Lela Clark is the new director of Admissions

Lela C. Clark is the new director of the Office of Admissions. She will take the reigns of one of the university’s most successful and fastest growing areas.

“A major reason for the success at UNCP is the hard work of our admissions team, and a comprehensive recruitment advertising mix,” Clark said. “There is also an excellent plan in place that Jackie Clark (vice chancellor for Enrollment Management) created when she led this office.”

Lela Clark brings to the Office of Admissions her experience in the competitive arena of recruiting for distance learning programs at Old Dominion University. She also has local roots.

“Lela is an excellent addition to the admissions team at this stage in our recruitment history,” Jackie Clark said. “It is time for fresh leadership with new ideas to add to a solid recruitment program whose constant challenge is continued improvement. I’m confident that Lela will provide this important leadership.”

Clark comes to UNCP from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., Lela Clark is the new director of Admissions

Reggie Oxendine: Our man in Abu Dhabi

Very few higher education conferences have been described as a life-changing events. But that’s how computing consultant Reggie Oxendine (Outreach and Regional Center) describes his latest academic adventure.

The February conference was held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. It was sponsored by the U.A.E.’s Higher Colleges of Technology (HCT).

With war seeming to be imminent in the Middle East, Oxendine was faced with one of the toughest decisions of his life.

“At first I had mixed feelings about traveling abroad, especially to the Middle East,” Oxendine said. “After doing some research on the conference and the United Arab Emirates, I realized that this could be a once in a lifetime opportunity.”

“So, I packed my bags, and, after an 18-hour flight, I arrived in Abu Dhabi,” he said.

The greater the risk, the greater the reward, Oxendine maintains today.

“My experience was both eye opening and life changing,” he said. “I realized that people are people no matter where they live, the color of their skin, or their religious beliefs. We all have similar needs, views and ideas.”

While working on his Presidential hopeful Sen. John Edwards is keynote speaker at Commencement

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At the March 7 “Minorities in the Profession” seminar for high school students that was sponsored by the N.C. Bar Association, were (from left) Dr. Collie Coleman, associate vice chancellor for Outreach, Winston Salem Attorney Candice Wooten, (daughter of Sylvester Wooten - retired) and Robeson County District Court Judge Herbert Richardson.

Killian wins district Scouts highest volunteer award

Roger Killian (Financial Planning and Budgeting) was awarded the Western District Boy Scout Award of Merit, also known as the Cape Fear Award at the annual awards banquet on March 6.

Killian was described as the “best of the best in leadership, scouting principles, values and community services.” He has given countless volunteer hours to the Scouts of the Western Region and is a lifelong Scout. Killian lives in Maxton.

Hannah Woriax wins Science Fair

Dr. Velinda Woriax’s (Biology) daughter, Hannah Euphrates Woriax, a ninth grader at Purnell Swett High School, is one of the winners for the IEA Science Fair. She placed first for the ninth graders and will travel to the national meeting in Albuquerque, N.M. for competition.

The national meeting is the 16th Annual National Science and Engineering Fair. Her project addressed Microbiology, specifically, she was looking at the effects of herbal extracts on bacterial inhibition.

Counseling and Testing’s Monica Osburn, director and George Gressman, assistant director

COUNSELING AND TESTING receives honors

For the second year in a row, Apple Corps won best program for the region at BACCHUS/GAMMA Mid-Atlantic region conference.

The program that won the award was “PB & J,” which is one of our safe spring break, and national Alcohol Awareness Week programs. It stands for Pizza, Breathalyzer, and Juice. Congratulations to George Gressman, assistant director, for his long hours and hard work.

Dr. Monica Osburn, director of the Counseling and Testing Center has been elected president of the North Carolina College Counseling Association.

Dr. Osburn was selected to present at the American Counseling Association’s national conference in Anaheim, CA, this month. She will be presenting on her dissertation work with adolescent offenders.

Dr. Cabe speaks at annual conference

Dr. Patrick Cabe, Department of Psychology and Counseling, attended the 15th Annual Southeastern Teaching of Psychology meeting on Feb. 21 - 22, in Atlanta.

Dr. Cabe presented a talk titled, “Students as homunculi: Simulating the retinal image with a ping-pong ball camera obscura.”

Art Department represented in FSU show

Prof. Janette K. Hopper, Prof. Ralph Steeds and Dr. John A. Labadie, along with students, Jamie Ellis and Genea Pittman have been accepted in a Juried Art Show at Fayetteville State University.

The 4th Annual “Current Work 2003: A National Competition” will be exhibited at the Rosenthal Art Gallery at Fayetteville State University March 14 through April 18. The opening reception is March 14, 6-8 p.m.
March 15-31

Birthdays
Juanita Deese
Bobbie Scott
Alan Prevatte
Gregory Sampson
Vinson Jacobs
Judith Curtis
Larry Freeman
George Johnson
Marilu Santos
Lisa Chavis
Keats Ellis
Anita Guynn
Gangadhar Hiremath
Gloria Chavis
Maria Pereira
Robert K. Britt
Ester Hedrick
Deana Johnson
Terry L. Oxendine
Debra Preston
Jackie Clark
James Wall
Guo Wei
Lillian Brewington
Alfred Bryant, Jr.
Glen Burnette, Jr.
Joseph Oxendine
Ralph Steeds

Sympathy
Clarence Smith 79, the father of UNCP wrestling coach P.J. Smith passed away on Wednesday Feb. 26 in Raleigh, N.C. after an extended illness.

New Hires
Teresa Tubbs - Enrollment Services Officer I, Financial Aid
Patricia Johnson - Housekeeping Team Leader, Physical Plant
Kenny Dial Jr. - Plumber II, Physical Plant
Bridgette Jones - Administrative Secretary II, Physical Plant

Promotion
Paulette Dial - Accounting Manager III, Controller’s Office

Tyler accepted to medical school at Wake Forest University
Holly Tyler, daughter of Darlene Cummings (Student Activities), has been accepted into the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. She interviewed on February 14 with the Early Assurance Program at Wake Forest and received her confirmation of acceptance on March 6.

‘Taste of Culture’ needs your Carolina favorites Southern dishes
The 10th annual “A Taste of Culture” Festival will be March 26 at 10 a.m. on the U.C. grounds.

For those who have attended in the past, one of the popular tables to visit is the “Carolina Favorites” table which is sponsored by faculty and staff who bring their favorite dishes to share with students and others attending the program. Please bring a dish to share. Student Activities is asking that anyone interested please take the time to prepare a dish for our “Carolina Favorites” table this year.

Some popular dishes in the past have been collard greens, chilli beans, fat back, corn bread, BBQ, chicken and rice, sweet potato casserole, boiled peanuts, potato salad, cabbage, corn, peas, squash, macaroni and cheese, cakes, pies, banana pudding, etc..

If bringing a dish, please email darlene.cummings@uncp.edu by Friday, March 21st.
Upcoming

To put your upcoming event here please call 521-6351, or email scott.bigelow@uncp.edu
The deadline for the next Bulletin is March 26.

March 15-31

Saturday, March 15
• Braves Track Classic begins at 11 a.m.
• The UNCP Music Department hosts the 27th annual UNCP Honor Band. This event will bring over 200 public school students to campus from almost 60 public schools. The students are divided into Senior High and Junior High Bands which will rehearse all day and present a concert at 7 p.m. in GPAC.

Tuesday, March 18
Softball hosts Wingate at 2 p.m. in a doubleheader.

Wednesday, March 19
• Mike Lee Jazz Trio performs at 10:15 a.m. at Moore Hall and again at a benefit concert for the Bradley Alford Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund at 7:30 p.m. at Pinecrest High School in Southern Pines. Tickets: $10, students $3.
• “The Miracle Worker” is at GPAC at 8 p.m. as part of the Broadway and More Series.

Thursday, March 20
Women’s tennis hosts Pfeiffer at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 22
• Tennis hosts Georgia College at 10 a.m.
• Baseball hosts North Florida at 1 p.m. for a doubleheader.
• Softball vs. USC Spartanburg at 2 p.m.
• The Red Springs Arts Council presents QuinTango on March 22 at 8 p.m. on the stage of Flora Macdonald Academy. Feel the passion of South American music and dance! For information call, Dr. John Bowman (Sociology), president of the Arts Council, at ext. 6626. QuinTango is a Washington DC-based troupe. Tickets are $10 and UNCP staff, faculty and students are $5.

Sunday, March 23
• Campaign for Compassion week kicks off.
• Baseball vs. North Florida, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25
Comedian Dan Leby in the U.C. Lounge at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26
• A Taste of Culture returns with great food and entertainment from around the world. 10:15 a.m. in the U.C. Lounge.
• A Music Departmental Recital is 10 a.m. in Moore Hall.
• Commuter Lunch is 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the BSU. Great food, great company all for $3.
• Region IV Science Fair awards are noon in the main gym of Jones Athletic.
• Softball vs. Winston-Salem State at 2 p.m. Doubleheader.
• Tennis vs. Wingate at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 27
Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m. at Moore Hall.

Friday, March 28
The Jim Thorpe Honor Day is set. Jack Thorpe, Jim’s son, will appear This is 50 years to the day since Jim’s death.

Saturday, March 29
Softball vs. North Florida at 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 30
Baseball hosts Armstrong Atlantic at 2 p.m.

We’re online at www.uncp.edu/relations/brave_bulletin/
Outreach

Master’s of Education in Instructional Technology at East Carolina University, Oxendine heard of the conference through the graduate office. They were soliciting papers for the “E-ducation Without Borders” 2003 Conference. Oxendine’s submission entitled, “E-learning Delivers Global Perspectives,” was one of more than 300 papers submitted. Only 30 were chosen to be presented at the conference.

“After arriving in Abu Dhabi, I realized that I was among an elite group of students studying at many prestigious universities from around the world,” Oxendine said. “The students presenting papers represented about 20 countries from around the world and the students attending the conference represented over 50 countries.”

As an American in the Middle East, Oxendine admitted that he felt a little lonely at times. He made the most of it.

“While there were nine other Americans in attendance at the conference, I was the only one from the Southeast United States,” he said. “That gave me the chance to tell others about how wonderful North Carolina, UNC Pembroke, and East Carolina University are to live, work, and receive an education.”

One of the keynote speakers was His Excellency Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan, the UAE Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research. The conference objectives were to create an environment conducive to the transfer of information, ideas and concepts and expose delegates to a variety of cultures and philosophies drawn from a global pool.

Also, the conference provided a nucleus of high profile speakers that increased delegate’s perspectives on a variety of issues and topics. In addition, it provided the latest technologies and their interrelationship with the learning process. The conference also provided a catalyst for e-ducation and profiles the UAE and the HCT as purveyors of high quality education with concern to their role in the global community.

“The conference was an opportunity to discuss these ideas and views with one another and apply it to the e-learning and e-ducation environment,” Oxendine said. “I intend to spread the word to other potential students that may want to attend the E-ducation Without Borders Conference in 2005.

Edwards

North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina Law School, where he graduated with honors. His father was a textile worker, and Edwards was the first person in his family to graduate from college.

As an attorney practicing in Raleigh, Sen. Edwards made a name for himself as one of the outstanding lawyers in North Carolina.

He met his wife, Elizabeth, in Chapel Hill when they were both in law school. The couple had four children: Wade, who is deceased; Catherine, a student at Princeton University; four-year-old Emma Claire and two-year old Jack.
Museum opens new show by Lumbee artist

The Native American Resource Center announces the opening of a new art exhibit, Evolving Genesis. This is a collection of paintings and drawings by Lumbee artist Christopher Kennedy, a young man whose considerable artistic talent is emerging right before our eyes.

In Evolving Genesis we can see back into Kennedy’s artistic past, and also ahead to where his art is going. For a long time he worked mainly in pencil, making sketches through high school and winning several local competitions. The drawings featured in Evolving Genesis demonstrate that this was a medium in which Kennedy had a lot of promise.

But in the past few years he has turned his artistic attention to painting in oil, and this seems to be where — at least in the near term — his future talents will find their best expression. It is exciting to see how his work in oil has progressed in such a short period of time. The earlier works were fine in their own right, but the more recent works are truly phenomenal. His careful attention to detail and sophisticated use of color and light in such works as “Fall Softly,” “Before the Ritual” and “Time and Patience” (all from 2003) reveal that Kennedy is developing an insightful eye and a sensitive hand.

Kennedy is married with two children, and currently resides in Pembroke. Of the works in Evolving Genesis he says: “They say a lot about me and my style, where I come from, and what I think is important in this stage of my life: family, religion, and heritage...” On the topic of his Lumbee heritage, he says: “I am a descendent of the Hayes Locklear generation, which resides in the Union Chapel community right outside of Pembroke.”

Taken as a whole, Evolving Genesis vividly illustrates that Christopher Kennedy is a young artist with a bright future. Evolving Genesis will be on display in Old Main through mid-June.

To celebrate this excellent exhibit, there will be a reception on Thursday, April 3, at 7 p.m. The artist will be present, and the public is invited. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (910) 521-6282.

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where she served as coordinator of admissions for distance learning programs with a student population of approximately 6,000. She is finishing her Master’s in Higher Education Administration at ODU at a satellite campus in nearby Smithfield, N.C.

A Fayetteville native, Clark is a graduate of Douglas Byrd High School and UNC-Chapel Hill. In her first weeks on the job, she said she learned that UNCP lives up to its billing for delivering education with a “personal touch.”

“I had heard about the “personal touch,” and now I see first-hand that this is a student-centered educational environment,” Clark said. “Personal attention is a good thing in higher education, especially for freshmen. Personal attention is also something that many universities cannot or do not deliver.”

Clark said UNCP is a good place to be at this time.

“I’m fortunate to be coming into this position at a time when so many wonderful things are happening,” Clark said. “The Admissions Office is seeing a significant increase in the number of inquiries and applications received. The word is spreading that UNCP is not only a great place to be, but also a great place to get a high quality education.”

“I know this area, and I thought it would be a good place for me to use and expand on the skills I have acquired,” she said. “I look forward to being a contributing member of the team at UNC Pembroke and to working with others across campus in meeting the goals and mission of the university.”