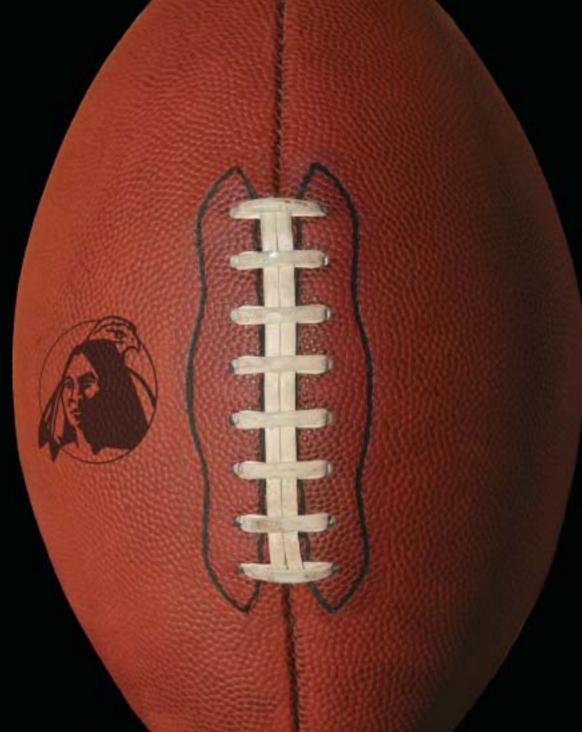
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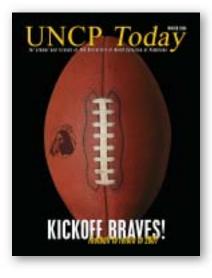
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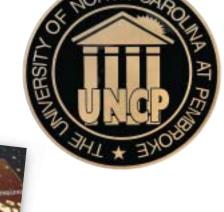


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UNCP sets enrollment records

For the fifth consecutive year, the University has set new enrollment records.

Chancellor Meadors reported enrollment of 5,015 for the fall semester, compared to 4,722 a year ago. This is a gain of 6.2 percent for one year and 64 percent since 1999.

Not only did enrollment surpass the 5,000 milestone, but graduate school enrollment also passed the 500 mark (507), and American Indian enrollment passed the 1,000 mark (1,026) for the first time in University history.

"Since 1999, we have experienced a 49 percent increase in American Indian student enrollment, and that is in a declining population of American Indian high school graduates," Chancellor Meadors said. "That's a remarkable accomplishment."

Asian (86), Hispanic (114) and international (52) student enrollment are all at record levels. The University also added 15 faculty members this year, Chancellor Meadors said.

"This is a tremendous milestone for this University," said Jackie Clark, vice chancellor for Enrollment Management. Clark supervises the Office of Admissions, UNCP's office of student recruitment.

The enrollment records are even more impressive this year because the new freshman class of 760 is smaller than last year's record freshman class of 809. Record numbers of transfers (500) and graduate students made up the difference.

Another all-time record for students living on campus was set this fall. There are 1,240 residential students, and the occupancy rate is 92 percent. Another 231 students live just off campus in the University Courtyard Apartments.

Alumni, Donors and Friends



Before I begin my annual invitation to attend Homecoming on February 4-5, I would like to say a word about the late Chancellor Emeritus Paul R. Givens, who passed away October 24, 2004.

I was fortunate to meet Dr. Givens. He was truly a great leader for this University. Under his steady guidance, UNCP emerged as a true regional university that could create new programs and bring people to campus.

On the stage of the building that bears his name, Dr. Givens built a regional audience for performing arts and, more importantly, for the University.

One of Dr. Givens' first missions at UNCP was to extend an invitation to all alumni to maintain contact with their alma mater. So it is with great pleasure that I stand in his stead and offer our alumni and friends an invitation to Homecoming 2005 and extend a larger invitation to renew your ties to your University.

We continue to be a university on the move. At Winter Commencement, we graduated 402 students! Commencement ceremonies were held in the newly renovated English E. Jones Athletic Center.

Construction on campus is at full throttle. We will soon cut the ribbon on \$9 million in additions and improvements to the Jones Athletic Center. We have constructed a state-of-the-art facility for our teams, for our programs in physical education and sports medicine and for all our students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Work has begun on renovations and additions to Moore and Locklear Halls. Ground will soon be broken for a new classroom building to be located north of the Adolph L. Dial Humanities Building.

The excitement about UNCP's future football team has been amazing. Our trustees approved a plan to bring football back to campus after a 50-year timeout. With your continued support, the historic kickoff will take place in the fall of 2007. Don't miss it!

Football will enhance the spirit of our growing University for our students and alumni. Inevitably, the centerpiece of Homecoming 2007 and beyond will be a football game. It will give us all the opportunity to celebrate our University in the beautiful fall weather.

There is a lot of work to do before Homecoming 2007, and we will be asking you for your help. Join us for Homecoming 2005 and tackle the excitement for yourself!

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

Allen C. Meadors

Experience the Passion of Home, Family and Friends

Homecoming 2005

Alumni and friends of the University are invited to join us January 30 - February 5, 2005 for a fun-filled week of Homecoming activities!

Homecoming 2005 Schedule of Events

Friday, February 4, 2005

The Platters GPAC 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 - \$20

Alumni Dance and Reception with

"Black & Blue"

UC Main Lounge

10 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Tickets: \$15





Saturday, February 5

Alumni Challenge Higher Ground Course 8 - 10 a.m.

Guided Golf Cart/Walking Tours Lumbee Hall

9 a.m. - noon

Alumni Soccer Game Belk Soccer Field 10:30 a.m.

UNCP Women vs. the
University of North Florida
Jones Center
2 p.m.

UNCP Men vs. the University of North Florida Jones Center 4 p.m. Step Show Porter Plaza 5:30 p.m.

Alumni Receptions University Center 6 - 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$10/person
Ticket deadline is January 27, 2005

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Alumni Awards Banquet University Center 7 - 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$25/person
Ticket deadline is January 27, 2005

Comedy Show Featuring Rickey Smiley and Gary Owen

GPAC 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$5 - \$15

The Homecoming Host Hotel is the Holiday Inn in Lumberton. Room rates are \$59.95 plus 10% tax; call (910) 671-1166 by January 24, 2005 to receive the Homecoming discount.

For more information about Homecoming 2005, call the Office of Alumni Relations at (910) 521-6533, e-mail alumni@uncp.edu or visit www.uncp.edu/alumni/homecoming.

See you there!

TOUCHDOWN AT



December 1, 2004 meeting of the Board of Trustees, a plan was adopted to bring football back to the University after a more than 50-year absence.

The target date for the first kickoff is not until the fall of 2007, but this did not deter the boardroom excitement that can only be induced by visions of college football in Pembroke on Saturday afternoons.

There were lots of numbers thrown out — game uniforms at \$175 each, an artificial playing surface at \$700,000, a head coach at \$75,000 — but the college football experience is, well, priceless.

College football engages all the senses: food grilling at tailgate parties, marching bands, cheerleaders and the roar of the crowd at the kickoff followed by the crack of helmet on helmet. This is the dream of college football's return to Pembroke. The dream is back!

By a unanimous and historic vote of the Board of Trustees — which was enthusiastically supported by students, faculty, alumni and the surrounding community — football is back, and the future of the University is forever changed. With one voice, the University community said, "We are a football University!"



For the record, voting for the measure were Chair Carl Meares Jr., Gervais Oxendine '63, Sybil Collins '77, Marion Bass '62, Freda Porter '78, Thomas Jones II '72, Rebecca Bullard, Sherry Prince, Dick Taylor and Student Government President Venessa Jones '05.

Witnesses included Chancellor Meadors, Athletic Director Dan Kenney and a full contingent of media representatives and University administrators.

Consultant George "Buddy" Sasser drew a picture of the impact football will have on the University. In his presentation, Sasser may have set an NCAA record for using the word "unbelievable":

- "Unbelievable" alumni support,
- "Unbelievable" public support and an
- "Unbelievable" boost for public relations.

A veteran coach and athletic director, Sasser knows what he is talking about. He has worked on football startups at Appalachian State University, Wofford College and Coastal Carolina University.

"People who never visited your campus before will be tailgating on Saturday afternoons," Sasser said. "Alumni attracted by football will fund library projects."

Besides boosting alumni and community support, Sasser said football would have a positive effect on students, too. Football will have a profoundly positive impact on one of Chancellor Meadors' most cherished goals — improving the quality of student life.

"It would build school unity and spirit," he said. "It would help with both enrollment and retention. It would be another piece of making Pembroke a true college town."

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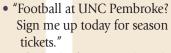
Football may be the most popular program in his five years at the University, said Chancellor Meadors.

"In my 30 years in higher education, I've never seen anything like these approval ratings," he said after the December 1 meeting.

HERE ARE THE NUMBERS:

- Students voted 91.5 percent in favor of football.
- 87 percent of alumni surveyed support football; 71 percent said they would definitely attend games.
- A key campus committee composed of students, faculty and staff voted unanimously to support football.

LETTERS FROM ALUMNI SUMMED UP SUPPORT FOR FOOTBALL:



- "I think it's a great idea whose time has come."
- "I am a lifelong resident of Pembroke ... I see only positives."
 - "What do I need to do to help?"
- "Support for football from my circle of alumni friends is unanimous."

• "I sincerely hope this dream becomes a reality."

• "If you start a program, I'll give."

The air has not been pumped into the first ball yet, and Kenney cautioned that there is a lot of work to do. There is money to be raised, conference affiliations to be cemented and a stadium to be constructed.

But if everything goes according to Kenney's timetable, there will be a historic kickoff at Belk Stadium sometime on the afternoon of September 1, 2007. Don't miss it!

2004

• Trustees approve football feasibility study

2005

- Advisory committee approved
- Head coach search begins
- Fund-raising campaign begins
- Conference affiliation study begins
- Belk Complex improvements begin
- Head coach hired
- Conference affiliation set
- Finalize two-year schedule
- Begin hiring assistant coaches
- First recruiting class signed

2006

- Coaching staff finalized
- Field house construction begins
- Turf installed
- Practice equipment ordered
- First spring football practice
- Belk Stadium seating and scoreboard upgraded
- Fall football practice begins
- Second recruiting class signed

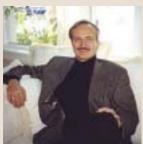
2007

- Field house opened
- Begin practice for first season
- First game September 1, 2007

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Keeping up with Professor Emeritus Frank Schmalleger

When Dr. Frank Schmalleger retired 10 years ago, he left as one of the most celebrated scholars in the University's history.



Published in 1991 and in its eighth printing, his textbook, "Criminal Justice Today," is the best-selling college textbook in its field. With 16 years as chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, Dr. Schmalleger was a popular teacher, too, earning a 1983 *Indianhead* yearbook dedication and the praise of students for being a professor

who "makes coming to school worthwhile."

A home in Hilton Head Island, S.C., sounds like a dream for the youngest professor emeritus in University history. Retirement was never part of the plan for Dr. Schmalleger. And at 57, it still is not part of his plans.

Since leaving the University, Dr. Schmalleger has written numerous books and textbooks. He lectures throughout the United States and is Webmaster of several sites. He is also founder and co-director of the Criminal Justice Learning Consortium, a foundation for distance learning in criminal justice. Following is an e-mail interview with Dr. Schmalleger this summer shortly after he relocated with his family to their new home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.:

"My wife, Harmonie Schmalleger, and I lived on Hilton Head Island for 10 years after retiring. We had a great spot on the harbor of the South Carolina Yacht Club, and you could come to our house by boat or by car. While I love boats, my wife would say that we lived on a parking lot. She's the one who wanted to move, and south Florida has a lot to offer. The spot we are in is where the new Scripps Institute is coming to. It will be an East Coast campus of the world-famous Scripps Institute in La Jolla, Calif., and the development is anticipated to bring as many as 40,000 jobs to the area over the next 15 years. The hope is that the Palm Beach Gardens area will become another Research Triangle — this one focusing on biomedical research. I'm particularly interested in biomedical aspects of criminal behavior and am exploring the possibility of affiliating with Scripps in some capacity.

"My emphasis in my writing has been on two things: (1) individual rights versus the need for safety and security in society, and (2) professionalism. Hence, my text, 'Corrections in the 21st Century' (co-written with John Smykla at the University of Alabama and just out in its second edition), highlights the need for continued professional development in the corrections field.

"Interestingly, another text that I wrote, 'Criminal Law Today' (now going into a third edition), caught the attention of the attorney general of China. He wanted to put it into the hands of every law student in China so that they could understand American criminal law."

Ila Killian promoted to assistant vice chancellor



Ila Killian, a 29-year employee in the Office of Business Affairs, has been promoted to assistant vice chancellor/controller.

Starting with the University as an accounting technician, Killian has been controller since 1984, serving in the dual role of budget officer for her

first 14 years. She supervises a staff of 22 and is responsible for internal and external financial reporting, accounts payable and receivable, capital project budgeting and accounting, asset and grant accounting, payroll and the cashier's office.

Killian earned her Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from UNCP. She earned an Associate degree in accounting from Fayetteville Technical Community College.

Named to the "National Register of Who's Who of Executives and Professionals," Killian was nominated for the 2001 Barry K. Sanders Award for outstanding fiscal management professionals in North Carolina.

Professor Kania wins Fulbright scholarship



Dr. Richard R.E. Kania, a sociology and criminal justice professor, has been awarded a prestigious Fulbright Fellowship to teach and conduct research abroad.

The chair for the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, Dr. Kania will spend a year as a visiting

professor at Belarus State University in Minsk.

For Dr. Kania, who speaks several languages, it is his second Fulbright Fellowship. In 1997, he spent a year in Poland on a Fulbright. ■

Approval won to start four-year nursing program

The University's planned fouryear, pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program was granted initial approval from the North Carolina Board of Nursing in late September. Earlier, the UNC Board of Governors gave its approval to launch the program.

Approximately 50 students will be admitted for the 2005 spring semester, and a total of 200 students will be admitted by 2007. This is good news for UNCP and health care in the region, said Chancellor Meadors.

"UNCP's nursing program will assist our region by graduating top-quality nurses," Chancellor Meadors said. "The nursing field is a noble, caring profession, and it is critical to help resolve the increasing nursing shortage in our region."

The new program will be located in Lumberton, N.C., at Southeastern Regional Medical Center's (SRMC) Corporate Services Building. Approximately 7,000 square feet of the building, located next to the hospital, will be renovated as clinical settings, classrooms, computer labs and offices.

SRMC will serve as the classroom and clinical site for students. Chief Executive Officer and President Luckey Welsh said

UNCP's new nursing program is good news.

"We at SRMC are excited about the approval of the UNCP four-year nursing program," Welsh said. "We appreciate the vision of Chancellor Meadors and the work by Dr. Peggy Opitz (UNCP's nursing program chair), whose planning gained approval for the program."

Typically, students will be admitted to the BSN program after two years at the University, and Registered Nursing (RN) licensure examinations will be taken upon graduation.

The four-year BSN is not UNCP's first endeavor in nursing education. It has operated an RN-to-BSN program as a consortium program with Fayetteville State University since 1992, and Dr. Opitz directed this program for eight years.

"Our nursing program has delivered great returns for this University and for nursing in the region," Dr. Opitz said. "We have graduated over 160 BSNs, and 30 have gone on to get their master's degrees."

When UNCP asked the Board of Nursing for 100 slots in the new program, 200 were granted, Dr. Opitz said. Gail Davis, SRMC vice president of patient care services, said the nurses are needed in the region.

"The UNCP nursing program will put 200 additional nurses in the pipeline, which will be a great resource for the hospital, WoodHaven, Gibson Cancer Center and the Health Department," Davis said. "The timing of this program is perfect since we will be opening our heart center in early 2006."

Educating nurses for leadership and management roles is the mission of the BSN program. Helping solve the nursing shortage is another key goal.

An American Hospital Association study found a nationwide shortage of 126,000 nurses in 2001 and projects a shortfall of 808,000 by 2020. Nursing shortages in rural communities are highest.

Final review of the program by the Board of Nursing occurs when the first class graduates in 2007.

UNCP's RN-to-BSN program operates sites at Sandhills Community College in Southern Pines, N.C., and Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, N.C. The program offers evening and online classes for RNs seeking to enhance their professional training and careers.

For more information about nursing programs at UNCP, please call (910) 521-6522. ■

UNCP hosts largest Winter Commencement

The December 11, 2004 Winter Commencement at the University witnessed 402 receive diplomas.

It was UNCP's fifth Winter Commencement and its largest.

The ceremony was held for the first time in the larger English E. Jones Athletic Center. Traveling the farthest for Commencement were three Chinese students from the prestigious Chinese University of Mining and Technology (CUMT). They received Master of Public Administration degrees.

Keynote speaker Dr. Patricia Valenti, a 20-year veteran of the English Department, served as grand marshal for Commencement by virtue of winning the



UNC Board of Governors 2004 Award for Teaching Excellence. She is the author of several books on the family of early American writer Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Chancellor Meadors presided, as he has at all five Winter Commencements at UNCP. ■

Dr. Paul R. Givens eulogized in memorial service



"The University family was strengthened by the Givens family," said Dr. Charles R. Jenkins in his eulogy for the

late Paul R. Givens, Chancellor Emeritus.

A memorial service for Dr. Givens, who led UNCP from 1979 to 1989, was held November 16, 2004 in the building that bears his name, the Paul R. Givens Performing Arts Center. Dr. Givens would have turned 81 on November 16.

Under Dr. Givens' guidance, the James B. Chavis University Center and the Adolph L. Dial Humanities Building were constructed, and the Herbert G. Oxendine Science Building received a major addition.

Under his leadership, new programs flourished, including American Indian

studies, broadcasting, Chancellor's Scholars and the Economic Development Office. Dr. Givens also launched one of the largest and most successful fund-raising programs in University history to celebrate the University's centennial.

Chancellor Meadors hailed Dr. Givens as a remarkable leader with an equally remarkable record.

"I had the opportunity to meet Chancellor Emeritus Givens, and I learned to appreciate the leadership skills he brought to this University," Chancellor Meadors said. "The Givens' era witnessed a maturing University that was taking its rightful place as a regional university. Dr. Paul R. Givens was truly a great leader for The University of North Carolina at Pembroke."

Former UNCP Trustee Wayne Evans recalled a 25-year friendship.

"He was such a professional and was always representing the University," Evans said. "He loved his children and especially talked about his grandchildren. He loved poetry, singing and a good joke."

Dr. Gregg Givens, the oldest of Paul and Lee Givens' children, remembered his father and good times at UNCP.

"Pembroke was a special place for my dad and our entire family. Pembroke is home. Pembroke is where our family celebrated 10 Thanksgivings," Dr. Givens said. "My father recognized the remarkable talent here at the University and in its surrounding communities."

Dr. Givens quoted from his father's autobiographical notes: "We felt we had accomplished some things, but it was time to move on."

Dr. Paul R. Givens retired from UNCP and lived out his remaining years in Florida. He passed away October 24, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Lee; three sons, Gregg, Stann and Rodney; one daughter, Deborah; a daughter-in-law, Bonnie; a son-in-law, Robert; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Roy; and a sister, Sara Gillis.

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Men's soccer team accomplishes record-breaking season

The men's soccer season ended with a heart-breaking defeat in the semi-finals of the NCAA championships in Wichita, Texas, with a 4-1 loss to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. The 2004 season ended with a 16-3 record and many other records.

"I'm very proud of our guys," said Coach Mike Schaeffer. "We never gave up and played hard until the end. The final score was not indicative of how close the game was."

Schaeffer's team out-shot SIU-Edwardsville 16-14 and had several opportunities to tie the game.

To lament this loss would be to overlook the most outstanding season ever accomplished by a Division II Braves team. The season was covered with superlatives unparalleled in University athletic history:

- The team was ranked as high as number four in the nation, the highest ever by the Braves team;
- The team won its first-ever NCAA tournament game and made its first Final Four appearance;
- The team captured the University's first outright (and undefeated) Peach Belt Conference (PBC) regular season championship;
- The team won its first conference tournament championship; and
- The team placed five players on the allregion team, five on the all-conference team and one all-American.

Sascha Görres was named to the all-American team. Görres and Trond Myrland were named to the all-region first team, while Thomas Lindal, Graeme Little and Sinan Tümkaya were named to the second team.

Görres joins Timo Reinkainen of the 1992 team as the only soccer



all-Americans from UNCP. Görres set a school record with 28 assists in his career, and he scored the dramatic game-winning goal in the 81st minute of the quarterfinal match against Central Arkansas University that sent the Braves to their first-ever Final Four appearance.

In another first, UNCP hosted the first two rounds and the quarterfinals of NCAA tournament play. Home cooking paid off for the Braves. To reach the quarters, the Braves defeated Peach Belt rival Clayton College and University 2-0 on two goals from Mircea Cosac.

In his 26th year, Schaeffer was named the Peach Belt's Coach of the Year. The award marked his second Coach of the Year honor.

The Braves' domination of the Peach Belt was complete after a 2-1 tournament victory over nemesis USC Upstate. Last year, Upstate knocked UNCP out of both regular season and tournament titles.

Myrland was named the tournament's most valuable player after turning in the game-winning goal in the championship game and notching two assists in the semifinal win.

Named to the 2004 all-tournament team were Ozgur Baytar, Sascha Görres, Trond Myrland and Joe Warenda.

The Braves represented on the allconference team included a record five players: Graeme Little, Sascha Görres, Trond Myrland, Thomas Lindal and Sinan Tümkaya. The Braves swept through the regular season with a perfect 6-0 conference mark. Athletic Director Dan Kenney summed up the season.

"UNCP is proud of the accomplishments of the 2004 men's soccer team," he said. "After a spectacular 17-1-2 season and their first NCAA appearance in 2003, it is great that they captured the school's first outright Peach Belt Conference regular season and tournament championships and then went on to win the first NCAA tournament games in school history. A great, great season!"

Coach Schaeffer said team play and contributions from the bench were critical to the team's run through the Peach Belt.

"The team's success this year has been a great collective achievement for the members of the squad," Schaeffer said. "Last year's team had several individuals who really stood out as impact players.

This team had much more depth."

The two-time PBC Coach of the Year put the season in perspective.

"I have coached here so long without winning a championship," he said. "Last year, we came as close to winning the championship as was possible without doing so, and this year we simply took the next step. Our players have worked extremely hard for this in games and our practices."

Art exhibition and sale to help youth art academy at UNCP



Artist Gene Locklear speaks to an audience at his exhibition and sale at UNCP.

Gene Locklear, one of the region's most successful artists and athletes, began

most successful artists and athletes, began work Oct. 17, 2004 on an art academy for young people at the University.

A San Diego, Calif., resident, Locklear and UNCP's Foundation staged an exhibition and art sale at the Givens Performing

Arts Center to raise money for the project, which would train some of the state's youngest art talent.

"I cherish the experiences I had growing up in Pembroke and treasure the land, people and rich heritage of the area," Locklear said. "It is appropriate to come back here to the University because this is where I had my first art show at age 6 or 7."

The show and sale, which featured 22 of Locklear's original works, were the result of collaboration between Locklear and Chancellor Meadors. Locklear said he hoped it would become an annual event.

On display were Southern and Western landscapes and American Indian and sports artwork. Locklear's work has been displayed at the White House, the Pentagon and sporting events and in many public and commercial buildings.

Before taking up art full time, Locklear enjoyed a 10-year career in Major League Baseball, playing with the Cincinnati Reds, New York Yankees and finally the San Diego Padres. He was known as an outstanding hitter, batting .321 in 1975 for the Padres.

Members of the art exhibition sale advisory committee included Walter Bull and Betty Mangum of Pinehurst, Dr. Martin Brooks and Arlie Jacobs of Pembroke, Judy Lowery and Jesse Oxendine of Charlotte, Breeden Blackwell of Fayetteville and Vance Houston of Rock Hill, S.C.

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Teresa Oxendine, director of Donor Relations, at
(910) 521-6213 or teresa.oxendine@uncp.edu.

Jack Lowery still feels at home in Pembroke



B.F. "Jack" Lowery '58 delivered a business forum address Sept. 16, 2004 to an audience of approximately 250 on campus.

As a student in the late 1950s, Lowery said he was a disappointment to his father, Zeb, who was a member of the UNCP Board of Trustees.

Eventually, he met Dr. Myrtle Pope, an English professor and his new adviser. "She said, 'You haven't been doing worth a damn," Lowery said. "I was shocked because women didn't talk like that back then."

Dr. Pope scheduled him into as many of her classes as possible. "This lady turned my life around and saved my education," Lowery said. "I had life-changing experiences at this institution."

Lowery later went to Cumberland Law School after a brief stint teaching school. After law school, Lowery joined a Lebanon, Tenn., law practice and was elected to several offices, including mayor. Although he continues to practice law today with his son, Jack Junior, he made his mark in business.

Lowery is proud of the success of Cracker Barrel, which has 505 stores in 41 states and had \$2.4 billion in sales in 2004. He was general counsel for Cracker Barrel for 26 years and continues to serve on the executive committee of its board of trustees

Lowery also takes great pride in his second major business venture in Lojac Enterprises, a diversified highway building company with sales of \$85 - \$100 million a year and 470 employees.

From floundering college student to business success story, Jack Lowery still feels at home in Pembroke. ■

Local chapter of Indian Education Association endows scholarship

The 34th annual convention of the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) was hosted by the United Tribes of North Carolina Inc. and held at the Joseph S. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, N.C.

The local NIEA chapter held a golf tournament at the Grandover Resort that raised \$7,336 to assist the University in establishing the North Carolina Indian Education Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship is for an American Indian student from North Carolina who is an education major and outstanding scholar with demonstrated financial need.

For more information on how to contribute to this fund, please contact the Office of Donor Relations at (910) 521-6213 or teresa. oxendine@uncp.edu. ■

Ricotta joins Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations



Lorna M. Ricotta '01 assumed the duties of director of the Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations on November 1.

Since 2002, Ricotta served as director of the Office of Alumni Relations, also in the Office for Advancement. She will continue in a dual role until a new director is hired.

In her new position, Ricotta will be responsible for conducting needs assessments with UNCP faculty and administration and seeking funding from public and private sources. She reports to Sandra K. Waterkotte, vice chancellor for Advancement.

A music major at UNCP, Ricotta is completing graduate studies on her Master of Business Administration degree at Fayetteville State University.

She was recently accepted into the Leadership North Carolina program, which seeks to engage informed and committed leaders by advancing their leadership qualities and broadening their understanding of and involvement in issues and opportunities facing the state.

Chancellor's Club Banquet

The Chancellor's Club Banquet is an annual tradition at the University. In 2004, the event was held on October 30 during a beautiful fall evening at the James B. Chavis University Center.

Those in attendance enjoyed an evening of great food and entertainment, in addition to the recognition of new members and members who obtained lifetime status in the past year.

After dinner, Chancellor's Club members were treated to a private performance of "The Importance of Being Earnest," a student production directed by Holden Hansen, assistant professor in the English, Theater and Languages Department. The students put on their best character personas and delivered a top-notch performance.

Chancellor's Club members are the University's most faithful alumni and friends who support UNCP through annual gifts of \$1,000 or more. The Chancellor's Club Advisory Board recently identified a way to appropriately acknowledge and thank the individuals, businesses and corporations that comprise its membership. They commissioned the construction of a state-of-the-art donor recognition wall that will be placed in one of the campus' most prominent public locations — the lobby of the Givens Performing Arts Center. They also held a fund-raising campaign to secure the money for the wall's construction. The advisory board is happy to announce that thanks to the success of this campaign, completion of this project is scheduled for the spring of 2005.

Reserve your place on this donor wall today! Call the Office of Donor Relations at (910) 521-6213 or at 1-800-949-8627 extension 6213 for more information on how you can become the next new member of the Chancellor's Club.

Donors, students meet at scholarship banquet







Candice Gooch, scholarship recipient

During the Scholarship Recognition Dinner on November 9, 2004, some of the University's greatest philanthropists met for the first time with the beneficiaries of their generosity.

Candice Gooch, a student from Creedmoor, N.C., and recipient of the John Green Memorial Scholarship, said her scholarship made the difference in her quest to earn her doctorate in English.

"Because of this scholarship, I've been able to concentrate on my studies," she said. "I greatly appreciate it; I've earned it, too. I have a 3.8 GPA."

More than 175 attended the banquet in the James B. Chavis University Center. For donors, it was gratifying to meet with students who have benefited from their gifts.

Martha Humphrey Beach, without a doubt the dean of philanthropy at UNCP, was a keynote speaker at the banquet. A 1962 graduate, Beach funded an endowed faculty chair in the Art Department and the Martin H. Beach Endowed Scholarship.

As a student at UNCP, Beach's family lived on her husband's \$53-a-month disability check. She learned the value of a scholarship. Later, when her new home burned, she learned the value of generosity from neighbors who came to her aid. As a social worker, she learned the value of hope.

"The children I worked with at the welfare department did not have the hope or the dream to go anywhere or do anything," she said. "They were poor, but they taught me the importance of dreams and ambitions."

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Greetings, Alumni



As 2004 ends and 2005 begins, we should all be thankful for what we have and look forward to our future. UNCP's future is bright as it continues to grow and expand in terms of reputation, students and facilities.

We can be thankful for our University's progress, and we look forward to a bright future that includes a new nursing program, a larger Music Department and a football team. The University's graduates and faculty are receiving awards both locally and nation-

ally. In September 2004, the school set an enrollment record with more than 5,000 students for the fall.

Although our future holds many great events and accomplishments, the most important thing I see in the future for UNC Pembroke is its alumni. We — UNCP's alumni — have a great deal to be thankful for; however, we have a great deal to do, too. We are the past, the present and the future of UNC Pembroke. In the past, we received a great education at UNCP. In the present, we use this education to achieve great things in our private and professional lives. We need to start today in becoming a vital part of UNCP's future.

Plan today to come to Homecoming in February and attend the Alumni Awards Banquet. Become an active member in your local alumni chapter or find out how to start a chapter in your area. If you are not an active member, I challenge you to contact the Alumni Office — today and right now — and ask what you can do to be part of UNC Pembroke's future.

A big part of UNCP's future is you!

Hal Sargent '96
Alumni Association President

Alumni Travel Planning Calendar

Welcome alumni, friends and families. Join the UNCP Alumni Travel Program for exciting tours to the following destinations.

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- "Behold the Lamb"/Amish Tour
- Springtime in Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga.
- The Grand Southwest Tour
- Alaska/Canada Spectacular
- Hawaii Tour
- Niagara Falls
- Fall in Eureka Springs/Branson, Mo.
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Chancellor's Christmas tree inspires traditions

One of the most festive Christmas traditions that Barbara Meadors instituted during her first Christmas in Pembroke is that of the University Christmas tree.

Each year, Student Ambassadors decorate the towering live tree. Mrs. Meadors pours punch, serves cookies and leads the group in seasonal song. But this is just the beginning of the story.

Many of the ornaments on the tree are gifts from alumni, who gather with their friends at the annual Alumni Holiday Drop-in to celebrate the season, sing holiday songs, reminisce about college days and spread good cheer. Since 1999, more than 100 alumni ornaments have been catalogued from the event. This year, the drop-in was held December 10 and attended by more than 100 alumni from several graduating classes.



Dick and Lenore Taylor enjoy the refreshments and good cheer during this year's Alumni Holiday Drop-in.

Fourteen grads chosen for health care programs

Fourteen UNCP graduates were accepted into professional programs in health care, including eight medical schools, for the fall of 2004. Five graduates successfully completed medical or other health care professional schools in 2004.

The following graduates are listed with their acceptances:

- **Tyler Collins '04** was accepted to dental school at UNC-Chapel Hill.
- Charlene Locklear '04 was accepted to the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University.
- **Robert Walker '04** was accepted to the Ross School of Medicine in the West Indies.
- Ashley Johnson '03 was accepted to the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University.
- Leanne Stanley '04 was accepted to the Duke University School of Medicine.

- **Deanna Bullard '04** was accepted to the School of Public Health at UNC-Chapel Hill.
- **Jason Lowery '04** was accepted to the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University.
- Lenita Hammonds '03 was accepted to the Clinical Laboratory Science program at UNC-Chapel Hill.
- Lisa Jones '98 was accepted to the Clinical Laboratory Science program at the Carolinas College of Health Sciences in Charlotte, N.C.
- Jada Locklear '01 was accepted into the nursing program at Duke University.
- **Crystal Bullard '03** was accepted at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University.
- **Bruce Pier '04** was accepted to the Uniformed Services Medical School in Maryland.

- **Tammy Smith '04** was accepted to the School of Pharmacy at Campbell University.
- Michael Arterburn '00 was accepted to the American University of the Caribbean Medical School.

The following UNCP graduates completed work on degrees from medical and other health care professional schools in 2004:

- **Matthew Cummings** graduated from the Brody School of Medicine.
- **Barry Graham** graduated from the physician assistant program at East Carolina University.
- **Brandon Locklear** graduated from the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University.
- **Fred Woriax** graduated from the Meharry School of Medicine in Nashville, Tenn.
- **James Worriax** graduated from the Meharry School of Medicine in Nashville, Tenn. ■

1960s

Jack Qunicy '64 retired after 40 years of teaching, with three years in Virginia and 37 in Maryland. He has one son and one grandson, and is expecting another grandchild in April.

Donald Barry Carnes '65 is retired vice chairman of the school board in Victoria, Va.

William Carey Odom '66 recently retired as city treasurer for the City of Charlotte, N.C.

Annie Chavis '68 is a business education teacher for the Public Schools of Robeson County.

Steve Clark '69 completed a yearlong Fulbright grant in Brno, Czech Republic, where he lived with his wife and daughter and taught English at Brno Bystrc Gymnasium. This was Steve's second Fulbright grant. His first was in Istanbul, Turkey, from 1994-95.

1970s

Charles R. Paris Jr. '70 worked for the North Carolina Credit Union Division as a credit union examiner from 1970 to 1997 and retired from the N.C. Air National Guard. He resides in Charlotte, N.C.

William H. Walters '70 is general manager of Lumberton (N.C.) Ford-Lincoln-Mercury.

Vernon T. Johnson '71 is an exceptional children's teacher for the Public Schools of Robeson County. Johnson won the 2000-2002 North Carolina Reading Association award, the 2001-2002 International Award for Excellence and the 1995 Fairmont Middle School Teacher of the Year award. He was also a member of the executive board for the North Carolina Reading Association from 1999 to 2003.

Betty S. Prevatte '71 retired from the Public Schools of Robeson County in 2001 and returned for a one-year assignment, teaching English. She plans to retire again after this year. She resides in Fairmont, N.C.

Philip R. Stentz '71 retired after 33 years of teaching, one year at Pembroke Senior High and the remaining in Kings Park, N.Y. He is now consulting in leadership development

and management training on a part-time hasis

Ronnie Chavis '72 works for the Public Schools of Robeson County as director of athletics.

Laney Emanuel '72 works for the City of Charlotte as a finance business systems analyst.

Arlene Herring '72 works for the Public Schools of Robeson County as an English teacher at Purnell Swett High School.

Robert A. Lockamy '72 is an attorney in private practice in Hope Mills, N.C.

Patricia Demery Freeman '75 is an insurance agent at Woodmen of the World in Fairmont, N.C.

Iris Locklear '75 is a recruiter for Superior Asset Management in Tampa, Fla.

Dolores R. Conn '76 is an assistant athletic director and teacher at Dillon High School in Dillon, S.C.

Samuel Lee Cox '76 works for Sammy's Auto Sales Inc. in Lumberton, N.C., as president.

Lane Hudson '76 and Denise Blue '76 were married June 26, 2004, in Rockingham, N.C. Denise is a human services specialist with the Oconee County Department of Social Services in Walhala, S.C. Lane teaches English and speech at Tri-County Technical College in Pendleton, S.C. Denise has two children, Kendyll, 17, and Kris, 13. Lane has a daughter, Elizabeth, 14.

David L. Lawrence '76 works for Special Applications Group as company president in Tampa, Fla.

James T. Saunders '76 is assistant director of public safety and transportation at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Sabrina Caulder '77 and her husband own Pro-Kay Supply Inc. They have three children and five grandchildren. Their youngest daughter, Jana, is a sophomore at UNCP. They reside in Orrum, N.C.

Worley T. Edwards '77 is assistant superintendent for Whiteville (N.C.) City Schools after three years as principal, four years as

assistant principal and 19 years as a teacher and coach. He has three children, W.T., 16, Bryant, 14, and Allison, 8.

Amy Loy '77 is employed by Buncombe County Schools as an academically and/or intellectually gifted specialist at Enka Middle School in Candler, N.C.

Sandra Diane Haywood '78 works for the Public Schools of Robeson County as a teacher.

Franklin Jernigan '78 retired as a teacher in North Carolina and is teaching and coaching football at Green Sea-Floyds High School in Horry County, S.C.

Kenneth R. Kennedy '78 is a building inspector for the Town of Carolina Shores in Ash, N.C.

Lisa A. Brisson '79 works for Craven County Schools as a career development coordinator.

Melvin K. Gibson '79 retired from the U.S. Army with 24 years of service. His last assignment was that of non-commissioned officer-in-charge of the Southern Command Health Clinic in Miami. He was appointed as senior health service administrator for the Department of Corrections in Orlando, Fla.

Debbie Humphrey '79 is the owner of Debbie's Destinations Travel Agency in St. Pauls, N.C.

Robert Jensen '79 is a self-licensed massage therapist with a private practice in Greenwich, Conn. He also tutors students in science programs at the Connecticut Center for Massage Therapy.

1980s

Jackie Parker Adams '80 of Wilmington, N.C., died Sept. 10, 2004. After graduating from UNCP at the top of her class, she became the first female certified public accountant in Robeson County.

Connie Pittman '80 works for Cumberland County Schools as a school psychologist.

Rebecca Rodriguez '80 is employed by Job Corps in New Jersey as a residential supervisor.



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Dan Fitzpatrick '81 welcomed his first grandchild, Davis Young Lundy, on Nov. 29, 2003. Dan is a sales manager for Fred Anderson Toyota in Raleigh, N.C.

Howard Hughes '81 is a lieutenant detective at the Richlands County Sheriff's Department in South Carolina.

Ronald Gene Locklear '81 married Teresa Locklear '83, and they have two sons, Ronnie Allen Locklear '03 and Blake Locklear '03, and one grandson, Ethan Leander. Ronald has worked for WestPoint Stevens for 27 years. The family resides in Red Springs, N.C.

Bridgette L. Williamson '81 is co-owner of InTandem Inc. in Greenville, N.C.

Kenneth Dwight Willoughby '81 accepted the position of controller of First National Bank Southeast, an \$800 million commercial bank holding company now headquartered in Greensboro, N.C. In May 2003, at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants, he was recognized as the outstanding member in business and industry for 2002-03.

Gregory W. Gainey '82 works for Horne's Furniture as a salesman in Stedman, N.C.

Jennifer Freeman '82 was honored as the 2004-05 Principal of the Year for the Public Schools of Robeson County. She earned a prize of \$500 for school supplies, a plaque and a trip to Spain and Portugal, where she will be joined by Eustacia Lowry-Jones '95, the 2004-05 Teacher of the Year.

Steven Harold Page '82 of Stedman and Cindy Marie Bullard of Roseboro, N.C., were married Aug. 14, 2004, at Evergreen Baptist Church. The bride is office manager for Dr. Lane and Associates in Roseboro, and the groom is a financial manager with BB&T. After a honeymoon trip to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., the couple settled in Stedman, N.C.

Ricky Ransom '82 is employed by UNCP as an education adviser.

Felecia Scott '82 is an instructor at UNCP.

Henry Wooten Jr. '83 is an administrative officer for UNC Hospitals in Durham, N.C.

Valerie V. Fackler '84 is an intensive behavioral support specialist for New Hanover County Schools in Wilmington, N.C.

Cassandra Lee '84 is self-employed as a licensed professional counselor in South Carolina.

Angela C. Pointe-Wise '84 retired after 30 years of teaching at Red Springs City Schools, Cumberland County Schools and New Hanover County Schools.

Tommy Roach Jr. '84 is director of operations for Lamb Group LLC in Lumberton, N.C.

Kim H. Shepard '84 works for the Department of Rehabilitation in Virginia as a counselor.

John P. Ashford '85 is vice president of sales for Corporate Benefits Inc. in Taylors, S.C.

Tony N. Brown '85 was named acting county manager for Halifax County in November 2003.

Vivian D. Edwards '85 works as a support staff member for Cape Fear Farm Credit in Lumberton, N.C.

Darrell Campbell '86 celebrated 17 years in the finance industry and nine years as a regional manager at WFS Financial. He manages more than \$280 million in assets and 40 employees and plans to enroll in a Master of Business Administration program in 2005.

Colonel Allen J. Jamerson '86 is deputy director of security for the U.S. Air Force in Centreville, Va.

Kenneth Albert Cabral '87 and Wendy Lenette Royal, both of Clinton, N.C., were married July 5, 2004, at Grove Park Baptist Church in Clinton. The bride works for Duplin County Schools and is principal at North Duplin Elementary School. The groom works for Premium Standard Farms as human resources manager. After a cruise to the Bahamas, the couple will reside in Clinton, N.C.

Elton K. Jacobs '87 works for the Public Schools of Robeson County as an instructional assistant.

Jamie K. Oxendine '87 was a Lumbee tribal representative in the First American Festival and Native Nations Procession for the grand opening of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. Oxendine is president of the Black Swamp Inter-tribal Foundation based in Perrysburg, Ohio, which is dedicated to the education and support of Native Americans. He is on the advisory board of the Native American

Stephens '87 opens clinic in Lumberton

Frederick Stephens '87, a professor of social work at UNCP since 1992, has opened a private mental health clinic in Lumberton, N.C.



Carolina Professional Mental Health Associates Inc. is a private mental health agency serving Robeson, Columbus, Bladen and Scotland counties. The associates provide community-based services, including individual and family therapy for children and adolescents in addition to services for adults and children with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

Stephens graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in social work, and he earned his Master's of social welfare degree in 1989 from the University of California at Berkeley. He served as coordinator of field instruction and as coordinator of the multidisciplinary minor in African-American studies. He is assistant to the director of the social work program. Stephens is working on his Ph.D. in human services.

Music Association and Awards and is a member of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (the Grammys). Jamie serves as a music director and Native American speaker with the Toledo Public Schools and as guest Native American speaker at Bowling Green State University. He will teach a new class in Native American studies next semester.



Jennifer Ezzel '88 was elected vice president of First Citizens Bank in Greensboro, N.C.

Timothy McNeill '88 is an attorney in private practice in Farmville, N.C.

Ronette Alesia Sutton Gerber '89 works for Aguirre Law Office as an attorney in Willow Spring, N.C.

1980s continued

Scott Gilchrist '89 and his wife recently celebrated the birth of their daughter, Rachel Anne, on April 20, 2004. They are expecting a second child in 2005. Scott is vice president of warranty for Craft Homes USA in Charlotte, N.C.

James Michael Honeycutt '89 is an attorney with Fisher & Phillips LLP in Charlotte, N.C., where his practice focuses on representing employers in all aspects of labor and employment law. In 2001, he graduated magna cum laude from Michigan State University College of Law.

Greer Avant Inman '89 is media coordinator for Columbus County Schools.

Mary L. Carver Jernigan '89 is an accountant for Collins and Kemp CPAs in Fairmont, N.C.

Michael Jordan '89 is a teacher and coach at Brevard (N.C.) Middle School.

1990s

Wendell Baxley '90 married Kristi Noel Daughtry Baxley '93, who graduated from Elon University in June 2004 with a Master of Science degree in physical therapy and completed work on her doctorate in December 2004

Media Hunt Campbell '90 works for the Public Schools of Robeson County as a teacher.

Jeannie Davis '90 is employed by UNCP as an applications programmer in the Office of Institutional Research.

Brian K. Dial '90 married Theresa A. Clark '93 on Oct. 23, 2004. He is a staff pharmacist for Scotland Memorial Hospital, and she is employed as a teacher with the Public Schools of Robeson County.

Cammie Hunt '90 was selected to serve as director of student enrichment and success for the School of Business at UNCP. She will coordinate the school's advisement and retention activities and will also oversee the internship program. She is a five-year veteran professor of the School of Business and is adviser to the award-winning Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) organization.

Jennifer Brayboy Locklear '90 married Major Eric H. Locklear '90, who is serving in Iraq with the 30th Heavy Separate Brigade of Clinton, N.C. Eric is transportation director for Person County Schools, and Jennifer was named director of exceptional children's programs for Caswell County Schools. She completed her Doctorate in educational leadership from UNC-Chapel Hill in May 2003.

Karen Stickney '90 received her master's degree in school counseling from Campbell University in August 2004. She is employed by the Public Schools of Robeson County as a business education teacher.

Stephanie Gingrich '91 is news director at Blue Ridge Communications in Lititz, Pa.

Vonda Graham '91 was hired as director of the Family Life Center at UNCP.

Debbie Jacobs '91 was promoted to accommodations coordinator for UNCP's Office of Disability Services. She has worked in the offices of Admissions, Career Services and Human Resources.

Robin Parker Meekins '91 is a coordinator for Eastern Shore Psychological Services in Maryland.

Monica Kornegay Roberson '91 has worked with FirstHealth of the Carolinas as a program coordinator for community health services for the past 10 years. She is married to Phillip Kornegay, who owns Top Notch Floor Maintenance Services. They reside in Ashley Heights, N.C., and have one son, Wendell MacArthur Roberson, 4.

Greg W. Sampson '91 is an English teacher at Purnell Swett High School.

Barry Woolard '91 married Vickie B. Woolard '90. He is self-employed as an agency manager of Tyrell Company, an affiliate of Farm Bureau, in Columbia, N.C.

Frank Mercogliano '92 was promoted to the position of assistant athletic director for media relations at Idaho State University, an NCAA Division I program competing in the Big Sky Conference. He is in his seventh year at the school and his 16th overall in the profession. He is completing his Master's degree in athletic administration from Idaho State University and was selected to serve on the media services staff of the NCAA West Regional, to be held in Boise, Idaho, in March 2005.

Matthew A. Patterson '92 is a certified public accountant and manager for S. Preston Douglas & Associates LLP in Lumberton, N.C.

Bryan S. Reece '92 is manager of a Wolfman Pizza in Charlotte, N.C. He and his wife welcomed their first baby boy, Zachary Owen Reece, on May 8, 2004.

Alan '91 and Pam Wildes '92 welcomed a baby girl, Anabelle, on Oct. I, 2004. Their son, Jackson, is 3. Alan works for Generis as a stewardship consultant, and Pam is self-employed as a homemaker. The family resides in Alpharetta, Ga.

Robert T. Williamson Jr. '92 is a manager for Three Oaks Contractors in Charleston, S.C.

Lloyd Willis '92 is an insurance agent for North Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance in Fayetteville, N.C.

Randy Brown '93 has worked for Perdue Farms Inc. since 1993 as an operations manager. He and his wife, Donetta Brecher-Brown '93, have three daughters, Tiffany, Brittany and Victoria. The family resides in Lumberton, N.C.

Robert Ethridge '93 works for Lincoln Center for Women's Health as an administrator in Lincolnton, N.C.

Nicole L. Farabee '93 is a controller for Low Tech Investments Inc. in High Point, N.C.

Veronica Kay Freeman '93 and her husband, Rudy, celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Haley Jordan, on April 27, 2004. Haley weighed in at 10 lbs., 5 oz. Veronica is an administrative assistant at UNCP's Regional Center.

Angela McCabe '93 is a mother of three: one boy and two girls. She is a martial arts instructor and hockey coach in Dexter, N.Y.

Tulisha Jarmon Pridgen '93 is a district administrator for the Administrative Office of the Courts for the Guardian Ad Litem program in Lumberton, N.C.

John Schultz '93 works for Healthlink Inc. as a regional sales manager in Maryland.

Pam Spaulding '93 is self-employed as an accountant in Lumberton, N.C.

Eric Tillmon '93 is self-employed as a realtor in Chesapeake, Va.

Benita B. Tipton '93 works for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction as an education consultant after teaching biology for 10 years at Scotland High School in Laurinburg, N.C.

Avery Winford '93 works for Bank of America as a consultant, analyst and engineer in Charlotte, N.C.

Greg Kealey '94 works for Business
Development Bank of Canada as a loans
senior manager. He and his family are planning to immigrate to the United States.
He has worked in the Canadian banking
and finance industry for the past 10 years.
After a two-year process, he obtained his
immigration visa and green card.

Lee Snead '94 is a global project manager for Cisco Systems in Morrisville, N.C.

Amelia Hammond Tanon '94 works for Companion Technology in Raleigh, N.C., as a implementation training consultant. She married Jose Edgardo Tenon on July 10, 2004, on the Carnival Cruise Line ship "Imagination" in Miami.

Jeffery Alejandro '95 received his Doctor of Education degree from East Carolina University on Nov. 17, 2004.

Clayton Alexander '95 works for Greensboro (N.C.) College as an associate director of admissions.

Cassonia Dimery '95 works for CNN as an associate producer in Atlanta.

Dr. Janet Harris-Hicks '95 joined Scotland Health Care System's Carolinas Women's Center.

Tiffany Taylor Larson '95 was promoted to assistant vice president of Progressive State Bank. She lives in Lumberton, N.C., with her husband and three children, Taylor, Summer and Addison.

Pecouse Lucas '95 and James Lucas '02 welcomed their first child, James Peyton, on Aug. 2, 2004. James weighed in at 7 lbs., 15 oz. Pecouse works at UNCP in the Office of the Chancellor.

Wiley Kevin Mabe '95 and his wife welcomed a baby boy, Wiley Kevin Jr., on July 16, 2004. Wiley works for Richmond County Schools as an athletic director and teacher.

Chantay McLaughlin '95 is varsity women's basketball coach at Morehead High School in Eden, N.C. On Sept. 18, 2003, she gave birth to her second son, Stefan Raymond McLaughlin. On Christmas Eve 2003, she married Tracy McLaughlin.

David McLean '95 and his wife have a new baby girl, Elizabeth, born May 11, 2004. He is a quality engineer for Wyeth in Clayton, N.C.

James Morris '95 announced the birth of his son, Nathaniel Mills, on March 3, 2004. James is the formalwear rental program manager for S&K Menswear. He works out of the corporate office in Richmond, Va.

Melody Poole Powell '95 is a homemaker in Durham, N.C.

Cynthia Redfearn '95 works for UNCP as an associate director of Residence Life.

Kevin Roy '95 worked in Iraq for Kellogg, Brown and Root. He was a morale, welfare and recreation coordinator and worked with troops in Tikrit. He was married three days prior to leaving for Iraq and has a 2-year-old daughter, Ashlyn Elizabeth.

Fredric Woriax '95 works for the Medical University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C., as a resident in internal medicine.

Linda Gail Bullard '96 of Garner, N.C., and Scott Thomas Eaton of Raleigh, N.C., were married May 30, 2004, at Burnt Swamp Baptist Church in Lumberton, N.C. The bride and groom both work for the U.S. Postal Service. After a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple will reside in Raleigh, N.C.

Brian Knight '96 and Virginia Anne Tolar, both of St. Pauls, N.C., were married Aug. 14, 2004, at Fountain of Praise Church. The bride is a student at Fayetteville Technical Community College, and the groom is a research chemist at DuPont's Fayetteville Works. After a honeymoon trip to St. Lucia in the Caribbean, the couple plans to live in in Hope Mills, N.C.

Angelina J. Moore '96 of Maxton, N.C., and Max A. Horowitz of New Jersey were married Sept. 4, 2004, at Prospect United Methodist Church.

Kerry L. Revels '96 instructed visual arts for six years at Rowland Middle School. He plans to begin work on a Master's degree in commercial arts.

Frank D. Sargent II '96, owner of Hal Sargent Music in Wendell, N.C., was named adjunct percussion instructor at St. Mary's School in Raleigh, N.C.

John Willis '96 works for ECPI College of Technology in Charlotte, N.C., as a network manager.

Curtis H. Allen II '97 is serving as a U.S. Marine Corps captain in Baghdad. On Sept. 5, 2004, his wife gave birth to their first child, Thomas.

Mary K. Cox '97 is employed by Sandhills Children's Developmental Services Agency in Scotland County as an early intervention service coordinator.

Daphne Holland '97, '99 has been employed over the past four years as a full-time English instructor at Mitchell Community College in Statesville, N.C. She won the 2004 Mitchell Community College Excellence in Education Award.

Tabatha Latenia Lowery '97 received her real estate license and will join Century 21 in Lumberton, N.C.

Evonne Moore '97, a mother of two, has worked for Richmond County Schools as a social worker for 14 years. She was named the 2003-04 North Carolina School Social Worker of the Year. She was also elected to the North State School Social Worker's Association board and will serve as parliamentarian for the next three years.

Dominique Thompson '97 is a senior service claims adjuster for Allstate Insurance in Durham, N.C. Her husband, Jason Galloway '01, is a senior data technology manager with the Center for Human Genetics at Duke University. They have two daughters, Makayla Galloway, 4, and Kennedy Galloway, who was born Oct. 13, 2004.

Teresa Tubbs '97 works in the Office of Financial Aid at UNCP as associate director.

Neilson Weatherly '97 is employed by Randolph Community College in Asheboro, N.C., as a criminal justice and political science instructor.

Brian Zegar '97 is a case manager for Fidelity Investments in Garner, N.C.

Felix Boggan '98 is a lab manager and technician at Guilford Technical Community College in High Point, N.C.

Jackie Cummings-Hunt '98 works for the Public Schools of Robeson County as a teacher.

Neal D. Lea'Kes '98 is employed by the Department of Corrections as a programs supervisor in Scotland County.



UNCP alumni serving in Iraq include, from left, 1st Lieutenant Robert Earl Chavis Jr. '99, personnel service; 2nd Lieutenant Charlyne Jacobs '99, A&O platoon leader; Sergeant Bobby Emanuel '93, HHC motor sergeant; and Captain Steven Hunt '93, '01, assistant brigade engineer. All are members of the 105th EN BN.

1990s continued Dwan Locklear '98 works for the Public Schools of Robeson County as a media specialist.

Mary Milligan-Wright '98 accepted an English instructor position at Richmond Community College in Hamlet, N.C., in 2004. After receiving an undergraduate degree, she taught for three years at the middle school level and for three years at the high school level while earning her graduate degree in 2004.

Brian L. Purvis '98 received his Master of Education degree from UNC-Chapel Hill on Aug. 21, 2004. He is a middle school science teacher for Chatham County Schools.

Yolanda Sinclair '98 joined the Shelby (N.C.) Children's Developmental Agency on Aug. 8, 2004, and is the agency's financial officer. She is one of 18 new employees.

Chancellor Strickland '98 and his wife welcomed 7 lbs., 5 oz. Jayden Bryce Strickland on May 19, 2004. Chancellor works for North Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent in Pembroke, N.C.

Deidra Brown '99 works for Liverpool (N.Y.) Central Schools Federal Credit Union as a financial services representative. She married Kurt Miller from Buffalo, N.Y., on July 10, 2004.

Samuel Cabrera '99 is a revenue officer for the N.C. Department of Revenue in Raleigh, N.C.

Bradley Cauthen '99 works for Progress Energy Inc. as a business financial analyst in Apex, N.C.

Catherine Farabee '99 works for the High Point (N.C.) Police Department as a police officer.

Sherry Griffin '99 is a teacher and coach for Calvary Day School in Savannah, Ga.

Jodella Locklear '99 gave birth to a son, Jaylen Lemark, on Aug. 20, 2004. She is employed by Women's Life Center of Pembroke as a nurse practitioner.

Jason M. Odum '99 of Clarendon, N.C., and Julia K. Newman of Whiteville, N.C., were married Nov. 13, 2004, at Antioch Baptist Church in Lumberton, N.C.

George S. Pate '99 is a member of the Business Department faculty at Robeson Community College.

Sylvia Pate '99 is employed by UNCP as director of Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development.

Wesley Quick '99 works for Binswanger Glass as a city service lead in Apex, N.C.

Samuel Duval Shaw '99 was promoted to correctional programs supervisor at the Hoke County Correctional Institution.

Adam Thompson '99 and his wife welcomed Dalton Harold on July 9, 2004; Dalton weighed in at 7 lbs., 13 oz. and measured 21 inches. Adam is a teacher and coach in Columbus County Schools.

2000s

Kent Barefoot '00 is store manager for Walgreen's Pharmacy in Summerville, S.C. He has an 18-month-old son, Logan Dail.

Sarah-Lynn Brown '00 is a comic book graphic artist. She was chosen as the artist for the October edition of "Students of the Unusual," which is produced by 3 Boys Productions.

Ellen Hunt Bullard '00 works with the Public Schools of Robeson County as a youth development specialist in the Office of Indian Education. She was chosen as Youth Development Specialist of the Year and will attend the National Indian Conference in Phoenix. Ariz.

Ebony Goodwin '00 works for Scotland County Schools as a teacher assistant. Her husband, Robert Crumel Jr. '99, is employed at BB&T in Lumberton, N.C., in the collections department. They reside in Laurinburg, N.C., with their two sons, D'Angelo, 2, and Jalen, I.

Luciana Hammonds '00 gave birth to 8 lbs., 13.5 oz. son, Dylan Kenai, on June 28, 2004. She is employed at UNCP as a residence administrator.

Robyn Kellie Hammonds '00 of Bladenboro, N.C., and Ricky Travis Priest of Elizabethtown, N.C., were married July 18, 2004, at Dublin Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. The bride works for Cumberland County Schools as an art teacher, and the groom works for Cape Fear Land and Timber. After a wedding trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn., the couple will reside in Elizabethtown.

Emily Love Jones '00 is a video producer at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C.

Brian K. Locklear '00 works for Kraft Foods in Pembroke, N.C., as a sales representative.

Stephania Nance '00 and Kevin McCall were married June 26, 2004, at Macedonia Baptist Church in Evergreen, N.C.The bride works for the Public Schools of Robeson County, and the groom works for Progress Energy of Lumberton, N.C.After a honeymoon trip to Peter Island in the British Virgin Islands, the couple will reside in Fairmont, N.C.

Bobbie Jo Sampson '00 of Lumberton, N.C., and Robert Keith McLean '01 of Maxton, N.C., were married June 5, 2004, at Tabernacle Baptist Church. The bride and groom work for the Public Schools of Robeson County. After a wedding trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica and Grand Cayman, the couple will reside in Lumberton, N.C.

Elsa Shaw '00 completed her Master of Arts degree in service agency counseling in August 2004. She works with juveniles at the Counseling Center in Lumberton, N.C., as a therapist.

Kimberly Parker Strickland '00 gave birth to 10 lbs., 8 oz. son, Christopher Luke, on Oct. 22, 2004. She and her husband also have a 19-month-old daughter, Randi Nicole. Kimberly is employed by Scotland County Schools as an exceptional children's teacher.

Erika L. Young '00 received her Master of Science degree in biology from Western Carolina University in 2003. On June 13, 2003, she married Grady Arthur Young III and gave birth to her first child, Samuel Arthur, on May 24, 2004. She is a science academic specialist for UNCP.

Jamie Baker '01 was married June 12, 2004, to Bradley Smith. She is a crime prevention specialist with the Fayetteville (N.C.) Police Department.

Matthew D. Barnes '01 works for the Social Security Administration in Whiteville, N.C.

Kelly Davis '01 is a sales producer for Lancer Insurance Company in Creedmoor, N.C.

Jason Galloway '01 is a senior data technician for the Center for Human Genetics in Durham, N.C.



Calstain Ganda '01 and his wife had their first child, Kayla Amai, on Sept. 7, 2004. Calstain is a management consultant for Dewoff, Boberg & Associates Inc. in Charlotte, N.C.

Billy Haggans '01 of Maxton, N.C., and Heather Oxendine of Pembroke were married June 19, 2004, at White Hill Church. The bride works for Elite's Salon, and the groom works for CIS Academy. After a wedding trip to Sunset Beach, N.C., the couple will reside in the Union Chapel community near Pembroke, N.C.

Jackie Kearns '01 is employed as an emergency medical services billing clerk for Robeson County.

Shanna Marie May '01 and Ryan Harrelson '01 were married Sept. 18, 2004, in Lumberton, N.C. She finished a Master of Science degree in chemistry from North Carolina State University, and he completed a Master of Science degree in August 2004 in soil science. Shanna is a visiting teaching associate at UNCP in the Chemistry and Physics Department. Ryan is working for the North Carolina Agricultural Cooperative Extension Service in Pender County as a commercial and consumer horticulture agent.

Neil M. McPhaul Jr. '01 works for The Budd Group as a security division manager. He resides in Matthews, N.C.

Susan Morris '01 and Captain William Perkins '99 were married Jan. 11, 2002. Perkins is now in Iraq with the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division and will return to Germany in the spring of 2005. The couple lives in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Jennifer Quinn Rico '01 is a health and physical education teacher for Cumberland County Schools.

Mayra C. F. Rodriguez '01 was promoted at Cape Fear Valley Health System in Fayetteville, N.C., to the position of contract management analyst. She also gave birth to her first son, Christian Jesus Rodriquez-Fuentes, in April 2004.

Monica Sandoval '01 was accepted into the School of Pharmacy at Campbell University. She is now working as a pharmacy lead technician at CVS Pharmacy.

Jeremy Heath Turner '01 and Amanda McRae Vaughan, both of Lumberton, N.C., were married Sept. 25, 2004, at Centre Presbyterian Church. The bride works for Thompson, Price, Scott & Adams in Whiteville, N.C., and the groom works for Turner Carpet and Interiors in Lumberton, N.C. The honeymoon trip was to Monetgo Bay, Jamaica.

Stephanie Boyd White '01 is a pharmacy student at the Medical University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C.

Justin Winans '01 works at UNCP as intramural director.

Alisa Ballinger '02 works as a performance improvement coordinator in Fayetteville, N.C.

Alvin Lewis Breeden '02 is a state employee with the Department of Corrections, Division of Community Corrections. He was promoted to the position of probation officer in Scotland County on July 1, 2004.

Amanda C. Brooks '02 works for Medifit/St. Mary's College in Raleigh, N.C., as a health fitness specialist and assistant basketball coach.

Carver R. Campbell '02 is stationed with the U.S. Army at Fort Lee, Va., as a petroleum specialist. He plans to return to UNCP for his Master of Arts degree in physical education and complete the ROTC program.

Starlet M. Chavis '02 of Red Springs, N.C., and William Reese Oxendine of Maxton, N.C., were married May I, 2004, at the riverside cabin of Gregory Cummings at Pine Lake Estates in Pembroke, N.C. The bride is attending the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, and the groom works for the Durham County Sheriff's Department.

Anna Meggs Cloninger '02 is a teacher for Rohanen Junior High School in Rockingham, N.C.

Rachel Copeland '02 works for Mountain Community Bank as a loan officer in lonesville, N.C.



Timothy James Dean '02 works for the Johnston County Sheriff's Department as a deputy in Olathe, Kan. He has one son, Roman Nickolaus, born March 30, 2004.

Ashley Dickson '02 was recently certified to work for the Public Schools of Robeson County as a history teacher.

Camille Locklear Goins '02 taught fifth- and sixth-grade computer skills at Carroll Middle School in Lumberton, N.C., for two years after graduation. She was promoted to special populations coordinator at South Robeson High School. She and her husband, Kevin, welcomed a new addition to their family on March 19, 2004: a baby girl, Emily Taylor.

Eric Gossett '02 is a loan officer for R&R Funding in Durham, N.C.

Sarah R. Locklear '02 is in her third year as a medical student at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

Kanetra Jones Mitchell '02 is an associate teacher at Four County Community Services in Red Springs, N.C.

Rick Navarrete '02 of Proctorville, N.C., and Lettie Hedgpeth of Fairmont, N.C., were married June 6, 2004, at Orrum Baptist Church. The bride works for the Robeson County Tax Office, and the groom works for the Public Schools of Robeson County. After a wedding trip to the N.C. mountains, the couple will reside in Proctorville.

Amie Ward '02 is assistant director of admissions at UNCP.

2000s continued Cynthia Artis '03 works for Cumberland County Schools as a teacher.

Crystal Batten '03 and Brian Walker, both of Lumberton, N.C., were married June 26, 2004, in the garden of the Robeson County Public Library. The bride works for Brunswick County Schools, and the groom works for BB&T. After a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, the couple will reside in Holden Beach. N.C.

Ginny Bridgers '03 joined The Robesonian staff as an advertising representative.

Donald Damon '03 lives in Waterville, Ma., and works for a family owned business.

April Dederick '03 gave birth to a son, Dalyn Matthew, on Jan. 23, 2004. After taking leave to spend time with her son, she returned to work as manager of community development for the Fayetteville Area Chamber of Commerce. She works on the Metro-Visions report and with logistical activities for three leadership development programs and WorkFirst.

Rennie C. Harrington-Jones '03 is director of the Chowan County Board of Elections.

Lois Hood '03 was hired as a child nutrition director for Montgomery County Schools in Troy, N.C. She is enrolled in a Master's degree program at Capella University.

Melissa Blair Ivey '03 is a history teacher for Cumberland County Schools.

Scott Jackson '03 was named store manager for MegCor Golf in Lumberton, N.C. He has worked for MegCor for two years as a sales associate.

Abdullah Johnson '03 recorded his third album in Washington D.C. He will perform on the Dave Chapelle Show in its upcoming third season. He was an inventory control manager for VAMAC.

Demetrus Locklear '03 is assistant director of personnel support services at HealthKeeperz Home Health in Pembroke, N.C. His wife, Heather Locklear '03, works for the Robeson County Department of Social Services as a social worker.

Charles Keith Oxendine '03 works for the N.C. Department of Transportation as a transportation technician in Rockingham, N.C.

Kendall B. Oxendine '03' is a sales associate for Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals. He has one son, Colin Josef Oxendine, born April 24, 2004.

Eric Phillips '03 and Aimee Kaukola Phillips '99,'03 announced the birth of their son, Blake Alexander, on Feb. 13, 2004. The family resides in Lumberton, N.C.

Kristina Rennie '03 served in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Jessica Smith Rogers '03 is a second-grade exceptional children's teacher at Hallsboro (N.C.) Elementary School.

Melissa Stricklin '03 is employed by the Public Schools of Robeson County as a sixth-grade teacher.

Winifred Winston '03 is a marketing representative for Dole Fresh Fruit Company in Columbia. Md.

Jennifer Wood '03 works as an account executive at the Military Newspapers of Virginia in Virginia Beach.

Jayme Nicole Yates '03 of Lumberton, N.C., and Gilbert Duane Cox of Fairmont, N.C., were married July 17, 2004, in Southport, N.C. The bride works for Southeastern Regional Medical Center, and the groom works for Peoples National Bank and Shaw's Office Supply. After a cruise to the Caribbean, the couple will reside in Fairmont.

Ryan Young '03 works for the Graham (N.C.) Police Department as a patrol officer.

Gina S. Allen '04 was hired by the Lumber River Council of Governments as a youth opportunity specialist in Pembroke, N.C.

Tracy Armstrong '04 was recently accepted into a Ph.D. program in biotechnology at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Ala. She will specialize in protein crystallography and nuclear magnetic resonance. She will begin classes in January 2005. Armstrong formerly worked at the Cape Fear Valley Health System in Fayetteville, N.C., as a phlebotomy technician.

Roderick Brower '04 works for Sandhills Community College in Southern Pines, N.C., as a system administrator. She plans to begin work on a Master's degree at East Carolina University in the summer of 2005.

Kendra Hagins-Wilson '04 was hired as a recruiter at Hardesty & Hanover LLP, one of the leading engineering consulting firms in the United States.

Steve Hendrix '04 was recently named fulltime psychology instructor at James Sprunt Community College in Kenansville, N.C.

Jill Mikula '04 works as a catering manager for the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville, N.C.

Cornelia Murchison '04 works for the Hoke County Health Department as a health education teacher. Her plans are to return to school this spring to receive her Master's degree in health services administration.

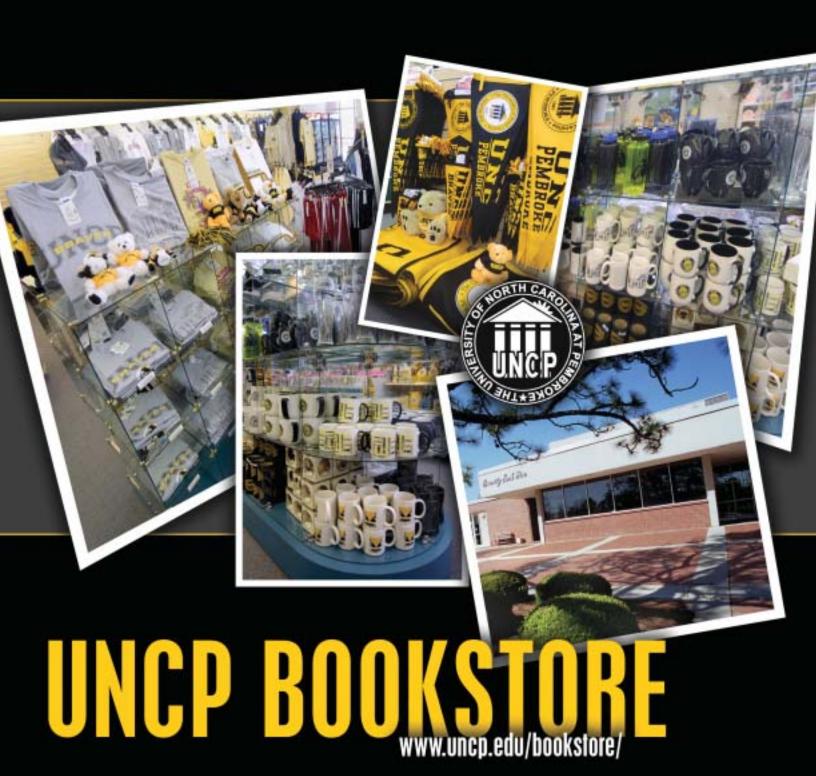
Elliott Palmer '04 is employed by Harnett County Schools as a teacher. He recently joined the volunteer fire department in Coats, N.C., and plans to receive his certification to become a fireman.

Kimberly Pittman Pietrolungo '04 works for Capital Bank as a customer service representative in Cary, N.C.

Michael Dean Simmons '04 is working with UNCP as an admissions counselor. In 2005, he plans to attend the North Carolina Highway Patrol school.

Amiria Ann Thompson '04 and Jonathan William Prather were married July 17, 2004, at Island Grove Baptist Church. The bride received her Bachelor's degree in business administration and is pursuing an Associate degree in funeral services from Fayetteville Technical Community College. She is a funeral home assistant with Thompson's Funeral Home in Pembroke, N.C. The groom is pursuing a degree in social work from UNCP. He is an office assistant with Hardin Inc., an administrator with Prather's Family Care and is also employed with Thompson's Funeral Home. After a honeymoon trip to Maui, Hawaii, the couple settled in Pembroke, N.C.





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Sampson, Livermore entwined in history



The namesakes of the Sampson-Livermore Library evoke the long and distinguished history of the University and its library.

Oscar R. Sampson's name has been associated with the University since its first day. Born in 1866, he attended the first session of the Croatan Normal School in 1887 and was one of its first graduates two years later. Appointed to the Board of Trustees in 1896, he served the University faithfully for the next 32 years until his death in 1928.

Sampson Hall, the University's administration building, was dedicated to his memory in 1949. Although demolished in 1995, his name was not forgotten.

Mary Hoyland Livermore was born in 1883 at Pates, near the original site of the campus. Like Sampson, Livermore was there in the beginning too. She served on the faculty from 1941-51 and served as the first professor of the Religious Education Department.

The library wing of Sampson Hall was dedicated to Livermore in 1963 during the University's Diamond Jubilee Anniversary celebrations. When a new library building was constructed in 1967, it was dedicated in her memory. She passed away in 1965.

In 1997, the two names were joined again. A large new addition to the library was dedicated as the Sampson-Livermore Library.







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