The fund supports the founders' original mission of training teachers by supporting UNCP's Teaching Fellows Program, a scholarship program to recruit outstanding high school students into the teaching profession.

The Lumbee Hall Fund was announced during the week of the 2004 Lumbee Homecoming at a July 1 garden reception at the Chancellor's Residence. The fund was established with an initial gift of \$25,000 from the Pembroke law firm of Locklear, Jacobs, Hunt and Brooks.

The fund quickly grew to \$38,000 with a personal gift of \$5,000 from law partner Arlie Jacobs in honor of Malachi Locklear, Jacobs' great-grandfather, who was responsible for inspiring several generations of family members to attend the University.

Law partner Grady Hunt announced the second gift of \$8,000 from the firm that provides immediate assistance to the Teaching Fellows Program. An exhibit will be created to honor the University's founders and will be located in the lobby of Lumbee Hall, UNCP's administration building.

The original trustees will be honored in the exhibit, along with Hamilton McMillan, the Robeson County legislator who proposed legislation to start the Croatan Normal School. Charter donors to the Lumbee Hall Fund who make gifts of \$5,000 or more during 2004 will be recognized on a plaque located near the exhibit.

Speaking on behalf of the firm, Arlie Jacobs said the founders had a vision to create an institution that would provide a formal education to the children of



**Lumbee Hall Fund Donation:** From left, Arnold Locklear, Brian Brooks, Arlie Jacobs, UNCP Board of Trustees chair Gervais Oxendine, Chancellor Meadors and Grady Hunt.

the community. Jacobs said his family's roots go back to the early days of what was then called Croatan Normal School.

"W.L. Moore, one of the founders of the University, resided in the Prospect Community and had a friend, Malachi Locklear," Jacobs said. "Malachi Locklear had a daughter, Anna Bell Locklear, who he desired to have a formal education. Anna Bell Locklear got that education in the early 1900s from what is now our University and began to teach school in the Prospect Community.

"In 1953, a grandson of Anna Bell Locklear began to attend school in Prospect, and he graduated in 1964," Jacobs added. "All of his teachers at the Prospect School were graduates of our University. In 1968, the grandson graduated from our University.

"Without a doubt, I am a product of the vision of the founders because I am a great-grandson of Malachi Locklear and that grandson of Anna Bell Locklear," Jacobs concluded.

Hunt introduced James Moore, grandson of W.L. Moore. Moore said the founders led their people from an age of darkness into the light.

"I have always thought of these men as heroes who led their people out of

years of darkness," he said. "These people had been without any school since 1835, and the founders changed the destiny of the people."

Hunt said the law firm is following the example of the University's founders.

"I would like to thank the senior partners of the firm, Arnold Locklear and Arlie Jacobs, for having developed a philosophy, long before I arrived, of being civic-minded and giving back to the community," Hunt said. "I would also like to thank my partners, Brian Brooks and Mark Locklear, for adopting the same policy."

Chancellor Allen C. Meadors thanked the firm for its generosity.

"The establishment of the Lumbee Hall Fund is a showcase for the positive partnership between the University and the community," he said.

A public unveiling of the Lumbee Hall Fund was held on the steps of Old Main on July 3. Thirty-eight descendants of the founders attended the ceremony.

For more information about the Lumbee Hall Fund, contact the Office for Advancement at (910) 521-6252 or go to [www.uncp.edu/advancement/](http://www.uncp.edu/advancement/). ■

# UNCP receives grant to begin biotechnology project

The University will receive a federal grant through the National Science Foundation (NSF) to start a biotechnology project. The University will receive \$324,369 for the first year of a proposed \$600,000, three-year program.

Faculty and administration worked for more than two years on the program with the goal of constructing a bio-processing laboratory. Titled "Project BIO" (Building Innovative Opportunities for Southeast North Carolina), it will provide workshops, courses, seminars and conferences for educators, industry leaders and others involved with economic development through the creation of a Biotechnology Business and Industrial Training Center.

The program's next phase is to obtain funding for the actual construction of a building to house the center. A 4,800-

square-foot facility, estimated to cost \$1 million, is planned for the COMtech industry park near Pembroke.

Chancellor Meadors said the grant is a step forward for the University's growing biotechnology program and for the region's economy.

"The University's biotechnology initiatives will distinguish us and our region as having the vision to prepare for the coming technological landscape," Chancellor Meadors said. "Biotechnology is just only beginning to bear fruit for a more healthy and prosperous North Carolina."

The purpose of the Biotechnology Center would be to train university and community college students for jobs in the biotechnology industry, to conduct research and to manufacture products for the biotechnology industry. The ultimate

goal is to attract the growing biotechnology industry to southeastern North Carolina.

Partners in the grant proposal are many and come from education, business and government sectors.

The NSF grant will be administered by UNCP's Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development. Chemistry Professor Dr. Len Holmes provided much of the program's initial research.

"UNCP has been in the field of biotechnology for 10 years thanks to \$1 million in investments from the North Carolina Biotechnology Center, and we are ready to take this most important next step," Dr. Holmes said. "We have the staff, the students and resources to make this vision a reality." ■

## Rocky Mount group makes Thorpe Scholarship possible

Twin County Community Pride, a nonprofit group from Rocky Mount, made a contribution that allowed the Jim Thorpe Endowed Scholarship to make its first award. Twin County Community Pride is a community service group that is planning a historical museum and hall of fame, said President Chris Miller.

"We are pleased to have a connection with UNCP, and we look forward to learning more about the American Indian studies program," Miller said.

American Indian Studies Professor Dr. Robert Reising is a Thorpe scholar and an originator of the scholarship honoring the sports hero.

"Twin County Community Pride took the scholarship over the top," Dr. Reising said.

With the gift, the Thorpe Scholarship became an endowed or perpetual fund from which student awards will be made.

UNCP student and American Indian studies major Betsy Herron of Wadesboro,



Jim Thorpe Endowed Scholarship Contribution: From left, Dr. Robert Reising, Roleene Rhodes, Chris Miller, Peter Varney, Mae Parker, Betsy Herron, Robert Herron and Martha Lamm.

N.C., was announced as the first recipient of the scholarship.

For more information about the Jim Thorpe Endowed Scholarship or other

giving programs at UNCP, please contact the Office for Advancement at (910) 521-6252 or e-mail [advancement@uncp.edu](mailto:advancement@uncp.edu). ■

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# alumni

## Greetings, Alumni



Every fall, a wonderful thing happens at UNCP. New students come to the University to begin a high-quality education. Many others continue their education, and still others prepare for graduation. As alumni, you should also be preparing to return to your alma mater — UNC Pembroke — and see all the great things you remember and the new construction that is almost finished. The dates are already being posted for the December Drop-in at the Chancellor's Residence, Homecoming, and

Winter and Spring Commencement ceremonies. Plan to attend these events now so you won't miss out!

The Chancellor's Christmas Drop-in is a wonderful time to visit with old friends and to meet new alumni. Every Homecoming weekend is exciting and filled with basketball, concerts and comedy acts. Commencement ceremonies are a time to see the "finished products" of a great University. While you're on campus, sign up to be an active member of the Alumni Association. Make a commitment to give back to the University that helped shape what you are today. Plan to come see the new UNCP for 2004. Just like the Web site ([www.uncp.edu](http://www.uncp.edu)), it gets better every day!

*Hal Sargent '96*

Alumni Association President

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# UNCP welcomes 'legacies' at banquet

Alumni legacies at UNCP were honored Aug. 20 during the second annual Alumni Legacy Banquet.

The banquet, held at the James B. Chavis University Center, featured a pinning ceremony for some of the 179 legacies.

For some alumni, it was a time to become re-acquainted with a campus that has changed considerably since their undergraduate days.

"Really, there was not much on campus," said Johnny Strickland '79, who attended the banquet with his daughter, Amanda, a freshman. "In fact, this building (University Center) was not here, either."

"It's definitely different. It's growing," said Danny Graham '82, who attended with his son, Scott, a junior.

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Roger Brown said many students enjoy their time at UNCP so much, they don't leave.

"It's rare in academia to have so many graduates who have stayed to work at their alma mater, and many of them are senior-level administrators," Dr. Brown said. "I am impressed."

In the audience was Dr. Diane Jones '71, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, with her son, David English, a senior, and Dr. Warren Baker '75, dean of the School of Education, with his son, Tommy, a junior.

Jackie Clark '77, vice chancellor for Enrollment Management, talked about one of her proudest moments as a parent.

"I was the first in my family to attend college, but one of my greatest joys was when my daughter chose to come to UNCP," Clark said. "I hope all of you will develop the same passion for this place that I have. Parents, I challenge you to fall in love again with us."

Host and Alumni Director Lorna Ricotta '01 distributed legacy pins, saying they are a "small

memento to be worn with great pride.

"Congratulations to all the parents and students who have chosen to pursue their education here," Ricotta said.

"My parents, two sisters, a brother and

I attended UNCP, so my family has a lot of history here.

"I encourage you, as legacies, to go out and make your own history," she added. ■

## UNCP 2004 Alumni Awards Nomination Form

I Nominate (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Major and Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

for (check one):

**Distinguished Service Award**

The Distinguished Service Award is conferred on the basis of distinguished leadership and service to The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Alumni and friends are eligible for this award.

**Outstanding Alumnus/a Award**

The Outstanding Alumnus/a Award criteria for selection includes distinguished professional achievement, leadership and service to the University and/or community in addition to loyalty to the ideals of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. This is the Alumni Association's highest honor, and nominees must be a UNCP graduate to receive this award.

Nominee's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Brief Biographical Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your completed form and a letter indicating why this person should be considered for the award for which they have been nominated no later than **November 30, 2004** to:

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# UNCP alumni serve our country

*UNCP salutes our alumni serving in Iraq. This list does not represent all UNCP alumni in Iraq.*



**Major Michael K. Bentley '91** is a UH60 Black Hawk helicopter pilot with the U.S. Army and plans to move to Germany.

**Sergeant Bobby Emanuel '93** is serving in the National Guard in Iraq at the supply point outside Baghdad.

**Charlyne Jacobs '98** serves in Iraq. Her group is among 3,500 North Carolina National Guardsmen who are spending a year trying to improve security in eastern Diyala Province and set the stage for Iraqi national elections to be held toward the end of the year. Jacobs received her commission as a second lieutenant through officer candidate school. After reporting to her teaching job, she was called to attend the engineer officer basic course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., then went on to

training to set up in Iraq. She arrived in early March. "I've enjoyed everything so far," she said. "I've got a good group of hard-working guys."

**Sgt. Kristopher Carter '02** of Lumberton celebrated his 27th birthday on July 4 while serving in the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. Carter is a member of the 428th Military Police Company and has been in Iraq since February with the Army Reserve. He wrote that there is never a time when he feels safe. Carter said he will probably be in Iraq for at least another 18 months or longer. His family, which includes his mother, Brenda Carter, brother, William Carter, and sister-in-law, Sabrina Carter, said they miss him terribly. He said the men he's stationed with are more like family than friends, but there's no substitute for his blood family. "We're proud of him and anxious to get him home," Sabrina said. Carter said he is proud to serve his country. "Not all Iraqis hate Americans; a lot of them look up to the soldiers, especially the children, who usually ask for candy or gum." ■

## City schools finance director getting comfortable with job

**Andrew Callihan '97**, Whiteville City Schools' director of finance, is nearing his first anniversary with the system, and he is finding that his job is a great fit. The Bladenboro, N.C., native joined Whiteville schools last summer. He earned his degree in political science. He worked for an accounting firm for three years and spent the next two years with UNCP's Finance office. At the University, his job included working with budgets and payroll. Callihan is known around Whiteville City Schools' offices for his sense of humor. "You need a sense of humor," he said. "You need to enjoy your job." ■

## Former star athlete now devoted to children

**Melanie Grooms-Huddleston '93**, a three-sport star athlete at South View High School during the 1980s and a two-sport standout at UNCP, is now a physical education teacher at Baldwin Elementary School. She was an outstanding volleyball, basketball and softball player and was named to the Braves' Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

"All of the sports I've played have helped me to build a strong work ethic," she said. Grooms-Huddleston led the Braves to their first Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship and became the school's first All-American in volleyball in 1991. After she received her Master's Degree from East Carolina University, she became the volleyball and softball coach at her alma mater. Grooms-Huddleston is now the

## Alumni scholarships awarded

UNCP's Alumni Association has awarded seven Alumni Loyalty Scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year.

One of the University's largest endowed scholarship programs, the Loyalty Scholarship goes to sons and daughters of alumni and is valued at \$1,000. The awards are based on students' outstanding academic records in high school, potential for leadership and financial need.

Recipients for 2004-2005 are:

- **Stephanie Dunn** of Norwood, N.C., daughter of Lonnie and Marie '82 Dunn
- **Jenna Freeman** of Pembroke, N.C., daughter of Ken '78 and Jennifer '83 Freeman
- **Jessica Graham** of Pembroke, N.C., daughter of Jill Harris '75
- **Janadean Jacobs** of Pembroke, N.C., daughter of Harold '76 and Edna '81 Jacobs
- **Justin Jacobs** of Pembroke, N.C., son of Marshall and Belinda '01 Jacobs
- **Sarah Johnson** of Fairmont, N.C., daughter of Vernon '71 and Deborah Johnson
- **Elizabeth Locklear** of Pembroke, N.C., daughter of Robert and Lanette '74 Locklear ■

mother of a 4-year-old, and she said if her daughter decides to go into sports, Grooms-Huddleston will support her 100 percent.

"Whatever she chooses, she will have a strong, dedicated background," Grooms-Huddleston said. ■

## Sampson returns home for Campbell clinic

**Kelvin Sampson '78**, Oklahoma University head men's basketball coach, stressed teamwork to campers during a presentation at Carter Gym, where he was the guest coach at Campbell University's basketball camp this summer. Sampson said he enjoyed coaching the 2003-2004 Sooners, a young team that took awhile to come together. This summer, he coached USA Basketball's 21-and-under team to the Junior World Championship in Halifax, Nova Scotia. ■

## 1940s

**Curt Locklear '49** and Catherine Locklear celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. The couple was married May 17, 1947.

## 1960s

**Michael W. Moree '68** recently became the minister of First United Methodist Church in Conover, N.C.

## 1970s

**Michael Clark '70** is employed in sales at WESCO Distribution Company in Geneva, Ohio.

**Charles R. Paris Jr. '70** retired as a North Carolina credit union examiner after 27 years. He is married with four children and two grandchildren. His youngest son, who is 20, plans to enroll at UNCP after he completes a program at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, N.C.

**Deborah Hundley Brooks '73** retired as a business, reading and language arts teacher for Forsyth County Schools, Robeson County Schools and Alamance County Schools. She lives in Winston-Salem, N.C.



**Mary Ellen Lawson Robinson '75** recently won the Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year award in Asheboro, N.C. She took home a \$1,000 prize. Robinson is an art instructor for Randolph County

Schools at Seagrove and Southmont elementary schools.

**Vernesia Ann Bryant '77** retired from DuPont after 20 years of service.

**Pamela Graham DeRensis '77**, a senior program specialist for the U.S. Department of Education, recently took an assignment with the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

**Paul Faulk '77** is southeastern supervisor of scouting for the Atlanta Braves major league baseball organization. He was chosen as Scout of the Year by the Mid-Atlantic Scouts Association in 2002 and by the

Professional Baseball Representatives Association in 2003.

**Walter S. Crowe '79** is operations sergeant at the N.C. National Guard in Aberdeen, N.C. He plans to retire in August 2004 with 34 years of active service and start a new career as a real estate broker.

## 1980s

**Russell Gage '80** is a business manager at Aker Kvaerner of Houston, Texas. He is based in Oslo, Norway.

**Kenneth Parsons '80** was promoted to editorial director for three business-to-business magazines: *Stitches Magazine*, *Profitable Embroiderer* and *Stitches World*, all of which serve the apparel industry. He is founding editor of *Stitches World* and *Profitable Embroiderer* in Freeport, N.Y.

**Edward Beale '82** is a public health administrator for the Cumberland County Health Department in Fayetteville, N.C.



**Bobbie Jeanne Little '83, '84, '88** received her Doctorate of Education in educational leadership and curriculum specialist May 15, 2004, from UNC Charlotte. In 1995, she received her certificate

of advanced studies in educational leadership and curriculum specialist II from UNC Charlotte. She is a school administrator for Anson County Schools.

**Gwendolyn Johnson '84** is a sentencing specialist at the Durham Sentencing Services program.

**Karen Clarkson '86** is a labor relations specialist at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Fayetteville, N.C.

**Ed Drew '88** is minister at Chocowinity United Methodist Church and Bible studies instructor at Pitt Community College. He was ordained as a deacon June 9 at the Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville, N.C., and plans to enter a doctoral program in social ministry.

**Ardeen Hunt Jr. '88** was recently promoted to sergeant with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol and is assigned to Troop C, District I in Rocky Mount, N.C.

**Timothy McNeill '88** is practicing civil litigation in Winterville, N.C.

## Weddings

**Teresa Locklear '87** of Red Springs, N.C., and **Randy Locklear** of Maxton, N.C., were married July 18 in North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

## Hammonds' pottery on display at UNCP and Raleigh

**Celia Hammonds** took up pottery in 1997 as a hobby.

Today, her work is on display at UNC Pembroke's Native American Resources Center (NARC) and in Raleigh at the headquarters of the North Carolina Community College System.

A 1987 UNCP graduate, Hammonds did not study art in college.

"I just thought one day that I would like to do it," she said. "Today, I live in my studio, and my pottery wheel is in my kitchen."

Hammonds studied under Jim Tripp at Robeson Community College and later in Wilmington at Fat Cat Studios. She continues to take classes and learn more about the craft and art of pottery making.

She was a new artist this year, with six pieces in the NARC's annual Summer Show and Sale, which opened at Lumbee Homecoming and continued through the summer.

Hammonds' success may be surprising to the artist herself, but her work is outstanding, as her selection to show in Raleigh demonstrates.

"I was very pleased about being selected to show my work at the Caswell Building," Hammonds said. "There were 1,000 submissions, and 41 were selected."

Her hand-thrown bowl debuted March 18 at a reception honoring the artists that was hosted by Community College President Martin Lancaster. It will remain on display for one year.

A native of the Saddletree Community near Lumberton, Hammonds is a social worker with the North Carolina Division of Services for the Blind. She sells pottery under the San-Beulah Pottery label and may be reached at (910) 739-7810.



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# 1990s

**Alfred Bryant '90** was appointed to Congressman Mike McIntyre's Education Advisory Committee. Dr. Bryant is a professor in UNCP's School of Education.

**Sharon Davis-Montgomery '90** works with Sprint in Herndon, Va. She is expecting her second child in October and celebrated her son Santiago's first birthday in April.

**Millicent Locklear '90** was presented the North Carolina Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service for central North Carolina on Sept. 9, 2003. On March 16, 2004, the Angier (N.C.) Chamber of Commerce named her Woman of the Year.

**Michael Nathan '90** is a loan officer with Accelerated Mortgage of Fayetteville, N.C.

**Major Mike Bentley '91** is a UH60 Black Hawk helicopter pilot with the U.S. Army and will be deployed to Germany in the near future.

**Joshua Malcolm '92** graduated from North Carolina Central University School of Law in May 2004. He is married to Meloria Revels Malcolm. They have two children: Johnathan Forrest, 7, and Alania Faith, 5. The family resides in Pembroke.

**Kari Wilson '92** teaches third grade at Royal Elementary School in Louisburg, N.C. She has two children: Seth, 8, and Taylor, 3.

**Kathi Ragland Hardison '93** and Gary Hardison Jr. are the proud parents of a baby girl, Jaeden Pearl. Kathi is a self-employed homemaker and lives near the Outer Banks in Arapahoe, N.C.

**Angela Brown '94** is enrolled at North Carolina Central University in the Master's of Education program in speech and language pathology.

**Tammy Jacobs Cummings '94** is a victim/witness coordinator in the Robeson County District Attorney's office.

**Gregory Kealey '94** is a senior loan manager with the Business Development Bank of Canada. He plans to move with his family to the United States in 2004.

**Kayla Parnell '94** is a business teacher with the Public Schools of Robeson County. On Oct. 10, 2003, she had a baby girl, Makenna Rose.

**Jack J. Baldwin '95** is a recreation center supervisor in Garner, N.C., and lives in Clayton, N.C.

**Amy Phelps Combs '95** is a child protective services investigator with the Gaston County Department of Social Services. Her husband, **Robert Combs '96**, is a teacher and football coach at Ashbrook High School in Gastonia, N.C. They have two children: Lily, 4, and Andrea, 1.

**Brian Dickinson '95** is a consultant with GlaxoSmithKline.

**Wendy Ellison '95** is a teacher with Davidson County Schools.

**Delane Jackson '95** and **Tracy Jackson '95** welcomed a baby boy, Charles Lane, on June 9, 2004. They also have a daughter, Hannah, 3. Delane is the town manager for Bladenboro, N.C.

**Paul N. Locklear '95** was recently appointed to the Town of Pembroke Parks and Recreation Board. He is a 2004 graduate of Fayetteville State University with his Master's of School Administration degree. He is an assistant principal for the Public Schools of Robeson County.

**Christopher Clark '96** is a National Board Certified educator in early adolescence mathematics and is a test coordinator for the Public Schools of Robeson County.

**Edith J. Crowe '96** is a behavioral therapist at Behavior Health Care Center in Aberdeen, N.C.

**J. Mark Locklear '96** is employed by Apogen Technologies in New Orleans, La., as a test engineer.

**Jennifer Lowry '96** joined UNCP's Office of Disability Support Services to assist students with learning disabilities and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders. She earned her Master's Degree in special education from North Carolina State University in 1999 and has eight years of experience in special education classrooms. She serves more than 200 students with disabilities at UNCP.



**Mell Bishop III '97** is a senior chemist for Coating Concepts in Charlotte, N.C. He is married to **Dina Bishop '97**.

**Vincent Castano '97** was promoted to director of the Office of Student Support Services at Central Carolina Community College in Sanford, N.C. He received his Master's Degree in American history from Western Carolina University in 2000 and is a Master's Degree candidate in service agency counseling at UNCP.

**Phoebe Chavis-Harris '97** welcomed a 9-pound, 3-ounce baby boy, Cale Montgomery, on March 26, 2004. Chavis-Harris is a teacher for the Public Schools of Robeson County and is pursuing her Master's of School Administration degree.

**Marsha Currie '97** is a social worker for the Cumberland County Department of Social Services. Her husband, **Brian P. Currie '97**, is employed at Verizon Wireless in Fayetteville, N.C.

**Barbara Scott '97** is an accounting manager at Graphic Packaging in Richmond, Va.

**Amy Bentley '98** is employed by the Moore County Schools as a preschool teacher.

**Holly Hunt '98** is a contract services and marketing coordinator at the Lumber River Council of Governments.

**Hawhana Rising '98** is media specialist for the Public Schools of Robeson County. She was named the North Carolina "Young Careerist" at the state Business and Professional Women's Club's annual conference in Rocky Mount, N.C. She was chosen based on her professional achievements. Rising will represent North Carolina during the national conference in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

**Amy E. Carpenter '99** is a seventh-grade language arts teacher at John Griffin Middle School in Cumberland County Schools.

**Randall Arthur Foster '99** recently received his Doctor of Ministry Degree in pastoral counseling from the Graduate Theological Foundation in South Bend, Ind. In addition to his counseling responsibilities at Sandhills Community College, he maintains a private counseling and consulting practice in Southern Pines, N.C.

**Tara Michelle Stevens Williamson '99** teaches English for grades 9 through 12 at Waccamaw Academy in Whiteville, N.C.

## Engagements

**Jimmy Hedrick Jr. '98** and **Allison Alvarez '96** are engaged to be married in October 2005.

## Weddings

**David Eugene Simmons '92** married **Malikah Kathleen El-Amin** on Sept. 20, 2003, at First Baptist Church. He is employed with the Cumberland County Schools. The couple resides in Fayetteville, N.C.

**Melinda Kay Powers '93** married Charles Edward Sellers Jr. on June 5, 2004, at First Baptist Church Chapel of Lumberton, N.C. Melinda works for the Public Schools of Robeson County. The couple resides in Lumberton.

**Melissa Britt '95** and Scottie Brewer of Richlands, N.C., were married July 17, 2004.

**Brian Knight '96** and Ginny Tolar of St. Pauls, N.C., were married Aug. 14, 2004, in Lumberton, N.C.

**Sherrie L. Locklear '96** married Thomas L. Oxendine on May 8, 2004, at Mt. Airy (N.C.) Baptist Church. Sherrie works for Family Alternatives Inc., and Thomas works for the Laurinburg Water Treatment Plant. The couple resides in Lumberton, N.C.

**Charles Alton Grimsely '98** of Fairmont, N.C., married Kena Elisabeth Arnette of Goldsboro, N.C., on May 29, 2004, at Baltimore Baptist Church in Fairmont. The couple resides in Goldsboro.

**Illya Chavis '99** and Alfred Boyd Lindsey were married June 12, 2004, in Waikiki, Hawaii. They live in Pembroke, where Illya works for UNCP's Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development.

**Lisa Michelle Thomson '99** married Tyler Joel Hackett on June 19, 2004, at Stoney Point Baptist Church in Fayetteville, N.C. She is a teacher, and he is a teacher's assistant with Cumberland County Schools. The couple resides in Fayetteville.

## Births

**Londa Hunt Santoscoy '94** welcomed new baby, Hunter Conrad, on March 11, 2004. She is employed as an accountant for Odell Associates Inc. in Charlotte, N.C., and is married to Troy C. Santoscoy.

**Wiley Kevin Mabe '95** teaches in the Richmond County Schools. He has a new baby boy, Wiley "Wil" Kevin Mabe Jr., born July 16, 2004.



**Natasha C. Berumen '99** works for the Public Schools of Robeson County as a computer technician. She gave birth to a daughter, Myra Nicole, on May 9, 2004.

**Brandi Jacobs '99** welcomed an 8-pound, 6-ounce baby girl, Kaylee Adora, on Nov. 18, 2003. Jacobs is a social worker for Durham County.

## 2000s

**Mary Modlin '00** is working as a research and development engineer with EADS TELECOM North America, located in Frisco, Texas.

**Mary Ann Turner '00** received her Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing. She is part of the full-time nursing faculty at Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, N.C.

**James Burney '01** received his Master's in Education Degree in instructional technology and curriculum development from American Intercontinental University. He is employed with Fairmont Middle School as a sixth-grade English teacher. He also teaches for Upward Bound at UNCP in the summer and serves as a tutor during the academic year.

**Erin Megan '01** is a stock trader at J.P. Morgan Investments L.L.C. in Tampa, Fla.

**Rhonda L. Burch '02** is chief executive officer and president of the Center of Living Home Health Hospice Inc. in Asheboro, N.C.

**William N. Flagler Jr. '02, '04** is employed by the Management Services Division of Loudoun County, Va., one of the fastest-growing counties in the nation.

**Douglas LaFerney '02** is a fourth-grade teacher at St. Pauls Elementary School.

**Dianna Moss '02** has been accepted into the Master's of Science in nursing program at East Carolina University. She is a clinical nurse educator at Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg, N.C., and recently won the Nurse Scholar's Award for academic merit.

**Crystal Rose Bullard '03** and **Jason Eric Lowery '04** will attend Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. They are among 19 recipients of the UNC Board of Governors' Medical Scholarship for 2004. The scholarship is based on potential for service to North Carolina residents through medical practice and demonstrated financial need. The scholarship covers tuition and fees and includes a \$5,000 stipend.

**Terry Locklear '03** recently began a Master's Degree program in digital communications at East Carolina University. He is the interim video facility manager at UNCP.

**Cassandra Cline '04** is employed by the Public Schools of Robeson County as a teacher's assistant.

## Jason Brady's work chosen for international competition



Jason Brady, a 2002 graduate, was part of a graphic arts team that was honored recently for its design work in an international marketing competition.

A newspaper advertising campaign designed by Brady, along with the marketing department of *The Fayetteville Observer*, was selected as one of four finalists in an annual competition sponsored by the International Newspaper Marketing Association (INMA).

Titled "Knowledge Changes Everything: Take a Closer Look," the branding campaign is a multiyear, multi-tiered program designed to promote the newspaper. For the third phase of the campaign, Brady and marketing creative manager Bryan Huffman designed five newspaper ads that were based on important news themes.

Brady said he learned a lot about art from Dr. John Labadie, who teaches graphic design.

"I took painting from Ralph Steeds and sculpture from Paul Van Zandt and had a blast with all of it," he said. "But to walk to the computer and hit 'new' is what is exciting because you have unlimited canvass and unlimited color."

Apparently, Brady is a fast learner. Following his recognition by the INMA, he won four North Carolina Press Association awards, including first place for best single-sheet insert, first place for best full-color entertainment ad, first place for best spot-color entertainment ad and third place for best full-color entertainment ad.

**Carla C. Jacobs '04** began working in the newly created position of internal auditor for Hoke County in Raeford, N.C., just nine days after graduation.

**Gloria Hatcher Locklear '04** received honors while completing UNCP's Master of Public Administration program and was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha, the national honor society for public affairs and administration. Since 1997, Locklear has been employed at Robeson Community College (RCC) as a member of the continuing education faculty, teaching compensatory education. In 2003, RCC named her Continuing Education Faculty Member of the Year.

## 2000s continued

**Christopher Workman '04** is flock supervisor of Perdue Farms in Gibson, N.C.

### Births

**Elizabeth Nicole Gibson Summerlin '00** gave birth to her 7-pound, 3-ounce daughter, Lilly Grace, on Feb. 19, 2004. She is a second-grade teacher with Richmond County Schools.

### Weddings

**Stephanie Melissa Deter '00** and Tommie Edward Purser Jr., both of Fayetteville, N.C., were married May 22, 2004, at Bellamy Mansion in Wilmington, N.C. She is employed with Community Home Care and Hospice in Rocky Mount, N.C.

**Wendy Fields '00** and Daniel Fields were married on May 31, 2003. Wendy started a new job teaching English for Robeson Community College in August 2003.

**Tabitha Gail Stooksbury '00** of Fayetteville, N.C., married Christopher Daniel Kidd of West End, N.C., on May 22, 2004, in Fayetteville. She is a business development consultant with Fayetteville Publishing Company, and he is a second lieutenant and engineer in the U.S. Army.

**Jamie Nicole Baker '01** and Thomas Bradley Smith Jr., both of Fayetteville, N.C., were married on June 12, 2004, at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville. Jamie is a crime prevention specialist with the Fayetteville Police Department and is pursuing her Master's of Public Administration Degree, and Thomas is a safe school coordinator with Gray's Creek High School and a youth minister with Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church.

**John W. Edwards '01** and Elicia Tanya Beard-Allen, both of Fayetteville, N.C., were

married July 10, 2004, at Lafayette Baptist Church in Fayetteville. Edwards is an assistant manager at Wal-Mart in Fayetteville, and Beard-Allen is a band director with Cumberland County Schools at John Griffin Middle School and a flutist in the Fayetteville Symphony.

**Crystal Michelle Jacobs '01** and Matthew Joseph Raimo, both of Lumberton, N.C., were married July 10, 2004, at First Baptist Chapel in Lumberton. Crystal works for the Public Schools of Robeson County, and Matthew is in the U.S. Air Force. After their wedding trip, the couple will reside in Idaho.

**Mark Jeffery Schmitz '01** of Lumberton, N.C., married Heather Ann Underhill of Raleigh, N.C., June 5, 2004, at Wake Cross Roads Baptist Church in Raleigh. Mark works for Data Design Associates as a computer programmer, and Heather works for Nationwide Insurance as a customer relations coordinator. After a honeymoon trip to the western Caribbean, the couple will reside in Raleigh.

**Brian Robert Bang '02** is a production supervisor with Perdue Farms in Rockingham, N.C. He is deployed and serving in Iraq until February 2005 with the Army National Guard Charlie Company's 1st, 252nd Armor, 30th Brigade of Southern Pines, N.C. He is married to **Lynette Torres Bang '01**, who is a quality assurance supervisor with Perdue Farms in Rockingham, N.C. They have two daughters: Kaylin Maria, 2, and Maribel Madison, 3 months.

**Rick Navarrete '02** married Lettie Sue Hedgpath on June 3, 2004, at Orrum Baptist Church in Orrum, N.C. The couple plans to reside in Robeson County.

## What's New?

Alumni may submit new information about retirements, births, marriages and job changes by completing this form or by going online to [www.uncp.edu/alumni](http://www.uncp.edu/alumni). Mail your information to Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 1510, Pembroke, NC 28372. The deadline for the next issue is November 19, 2004.

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*UNC Pembroke's alma mater resurrected.*

At one of the low points in University history, the song came to him suddenly in the middle of the night. With the second World War raging and the men off fighting, Music Professor Ira Pate Lowry feared for the future of the institution. The man, who would later establish a marching band and erect a bell tower, believed a school song was needed to lift spirits and unify the campus. Prof. Lowry wrote the music for "Hail to PSC," and his wife Reba wrote the lyrics to a song that, like the University, refused to go away. In the late 20th century, the song nearly became a forgotten relic as the University rushed headlong into the future. But, thanks to the efforts of a small group of individuals, the alma mater is back! Web Publisher Lawrence Locklear persuaded Music Professor Larry Arnold to update the music to incorporate the University's new name. "Hail to UNCP" was unveiled at Homecoming 2004 by Lorna Ricotta, Director of Alumni Relations and debuted by Choral Director Gary Wright and the UNCP Chorus at Spring Commencement 2004. It plays twice daily on the newly renovated Lowry Bell Tower. The music was also arranged for the resurrected marching band, with the help of Band Director Tracy Wiggins. Some good ideas never die.

To listen to "Hail to UNCP," visit [www.uncp.edu/uncp/about/](http://www.uncp.edu/uncp/about/)

Reba M. Lowry, 1941

## Hail To UNCP

Ira Pate Lowry, 1941

When God - U - n - i - t - y - pleases them Plans for each one's blessing

Fro - m - ly stands our Al - ma Ma - ter God - U - n - i - t - y, strong and true

Black and gold face us for - ev - er, Sym - bol of joy - al - ty

Pem - broke, our Al - ma Ma - ter, Hail to U - N - C - P!

- Hail to thee, our Alma Mater:  
Guardian of our youth  
Ever lead thy children onward  
Into light and truth;  
Uniform youth will take our places  
To praise thee ardently.  
Pembroke, our Alma Mater,  
Hail to UNCP!
- Youth thy ever radiant face bears  
We rally to thy call,  
Ever loyal sons and daughters -  
Ambassadors, we all -  
Blessed by ties of love and service  
Friendship and loyalty.  
Pembroke, our Alma Mater,  
Hail to UNCP!
- Raise the chorus, blend the voices,  
Let the echoes ring  
To our loving father parent  
Loudly praise thee sing;  
Swell the chorus 'till it reaches  
On through eternity  
Pembroke, our Alma Mater,  
Hail to UNCP!



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