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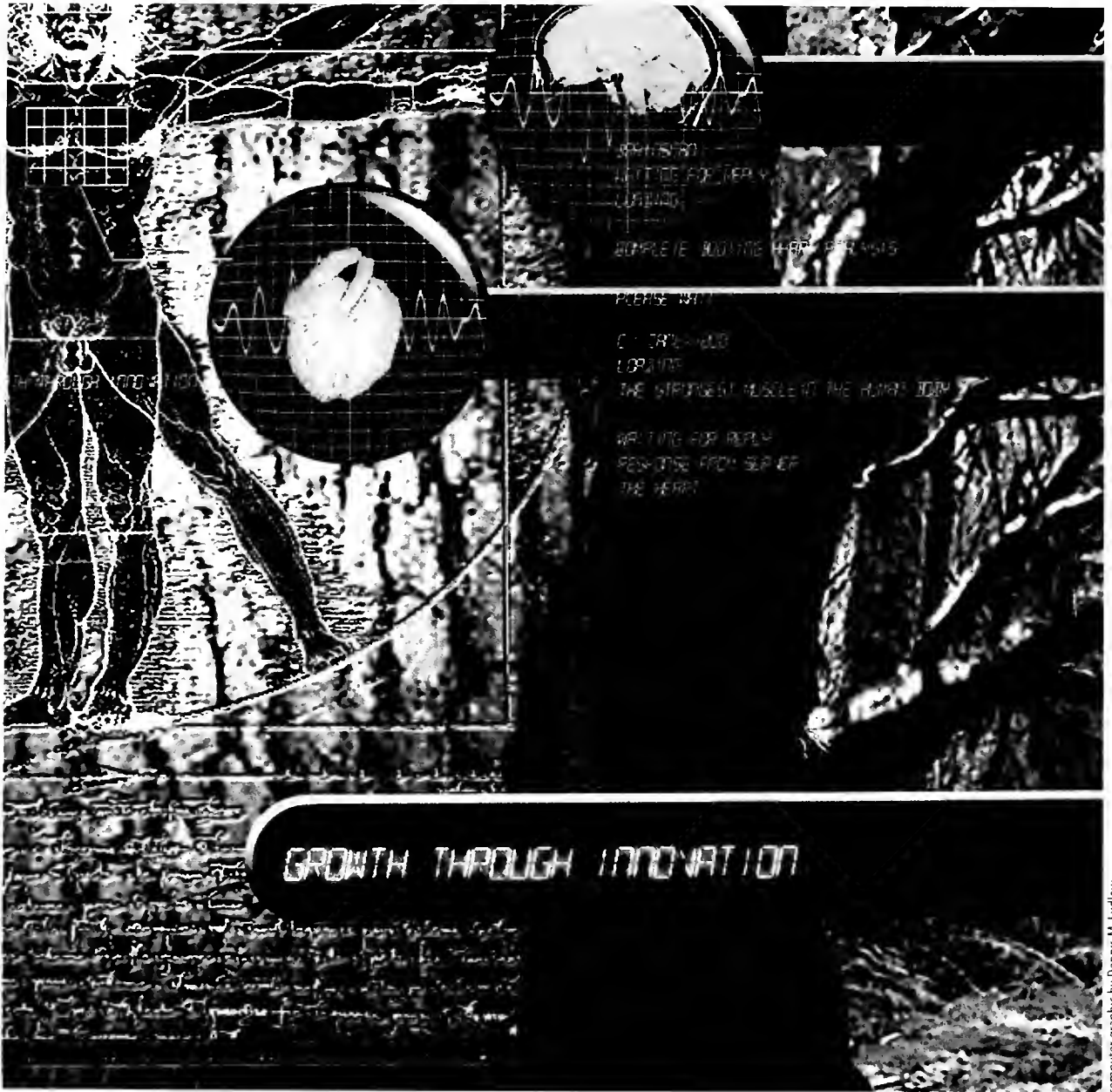
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# GROWTH RINGS:

*As a tree grows each year, it creates a new ring which reflects the good or bad health of the tree. If the tree becomes diseased or the environment is harsh, it will be evident in the rings. Similarly, if the environment is good, the rings will be wider due to more growth. Several other things could be measured much the same way.*

*This yearbook will portray the growth of the university in the areas that correlate best to the sections of the book. We shall explore the planned growth of the school in the areas of student population, facilities, technology, sports, educational programs, etc.*

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Although grotesque and covered in mistletoe, this little tree behind the BA Building (below) thrives because of its resourcefulness.



Sandra M. Jacobs (right) reflects on the changes happening during her college career. The university experience helps you see yourself differently.



Students like the ones at right enjoy walking under the shade of large trees on the way to and from class. The leafy organisms help produce a great deal of the oxygen we breathe.







# NURTURING

**A**lthough a university isn't a living tree that can be cross sectioned to see its rings, they are still there in its history and its ongoing development. A university, for instance, is measured by its student body, teachers, and facilities. As an institution, it is rated by the amount of growth and the maintained quality of the opportunities it gives to the people who attend, work, and graduate from there. Abstractly, it is a living organism that facilitates the growth of its students. Like a parent, it nurtures them to grow until they can go out on their own.



Crystal Craven (left) is lost in thought while waiting for her English class to start. A good student not only fills herself with snacks but also with knowledge.

Light pink blossoms adorn the cherry tree below as it prepares to fruit, partially masking the UNCP banner in the background against the wide blue sky.



Jutting up from its strong roots and sturdy trunk, this pear tree (right) reaches for the sky. Graceful white blossoms flutter like a million moths in its branches.



Introduction to Sculpture students (above) undertake their problem of building a six-foot-tall structure made entirely of spaghetti (and hot glue). This seems to prove that a structure can be made of nearly anything if put together correctly.

# EXPANDING

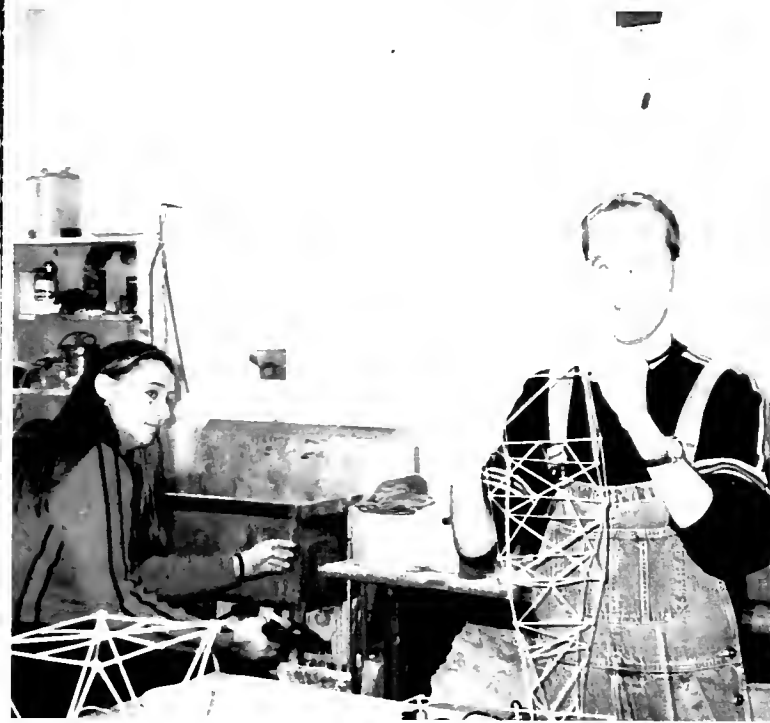
**L**ike a tree, the university cannot stop growing altogether. To do so would be death. It has to constantly expand. Whether in programs, courses, facilities, technology, faculty, organizations or sports, the need to evolve and grow is still there. Even through sometimes adverse years, the institution still forges on and does whatever it can to thrive, like a plant reaching for the sunlight. If the advances in many fields were ignored, the education would be nearly useless due to the datedness of the information and equipment used. That is why the recently-passed bonds will be so vital, improving facilities and technology in the entire UNC system.



▶ Melissa Houghton (above) sits at the table set up to help spread awareness of the UNC and community college bond issue on the ballot in the November 2000 election. If information is power, the bond is gold, because its passage will bring much-needed resources to our campus and other campuses throughout the state.

Ty Allen and his sign interpreter are two of the most important parts of being able to get a great education.

Books and available seats (right) are two of the most important parts of being able to get a great education.



Cherry trees (above) blossom in front of Lumbee Hall, giving the mostly brick and cement campus a softer, more natural side.

The student at right dashes past the Foxy99FM van that was on campus urging young people to get out and vote this fall.



# BLOSSOMING

**P**eople as well as trees go through cycles in their lives: infancy, youth, maturity, old age and later death. Each season

brings change in the organism and allows for new things to occur. When the tree sheds its foliage in the fall to reserve energy for the chill of winter, it is much like a person saving for the harsh times to come.

Then when spring comes and the sun shines and showers are plentiful, the tree relishes the prosperity, much like a person receiving a sizable tax refund or other good fortune.

The tree grows its new leaves and blossoms for fruit. A university in the same way is blossoming when its campus is taken care of, its faculty and staff are top notch, and the graduating students are well equipped to face whatever the future holds for them.

The quality of an educational institution is not measured by shiny statues or expensive landmarks but by the quality of the education it provides its students.





Monograph with oil pastel/pencil by Amanda Hudson

*Like the roots of a tree, Student Life is often the foundation of a university. Here at UNCP, residents on campus bonded together and built friendships. Commuters overcame various parking difficulties to arrive at classes on time. The dedication of some to their academics helped earn them a degree, while others moved forward to follow in their steps, completing the cycle.*

*We all came together to celebrate various festivities. Pembroke Day brought all the old and new faces of the campus together as one to enjoy the festivities with the local community. Plays, dances, movies, and other activities gave students the opportunity to relieve stress from all the many tests. Student Life helped the University thrive and grow.*

# STUDENT LIFE

♥ Sarah-Lynn Brown (below) dives into fun on Earth Day in the UC. The cafeteria purchased various gifts and trinkets to give out on this unique day



♥ Olivia Sellars (right) gets wild decorating her pots in ceramics class. Many students worked hard to complete projects as the Spring semester drew to an end



♥ The Jostens rep (right) prepares to fill out an order form for a class ring while this student eagerly awaits her copy





# FINISHING TOUCHES

At the end of Spring 2000 students were ready to slow down and prepare for the summer break, but before they relaxed they had to pick up refund checks, order class rings, and have the last of the monthly get-togethers. There was an Earth Day celebration in the cafeteria, and Easter baskets and other goodies were on sale in the bookstore. Graduating seniors were treated to a farewell brunch as they got ready for their last university activity—commencement. With all of the activities going, on how could one slow down?

In addition to all the organized events, the spring 2000 semester was another part of the year where everybody was doing their own thing, inside and outside of the classroom. Students finished internships, course projects, and research papers. Seniors prepared for life in the “real world,” while others made plans for the summer. A lot of things happened that were beneficial to students, faculty, and staff members. And with the wonderful things that had come during the spring, the Fall semester was sure to be a success.

♥ The student at left spends a little of his hard-earned money for some Easter candy from his place of employment, the book store.



♥ Sweta Patel (left) looks up from her bingo board while her friend Caroline marks prizes off during an all-night game event in the UC.

♥ Sandra Jacobs (above) holds on tight to her refund check, but doesn't mind displaying it.





♥ Alpha Pi Omega sister Natasha Jacobs (left) waves to friends and family inside the GPAC during commencement.

♥ The graduate below is congratulated by Mr. Roger Oxendine after receiving her diploma from Chancellor Meadors.



♥ Julie Kolvick (left) finds time to relax and smile while waiting in the gym before graduation begins.

## HOT DEGREES

**B**right sunshine and unusually warm weather greeted graduates and their guests for Spring Commencement on May 13, 2000. A total of 350 degrees were conferred during the ceremony in the Givens Performing Arts Center. Added to the 225 degrees that were handed out in the winter commencement, this made the 1999-2000 graduating class the largest in UNCP history.

Presiding over his second graduation at UNCP, Chancellor Allen Meadors addressed the graduates to welcome and congratulate them. Later, he also had special praise for Provost Charles Jenkins, who was retiring after 14 years as UNCP's Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Other speakers included Mr. Ray S. Farris of the UNC Board of Governors; Dr. Diana Oblinger, UNC Vice President; and Mr. Roger D. Oxendine, Chair of the UNCP Board of Trustees. Dr. Suellen Cabe, Chair of the General Faculty, urged the degree recipients to "keep the lamp of learning burning," and SGA President Phillip Bowman told his fellow graduates, "I must ask if I am better off now than four years ago, and the answer is, yes!" But he added, "My time is up; I've got to go."

After an address by broadcast journalist Charlie Rose, who told them that "life is not a destination, it's a journey," the graduates finally took their places on the stage to receive their degrees, and then they were ready to move on and begin the next part of their journey, life after UNCP.

♥ English major Debbie Locklear (right) smiles as she gets ready to march into the GPAC for graduation



♥ Charlie Rose (below) shares words of wisdom with the graduates during the May 2000 commencement exercises



♥ The two graduates above wait for their names to be called before accepting their diplomas

♥ Karen Sherrill and Farrah Sheppard (right) are among the many graduates wearing honor cords, sashes, and other distinctive additions to their caps and gowns as they receive their diplomas





♥ The graduate on the left receives a handshake as well as his diploma from Chancellor Allen Meadors.

♥ It's hot inside the auxiliary gym as Christopher Ortega and Joseph Cornwell (below) get ready for graduation.



♥ SGA President Phillip Bowman (left) enters the GPAC for the start of the graduation exercises.

## ROSE BOWL

As Charlie Rose began his commencement address, he noted that a graduation speaker should do three things: "Be sincere, be brief, and be seated." The Henderson, NC, native, who appears on CBS's *60 Minutes II* and hosts his own talk show on PBS, then went on to offer advice and encouragement to the students waiting in the GPAC to receive their degrees. But, according to one of the graduating seniors, most were "eager to just dash across the stage and get their diploma before it became stale."

"You don't hear the speaker's words," this graduate continued, "because you are distracted by your inner thoughts and the low chatter of your friends all around you and the sight of family waving to you in your field of peripheral vision. A graduate's mind races with thoughts of 'Will I grab the diploma with the correct hand and then shake with the right?' or 'God, I hope I don't trip!' Thoughts that may seem trivial and silly at some later reflection are huge in the last big performance in years of education and key in the memory of the event."

"The experience of going up and shaking the Chancellor's hand and getting that folder (even if absent of a diploma) in your hand," concluded this graduate, "is the most monumental part of the ceremony."

# FALL BACK

All around campus leaves turned brittle and fell to the ground while the air became crisper and cool. Fall had descended on the campus, and students bundled up to endure its arrival. Many students settled in for a semester of classes that brought tests and research papers galore. Others joined with friends and celebrated Pembroke Day out on the UC lawn. Organizations provided teas of what they had to offer, while townspeople came out to display home made merchandise, free gifts, food, and much more.

Some residents enjoyed the many luxuries offered by Pine Hall, the new coed dormitory. They could relax and watch a few shows in their multipurpose room, check e-mail in the 24-hour computer lab, or just wash clothes in their new laundry room. Residents of the new dorm also decorated their suites and became social with their suite mates. All of the other dorms welcomed incoming freshmen and embraced old friends.

Students could enjoy a very active student life by attending all the events offered. These included Share Your Culture Day, a Saturday event featuring music, food, and an appearance by Miss North Carolina, Lorna McNeill, a UNCP student. The fall had everyone revved up and ready for round two... spring semester.



♥ Pi Lamb Amanda Cain (right) walks to her next class with refreshments in hand. Some students have such busy hours that eating on the run has become a necessity.



♥ Nicole Oxendine and Tommy Hawk (above) dance to the tunes on Share Your Culture Day.

♥ The two students at right are touring the campus together on Pembroke Day. Many students walked the campus that day to gather information about university activities.





♥ Sweta Patel, Carolyn Holyfield, Sonali Sodhi, and Cari Elkins (left) dress up to celebrate Asian heritage on Pembroke Day.

♥ The student below uses his spare time to wash some clothes. The new dorm opened more opportunities for students to do their normal chores at their convenience.



♥ Michael Jackson (above) spends some down time surfin the net in the Pine Hall computer lab.

# BE THE BEST

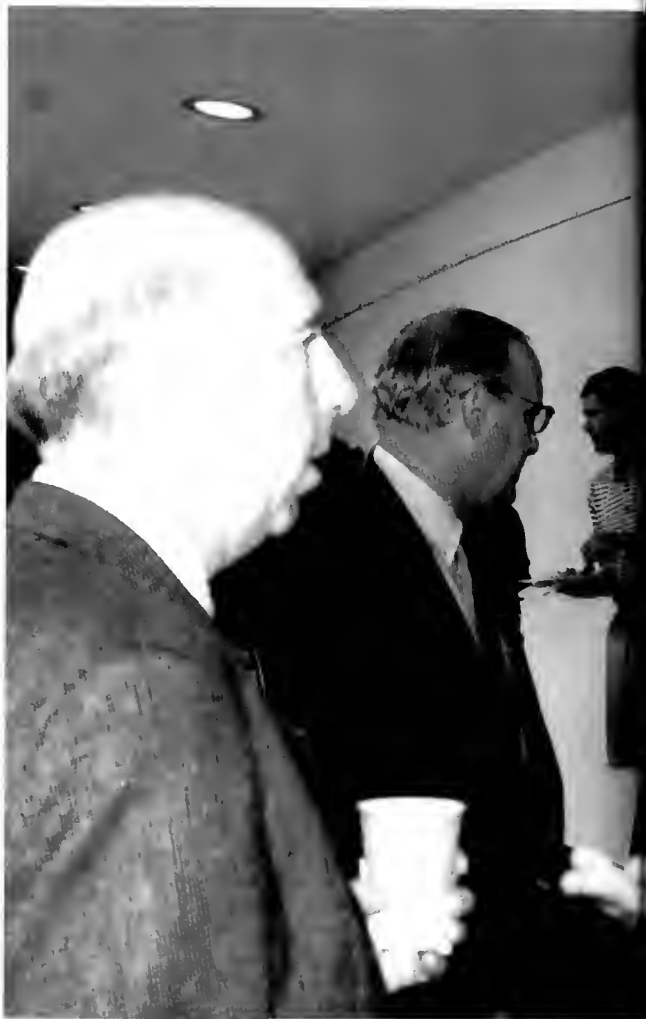
In a departure from previous years, when faculty and administrators in colorful academic regalia processed into the Givens Performing Arts Center to the familiar strains of *Pomp and Circumstance*, the Fall 2000 Convocation was a much less formal event. After sampling refreshments in the lobby, those in attendance on August 30 gathered in the GPAC for a program that began with a brief musical prelude by Mr. Timothy Altman and Dr. Elizabeth Maisonpierre.

After the invocation by Dr. Ray Sutherland, greetings were delivered by Mr. Roger Oxendine for the Board of Trustees, Dr. Pat Cabe for the Faculty Senate, and Veronica Hatton for the Student Government Association. Also new this year was the inclusion of a representative from the staff in the platform party, as Ms. Nancy Starnes delivered greetings from the Staff Council.

Our new Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Roger Brown, presented Outstanding Faculty Awards to Drs. Andrew Ash, Mark Canada, Weston Cook, Tom Ross, and Judith Wish. He also recognized the three faculty members who had achieved promotion to the rank of full professor this year: Drs. Paul Flowers, Elizabeth Normandy, and Patricia Valenti.

Chancellor Allen Meadors then addressed the audience, providing a number of statistics to document the great strides the university had taken in the past year. As UNCP began this year with its largest-ever freshman class and total enrollment, Dr. Meadors looked toward continued improvements in the future. "Our quest is to be the best Comprehensive I public university in the nation," he said. Dr. Meadors also encouraged those in attendance to support the November 7 Higher Education Bond Referendum, which he said was critical to the continuing growth of the university.

♥ Vice Chancellor Neil Hawk and Chancellor Meadors (right) enjoy conversation over beverages in the GPAC lounge before convocation.



♥ Dr. Patricia Valenti, Dr. Elizabeth Normandy, and Dr. Paul Flowers (above) stand proudly as they receive recognition for their promotion to full professorship.

♥ Chancellor Meadors (right) informs the audience about last year's accomplishments and this year's goals while delivering his convocation speech.







♥Dr. Mark Canada (left) receives a plaque from Provost Roger Brown at the convocation. Dr. Canada was one of five faculty members who received Outstanding Teaching Awards.

♥Dr. Charles Jenkins (below) speaks to a student about the importance of convocation. While he has retired from his position as Provost, Dr. Jenkins continues to serve the university as a faculty member in the School of Education.



♥Professor Tim Altman (left) plays during the musical prelude to the convocation.

♥SGA President Veronica Hatton (above) speaks on behalf of the student body.

# FUN IN THE SUN

On September 13, which many thought to be the hottest day of the summer, students, teachers, organizations, and businesses gathered to beat the heat and celebrate the relationship between town and university. The weather welcomed the crowd of over 5,000 with sunny skies for the 11th annual Pembroke Day, a collaborative event sponsored by the university and the town of Pembroke.

Town and university officials were present at the opening ceremony. "We could not have picked a better day for this event," said Chancellor Allen Meadors. Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt welcomed students, "especially freshmen and new students," to town. And SGA President Veronica Hatton called Pembroke Day "a celebration of the heterogeneous heritage of this university and this community."

Those in attendance enjoyed numerous musical performances, table presentations, and games. In addition, many were involved in prize drawings, health screenings and the annual BSU jail-a-thon.

♥ A health care worker (right) takes a Pembroke resident's blood pressure on Pembroke Day. Other health care booths were set up to provide medical advice and free medical testing.



♥ Baby and mother (above) take time for a break during Pembroke Day.



♥ The three young ladies at right take their time going from one booth to the next finding useful information at Pembroke Day.



♥ Coach Danny Davis, what have you done now? He's locked up in the BSU jail (left). Every year at Pembroke Day BSU never forgets to bring their jail-a-thon, where you can lock up your best friend or one of your professors for as long as you like by making a contribution to support BSU's many charitable activities.

♥ Bria Handran (below) admires the beautiful jewelry. Many locals had their own booths to display hand made jewelry, books, clothing, and keychains.



♥ The three young ladies above get a drink to beat the heat. The sunshine had everyone taking advantage of the cool free drinks offered on Pembroke Day.

♥ A Pembroke Housing representative (left) takes a break from the heat and the sun.

♥ Jennifer Dale and He'ena Oaom (right) have a wonderful time at Pembroke Day.

♥ Mr. Timothy Aizman (below) directs the Concert Band as they provide music at Pembroke Day.



# OPEN HOUSE

Throughout the years, Pembroke Day has brought into the public eye many aspects of the city and campus life. Campus offices and local agencies used the event to increase awareness and provide information to those in attendance. Health care providers set up booths to provide free screening and advice.

Entertainment has also been an important part of Pembroke Day, and many of this year's performances featured groups that have participated in the event since its initiation, such as the Pembroke Elementary School Choir and the Purnell Swett High School Singing Rams. Other performers included the UNCP choral and musical ensembles, the gospel choir, and Miss UNCP.

Food has been another tradition during this event. Over 2,000 meals were served to the diverse crowd. Compared to all past celebrations, Pembroke Day 2000 was the most attended program to date. By the time the activities concluded in the early afternoon, the event had welcomed the participation of both the university and Pembroke communities. This year's event's success was also due to the Physical Plant staff, whose efforts allowed the campus to accommodate so many spectators.

♥ Kelli Wallace, Miss UNCP 1999-2000, checks out the tables after entertaining the crowd on Pembroke Day.





♥ This curious little boy (left) wanders his way over to a table to find out exactly what Pembroke Day is about.

♥ The Robeson County residents below enjoy a cold drink to try to beat the heat.



♥ Chancellor Allen Meadors (left) can't seem to stay out of trouble. But in fact, he is just participating in the BSU jail-a-thon at Pembroke Day.

♥ Robbie Chavis (above) stops by the yearbook booth at Pembroke Day to find out when the student portraits will be taken.

# POW WOW!

Every year UNCP shows school spirit and pride during Indian Heritage Week. This year's activities lasted from September 11th through the 14th. On September 11th, Dr. Gretchen Bataille spoke on Native American Literature in the Native American Resource Center. At the Baptist Student Union, Carol Sanchez held a concert on the 12th of September. The 13th of September started off with Indian dancing and story telling at the Givens Performing Arts Center. Later that day, the traditional NASO Pow Wow was held beside Old Main in the campus quad area, and it was one of the most colorful events of the year. Students, faculty, staff, and locals enjoyed the traditional music, food, arts, crafts, dancing and Native American culture. It was also interesting to learn about the traditions of the Native American people, their traditional attire, and the dance order into the sacred circle.

When you are at a Pow Wow, you cannot help but feel the energy that is being put out by the participants. As the drum echoed through the courtyard, we could feel the rhythm of the Pow Wow all through our bones. A calling song let the dancers know it was time for the grand entry. The head female and male dancers led the others to the sacred circle as the Pow Wow began. The vivacious voices of the singers could be heard all over campus.

Not only were there dancers and singers, but there were also artists. One artist in particular was chiseling away at a large rock, and the final piece was the head of an Indian man. It was very interesting to see how talent could be so delicately put to work. Pow Wows, too, are a delicate art form, and the dancers and singers have to be very passionate about what they do and what it represents.

♥The residents of Pembroke also look forward to the Pow Wow, as proven by these men inquiring about Native American jewelry.



♥The traditionally dressed men above dance to the beat of the drums while feeling the rhythm

♥Orville White (right) speaks with Dr. Gretchen Bataille of UNC-Chapel Hill after her lecture on American Indian literature, the first major activity during Indian Heritage Week.





♥ The fancy lady below, swaying and dancing lightly on her feet, leads others into the sacred circle to begin their traditional dances



♥ Tanya Deese (above) gracefully strides her way towards the camera.



♥ This stone-cutter (above right) continues to chisel away at his large stone until it becomes an Indian head.

# GOTTA GO!

**I**t's the start of the day and the journey begins. Those of us students who were commuter students started their day with an early morning drive to the campus. Whether it was a long drive or a short drive, the majority of UNCP's students plowed their way to school for higher education.

Commuter students found themselves with a little more access to a parking place with two new available parking lots this year. One was located where the old track was last year (behind the Jones HPER building) and another behind Wellons Hall dorm.

♥ Commuter Marcel Goode (right) looks like he has this yearbook layout thing under control. Commuting as well as resident students are encouraged to join clubs and activities like the Indianhead yearbook to expand their depth of field and experience.



♥ Kelly Rodgers (above) and friend sit on the bench behind the Dial Building waiting for it to be time for class.

♥ This student (right) looks glad to be able to drop her bag in the car and go home.







♥ Steven Taylor (left) gets caught exiting the car on his way to class

♥ Buddy Currie (below) rushes from his truck to the Dial Building on his way to class



♥ This student (left) walks toward her classes amid the brisk chill of autumn and falling leaves.



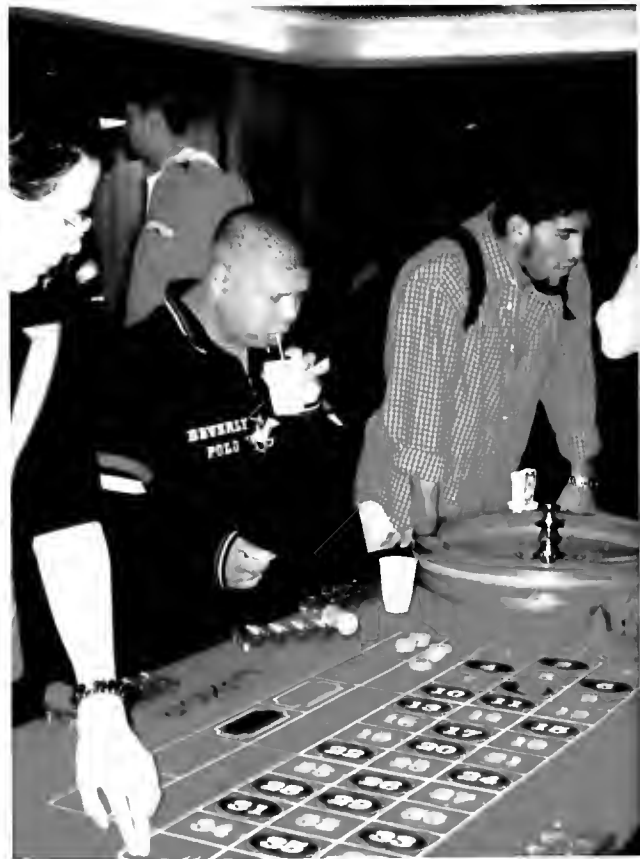
♥ This commuter's thoughts (above) may be on home as she prepares to leave campus.

♥ Steven Byrd (above) enters Dial contemplating his next class; perhaps a test is on the horizon.

♥ Ryan Wilbur (below) tries to roll his lucky seven at the craps tables



♥ Isaac Hymian (above) enjoys dancing the macarena



♥ Calvin Webster runs the roulette wheel for some guys (right) trying for the "big money"



♥ Melissa Haughten (left) tries her luck at the slot machines, one of several games of chance students enjoyed during Casino Night.

♥ The girls below are really getting into the spirit of things as the guys stand around and watch.



# GET YOUR ROLL ON!

Every year the Campus Activities Board (CAB) sponsored several activities to boost the night-life in Pembroke. The fall dance and Casino Night, two of the first activities, allowed the students to let loose. The Hawaiian theme of the fall festival dance permitted students to shed their everyday dull jeans and t-shirts for colorful floral prints and sandals. The dance gave students the opportunity to mingle and jingle. Students could be seen executing a variety of dances, including the macarena and the electric slide. When they were not dancing, students relaxed and watched their peers "get jiggy with it."

Casino Night was a night for those who liked to risk it all. Students could gamble with fake money and win CD players, radios, cordless phones, and video games. Just like Vegas, only a few students won at the slots and tables, fewer yet won prizes. But there were no losers at this night in "pair-a-dice." Students remained in high

♥ Tri-Sigmas (left) always know how to have fun.

spirits and did not allow the lack of prize winning to cramp the good time they were having.



# A PLACE TO SLEEP

**D**uring the year, there were plenty of things that made dorm life wonderful. Particularly at this university, students often rented movies or went to Lumberton or Fayetteville for entertainment. Only an hour or so from the beach, students sometimes made midnight runs to the Carolina shores, just for the fun of it. There were also many different things that students did on campus. They chatted, socialized, checked e-mail, and participated in a lot of campus activities. While all of this was going on, they could also go to the library to study and prepare for classes on the days that followed.

Dorm life consisted of things that did not go on if you lived off campus. There were a lot of things that happened that could make dorm life a lot easier and more interesting. Parties held by groups such as clubs and fraternal organizations livened up many Thursday nights. Dances as well contributed to the close bonds of many students to one another by way of group exercise to loud music. There were also many seminars and activities held to keep dorm life entertaining and fun.

Dorm life had its ups and downs, like life in general. Having a good roommate or your own room made the close quarters bearable. Dorm life consisted of free time, lounging in the rooms, watching cable channels or playing Solitaire on a computer. And at those times when you didn't get to go home (where you could wash clothes for free) you could even wash your clothes in the coin laundry room of the building in which you resided. There were vending machines and microwaves to assist in late night snacking or general munching. The dorms were equipped with many of the things that you needed to survive. The dorms could be relaxing (when not a Thursday night) and to many a home away from home.

♥ Jelanee Burnell (right) eats at the Chick-Fil-A, one of many dining choices in the UC available for resident students.



♥ The two students above spend time together in North Hall chatting and watching television.

♥ After class, Quianna Williams (right) enjoys sitting in the lounge of North Hall with friends.





♥ The student below folds her clothes in the laundry room of the new dorm, Pine Hall.



♥ West Hall resident Eric Wright (left) turns on a computer in the Dial Building computer lab to begin his work, or perhaps just play a little.

♥ Jason Carter and Lionel Cables (above) take a break from the books to watch some afternoon television shows in their Wellons Hall room.

♥ Ty Allen and Gina Gibson (right) groove at the Halloween dance with friends.



♥ Want a ferret or a clown? Dr. John Bowman (below) confuses the crowd with his colorful ensemble.



♥ Ryan Tingle (above right) looks like he was just mauled by a wild animal.

♥ Letti Gudvangen and Sarah L. Brown (right) are putting images of cartoon characters Sailor Uranus and Sailor Moon.





♥ No, this is not the Wicked Witch of the West; it is a contestant (left) putting on her impersonation of the Wizard of Oz villainess.

♥ The Yoda-like magical wizard (below) stole the show. Below him, the ladies of Lumbee Hall are dressed for a PaJama Jam.



## MAD HOUSE

The Bookstore's Halloween Costume Contest has grown to being an annual spectacle of assorted goblins, creatures, and characters of all kinds. Some people come dressed as the typical ghosts, witches and mutilated corpses, while others take it to the other extreme, coming as fuzzy cute things like the Cat in the Hat or Sailor Moon characters.

First prize in the fourth annual contest went to Alex Lewis, who spent nearly \$200 for an elaborate wizard mask. Second place was Ryan Tingle, who spent hours creating the oozing and shredded look of his face with latex like that used in horror films. Third place was snatched by Dr. John Bowman, who pretty much always places in the contest because of his unusual and elaborate costumes and his willingness to put on a presentation of the character when in costume.

♥ Edward Hyde (he awakens into the GPAC nursery with Hyde

♥ The cast of *Cinderella* (right), delight the audience with puppets, masks, and the music of Prokofiev



## SILVER SEASON

The 2000-2001 season at the Givens Performing Arts Center was a particularly special one because it marked their 25th year of celebrating the best of the performing arts. Starting off the Broadway & More Series on September 18 was the new musical *Steel Pier*. On November 21, the popular *Jekyll and Hyde* featured roaring ballads and remarkable special effects. *Swan Lake on Ice* skated its way into the GPAC on December 6. Rounding out the season in 2001 were the musical *They're Playing Our Song*, The Chicago Brass Quintet, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, An Evening with Doc and Richard Watson, and the Gershwin musical *Crazy for You*.

The popular Family Night Out Series featured storyteller David Holt, *Cinderella*, *Sundiata—The Lion King of Mali*, and the Famous People Players. A new Nostalgia Concert Series opened on September 12 with 1960s Motown group Martha Reeves and the Vandellas. Other performers in the series were Don McLean, Janis Ian, Roy Clark, a Beatles tribute, The Temptations Revue, and BJ Thomas.

In addition to visiting professional performers, the GPAC also provided a stage for UNCP's own University Theatre. They opened their series in October with Paula Vogel's *How I Learned to Drive*, followed in November by Sam Shepard's *Fool for Love*.

♥ Jesse Peters and Stormy Roberts (left) perform an emotional scene from *Fool for Love*







♥ Roy Clark (below), one of country music's favorite artists, comes to the GPAC as part of the new Nostalgia series



♥ Raindrops keeping falling on his head as BJ Thomas (left) performs some of his many hits.

♥ Crazy for You (above) provides a climax for the silver anniversary series at the GPAC.

# MILLENNIUM WOMEN

On November 16, the 47th Annual Miss UNCP Scholarship Pageant lit up the Givens Performing Arts Center. The pageant's theme this year was The Millennium Woman, and it gave five young women the opportunity to display their talents and beauty to the public at the beginning of our new millennium.

The pageant consisted of five phases: a private interview, swimsuit wear, talent showcase, evening gown wear, and a question for each contestant. Competing in this year's event were Marlena Gail Hood, a junior Mass Communication major, who entertained the audience with her clogging; Jessica Elayne Locklear, a sophomore Biology major, who sang; Porsche Antonette Barnes, a junior Psychology major, who performed a ribbon dance; Jessica Elizabeth Reed, a sophomore Elementary Education major, whose talent was also clogging; and Tara Alane Blow, a sophomore Psychology major, who delighted the crowd with a tap dance. Also on hand to entertain the audience were the Karen Gibson Dancers, Talent Show winner Reid Kerr, Miss North Carolina 2000 Lorna McNeill, and Kelli Yvonne Wallace, who was making her last appearance as Miss UNCP 1999.

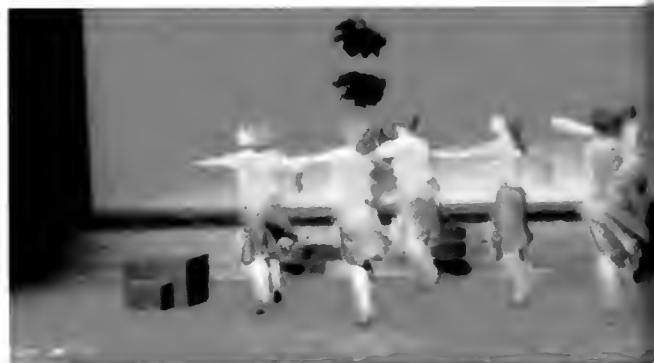
With an event such as this one, competition is going to be very tough, and the ladies knew that on November 16 they were going to have to bring out their best. The fortunate young lady to walk away with the crown and wear the title of Miss UNCP 2000 was Jessica Reed. As Miss UNCP, Jessica will represent the entire student body, faculty, and staff of UNCP at a variety of events on campus and throughout the state.



♥ Jessica Elizabeth Reed



♥ Tara Alane Blow



♥ Jessica Reed (left) proudly displays the trophy, crown, and flowers she has just received as this year's Miss UNCP.

♥ Kelli Wallace (below), Miss UNCP 1999, is overcome with emotions after placing the crown on her successor.



♥ Jessica Elayne Locklear



♥ Marlena Gail Hood



♥ Porsche Antonette Barnes

♥ James Carville (below) shares some political humor with the GPAC audience during his talk on October 26

♥ Deborah Norville (right) offers advice and encouragement to students during her September 7 appearance at the GPAC



## CAPTIVATING

A new tradition was launched this fall with the September 7 appearance at the Givens Performing Arts Center by broadcast journalist Deborah Norville, the first of five nationally prominent figures to visit our campus this year in the Distinguished Speaker Series. This new series sought to bring “the colorful, the controversial, and the captivating” to the GPAC, exposing UNCP students and the regional community to well-known personalities who would speak on various topics of cultural, political, and social interest. The primary goal of the program was to complement the university’s academic program and enhance students’ overall educational experiences.

After Norville’s appearance, which was well-attended by students and community members alike, the next speaker in the series was political consultant James Carville, who came to campus on October 26. His humorous remarks on his experiences in political campaigns served the audience as a lead-in to the 2000 election several weeks later.

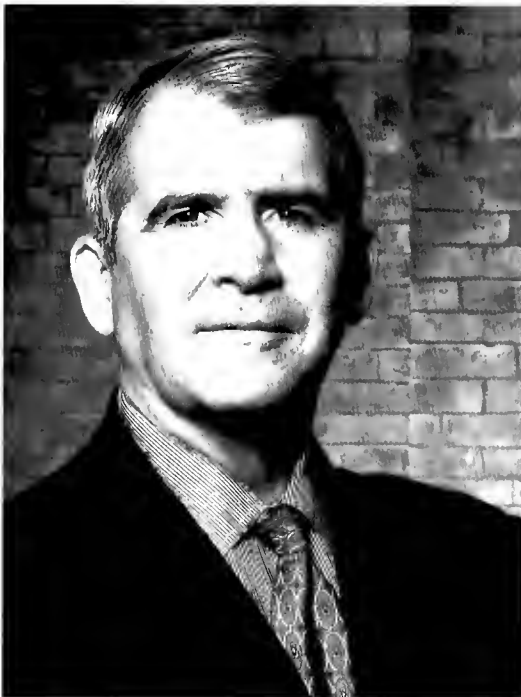
Three more speakers appeared at the GPAC during the Spring 2001 semester: Olympic Gold Medalist Bruce Jenner on January 9, civil rights activist Julian Bond on February 14, and former Marine and Reagan Administration figure Oliver North on April 10. Many students took advantage of the opportunity to attend the events in the series, which were free for all UNCP students, faculty, and staff. And they looked forward to seeing this program continue in the future.



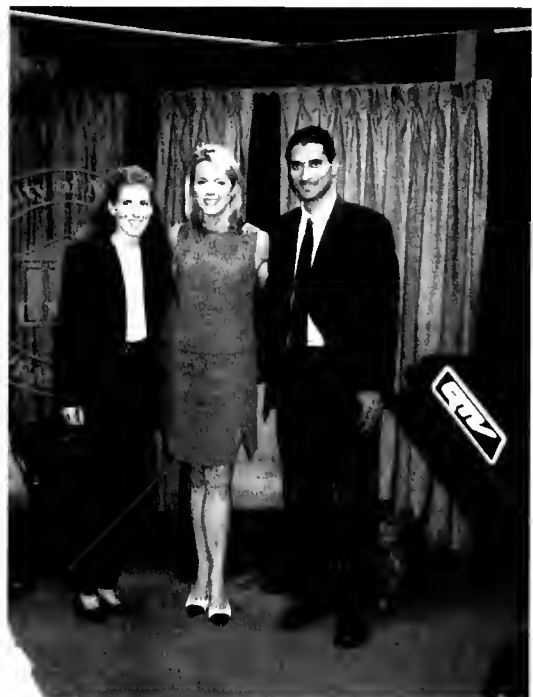
♥ Civil rights activist Julian Bond (below) spoke at the GPAC on February 14, 2001.



♥ Olympic Gold Medalist Bruce Jenner (below) appeared at the GPAC on January 9, 2001



♥ Former Marine Oliver North (above) was featured at the GPAC on April 10, 2001.



♥ Deborah Norville (above) is interviewed for WNCN-TV during her September 2000 visit to our campus.

♥ Ben Fiquena's print (below) uses a red background to highlight the many blue hues of the irises.



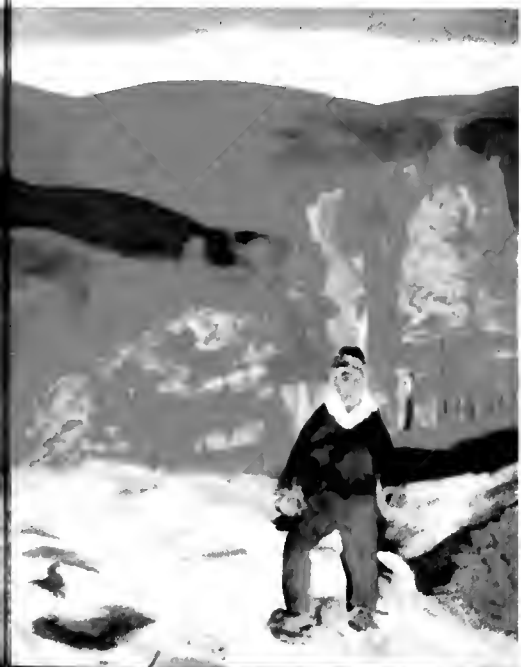
♥ Ty Allen's Leaves (right) is a wonderful example of how a computer graphic can mimic other media.



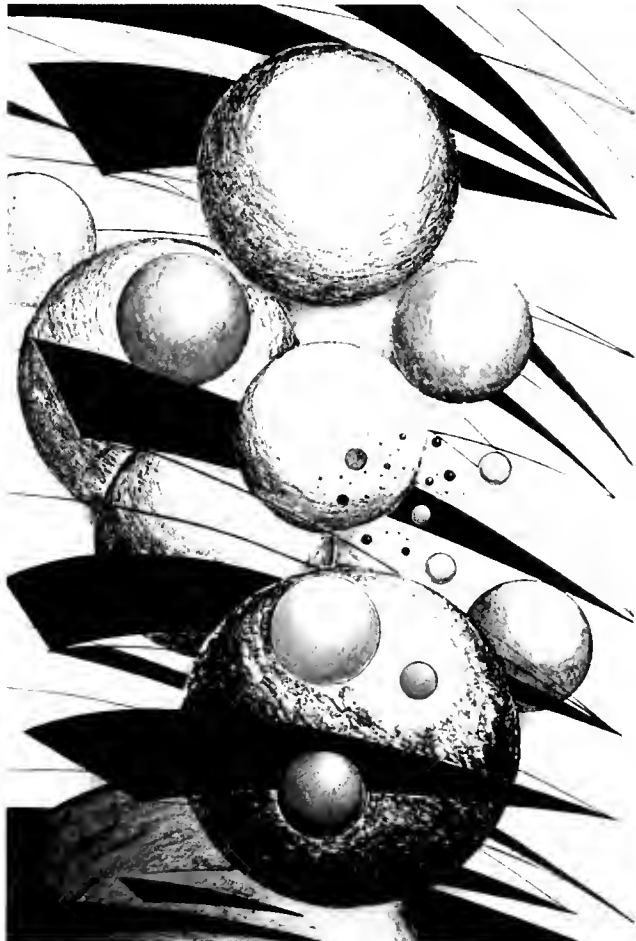
♥ Gina Gibson's *Life & Rain* (above) illustrates life and death with the hope of future prosperity.

♥ Jason Ivey's painting (right) takes on a country and hunting feel of the great outdoors.





♥ *Autumn* by Robin Cornwell (below) evokes the look of mountain forests in the late summer and early winter



# S T O P B A R K I N G

♥ Rick Scott's *Love* (above) is from his Emotion Series of lithographs.

♥ Anton Burden and Alison Hammonds (right) share holiday hugs and smiles during the Christmas party.

♥ While enjoying the entertainment together, the three women below are also in the holiday spirit.



♥ All you need is food and fun to keep these children smiling (above). They are among the many local youngsters who entertained and had fun at the party.





# HOLIDAY CHEER

On December 6, the University's annual Christmas party was held during the student activity period in the Chavis University Center lounge. The cafe provided the catering which consisted of meatballs, crabcakes, brownies, and vegetable and fruit platters. There was also red punch to help bring in the holiday joy. Santa Claus gave candy to the students, faculty, and staff. He also listened to the wish lists of old and young alike.

Every year the Student Activities office puts on a good show for the students and staff and visitors. Abdul Ghaffar, Director of Student Activities, was the host of the party. Students from local elementary schools were there, excited to see Santa Claus. Brittina Griffin, 2000 Homecoming Queen, did the drawings for the Christmas stocking; Jessica Reed, Miss UNCP, tapped to various Christmas songs; and Talent Show winner Reid Kerr entertained with Christmas tunes. Many other members of the UNCP family participated by singing in groups.

For others this was a time to relax. Many students found comfort near the fireplace, and others found fun near the Christmas tree. This event gave students a chance to reflect upon Christmas and its meaning.

♥ The little girl at left can't wait to get her turn to see Santa. Many students from local schools performed at the party.



♥ Cynthia Oxendine, Brittina Griffin, and Abdul Ghaffar (left) are busy getting ready to give the stocking away to the winner.

♥ Loreen Bessire, Paula Caudle, Stephany Newberry, and Lindsay Walker (above) find time to enjoy the holiday atmosphere.

# CHRISTMAS TREE TIME

There's no Christmas party like a UNCP Christmas party. And to make the party right, every year the Student Activities office puts a Christmas tree up next to the cafeteria and decorates it with lots of ribbons and bows. The tree is only one of the University's many holiday traditions. Another one is Santa Claus waiting patiently to give goodies out to the students and staff. The atmosphere is fun and exciting because of the entertainment, and children dominate the crowd every year. The many happy people that were in attendance this year got into the holiday spirit, and it showed on each and everyone's face.

Other events that marked the holidays this December were the Christmas Semi-formal, a Medieval banquet, concerts by students and faculty in the Music Department, and performances of *Swan Lake on Ice* at the GPAC. Many campus offices, academic departments, and student groups also had their own celebrations as the semester drew to a close.

♥ The Santa hats worn by many at the campus party are looking great on Carrol Hammonds and Heather Watson (right).



♥ So, Ms. Oswald, what do you want for Christmas?" The yearbook advisor (above) takes time out to visit Santa



♥ The little girl at right is happy to get candy and a smile from Santa during the party.



♥ "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas!" Santa and the Christmas tree (left) are always at the center of the annual campus party.

♥ The campus worker pictured below must be really excited to see Santa!



♥ Jessica Reed, our new Miss UNCP (left), entertains the crowd by tapping to Christmas songs.

♥ Students (above) inspect some of the crafts, jewelry, candles, vases, and ornaments on display at the annual student art sale.

♥ The student at right combines partying with an attempt to get in some last-minute studying during a holiday event in the UC



♥ The students below take advantage of the novelty of snow on campus and have a snowball fight.



♥ Saran-Lynn Brown and Sandra Jacobs (above) try to complete one more layout during the yearbook staff Christmas party

♥ Some of the snow that fell on December 3 remains (right) on the ground the next morning, but by afternoon, the sun had melted it all.





♥ The snow that blanketed campus the previous day is mostly gone as Dr. Patricia Valenti (left) walks to the Dial Building on December 4.

♥ The mother and child below enjoy lunch together in the UC after the campus Christmas party.



## WINTER DAZE

**S**now fell during the first weekend in December, covering the campus with a thin white blanket on Sunday, December 3, as pictured above. While other area schools announced cancellations or late openings the following day, UNCP maintained a normal class schedule on Monday, December 4, and by that afternoon the sun had melted virtually all of the snow away.

Temperatures remained unusually cold during the following two weeks as students, faculty, and staff struggled to find the time to combine Christmas shopping and socializing with the need to finish academic projects, write or read all those end-of-term papers, and get through final exams. By the time the last exam was taken on Wednesday, December 20, everyone was truly ready for a long winter's nap. Graduating seniors, however, remained on campus that afternoon for the second annual winter commencement.



# WINTER WIND-UP

Wednesday, December 20, 2000 marked UNCP's second Winter Commencement ceremony. Family and faculty joined together in the Givens Performing Arts Center to recognize the graduates' accomplishments.

Of the 242 students that received degrees, almost a third of the graduates were nontraditional students. One such graduate was Olivia Sellars. Her son summed up the sentiments of many other graduates' family members when he said, "When I saw my mother walk across the stage, I felt like the man in the Toyota commercials. I just wanted to jump up."

Chancellor Allen C. Meadors presided over the graduation ceremony, and the degrees were conferred by Provost Roger Brown. Chancellor Meadors introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Richard Vela, the recipient of the 2000 UNC Board of Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Vela told the students to expect even more change in their lives and offered the following advice, "You will never stop learning, and therefore, I hope, never stop becoming better off. Our job was not to give you answers, but to help set that process in motion."



♥ Maggie McLean celebrates with her mother and family in the audience after receiving her diploma.

♥ The graduate at right is all smiles as she waits her turn to march across the stage.





♥Olivia Sellars (left) is overjoyed as she enters the GFAC for the graduation ceremony

♥This honors graduate (below) smiles as she prepares to receive her degree



♥The graduate at left shakes the Chancellor's hand as he reaches for his diploma



♥The graduates above reflect a diverse range of emotions as they wait to receive their degrees.

# HYPNOTIC EVENTS

**H**ypnotist Jim Wand visited campus as part of the Homecoming festivities and left a couple dozen students spellbound. In his morning show on Wednesday, February 7, Wand quickly put under about fifteen students. If he could convince a young man that he was a cowboy and have him ride a balloon bronco, imagine what teachers could do with the power of hypnotic suggestion. Students were acting like a swarm of hungry goldfish soon to be chased by Jaws. With gags like being on a warm beach to encourage the students to begin removing their clothing and suddenly plummeting temperatures so that they huddled together, Wand was a hit.

Playing to the potty humor side of all of us, Wand told the entranced Kelli Wallace that she had let out a totally long and highly offensive fart which sent the other hypnotized students running away from her. Instead of grinning and bearing it, Wallace seemed sad that the others left her because of the imaginary smell suggested by a dubbed whoopie sound. The highlight of the show was the performance by a male student under the impression that he was teen pop star Britney Spears with another male as his backup singer. The two, with an ensemble of entranced musicians and backup dancers, performed "Oops, I Did It Again" off Spears's same-titled second album.

Also on Wednesday was voting for the Homecoming Queen and King, held in the University Center lounge. With campaign slogans written in chalk on the pavement in front of the UC, several people were vying for a crown. Zaide Lesane wanted the crown badly enough to stand out front and beg people who went by to vote for him and his running-mate, SGA president Veronica Hatton. Results of the voting were announced and the new King and Queen were crowned at halftime of the men's basketball game on Saturday, February 10, as reported on page 57.

♥ The students at left participate in the voting for the Homecoming King and Queen. There were several different pairs of candidates to choose from, making a decision difficult for many.



♥ Stretching out on a "sunny beach," the entranced students above believe they are getting warm.

♥ "Here fishy, fishy!" Jim Wand (right) feeds a swarm of whopper-sized goldfish hungry for magic food.







♥ "Brittney Spears" (left) and his back-up singer energetically perform to a recent Spears hit-song

♥ Zaide Lesane (below) pleads with passersby to cast a vote in his and his partner's favor.



♥ A whole row of students are put into a deep hypnotic sleep (above) and use each other for pillows.

# BRAVE COLORS

As the procession of the homecoming parade came rolling through Pembroke on the afternoon of Thursday, February 8, sirens could be heard from half a mile away. Slowly the marchers and the floats made it onto campus, and the crowd began to cheer and shout out to friends in the parade. Floats were sponsored by a diverse number of groups, from fraternities and sororities to SGA and the International Student Organization. The group members riding on the floats threw candy to the spectators as the parade made its way through the campus.

Leading the parade was a color guard from the Army ROTC, and music was provided by the marching band from a local school. Several floats were carrying beauty queens, including Miss UNCP 2000, as well as the contestants for 2001's Homecoming Queen and King. The Chancellor and Mrs. Meadors also rode through in a golden convertible, proudly waving pom-poms and encouraging the students to come to the pep rally after the parade and go see the men's and women's basketball games on Saturday.

♥ Miss UNCP 2000 Jessica Reed (right) floats through the parade as if on air. Riding in the homecoming parade is one of her more fun duties.



♥ Students from the marching band of a local school (above) take up the rear of the parade.

♥ International students Lyzanne Charles and Jamal Rolle (right) represent their home countries.



♥ Members of Phi Mu Alpha (left) raise a Gold and Black ruckus, usually they are playing instruments.



♥ The Ladies of Alpha Eta Omega (below) tailgate the procession, cheering to the crowd.



♥ Members of the Lady Braves basketball team (above) rev things up a bit for the game on Saturday.

♥ A trio of Phi Kappa Tau members (upper left) lead their fraternity in their toga march in the parade.

♥ Chancellor and Mrs. Meadors (upper right) wave and let everyone know about the pep rally.

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♥ The brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha (right) perform in Saturday's step show



♥ The sisters and pledges of Alpha Pi Omega live it up show their school spirit by attending the basketball games on Saturday afternoon

♥ Lead singer Dennis Edwards of The Temptations Revue (right) entertains the crowd in the GPAC on Friday night



# STEPPIN' OUT

**H**ypnotist Jim Wand's mesmerizing performance and the excitement of the homecoming parade were just two of the many activities that took place during Homecoming 2001. On Tuesday, February 6, CAB sponsored "Say What Karaoke" in the UC Lounge, and many spirit competitions were held throughout the week. The weekend Homecoming festivities set attendance records. Standing room only crowds attended The Temptations concert on Friday and comedian David Chapelle's performance Saturday to mark the first consecutive sellouts in the history of the 1,700-seat Givens Performing Arts Center. Large crowds gathered for the Alumni After-Hours Social on Friday and a Barbecue Luncheon on Saturday. And many students danced the night away at the SGA/CAB Homecoming Semi-Formal on Friday. Winter Open House for prospective students drew 550 high school and transfer students and their parents, far and away a record for this annual Homecoming weekend event. Alumni traveled from as far away as Hawaii, Florida, and Detroit to attend Homecoming. Alumni President Darrell Johnson said, "It's always a great pleasure to have so many alums and old friends return home to their campus," Chancellor Allen C. Meadors told the Alumni Awards Dinner audience. "We worked very hard this year to show our alumni, students and prospective students a good time, and I think we succeeded in this quest this year."

A raucous crowd of more than 1,100 in the Main Gym of the Jones Athletic Center was disappointed as the Braves dropped a basketball doubleheader to Columbus State University. The men led at halftime and attempted valiantly to overcome a double-digit deficit in the second half. The final tally was 66-62 as the Braves were led by Mark Schmitz's 16 rebounds and Jay Bruer's 15 points. In a rare Homecoming sweep, the women ran into a Columbus State buzzsaw, losing 106-73 to the nation's number one Division II basketball team. Jennifer Lance had 15 points and 10 rebounds and all-American candidate Ginnel Curtis had 17 points and eight assists. Calstain Ganda, a senior from Zimbabwe, and Mary Beth Brayboy, a sophomore from the Prospect Community, were crowned Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of the men's game. In another first for UNCP, Mr. Ganda was the first international student to win balloting for the Homecoming court.

After the games, some students and alumni headed for Moore Hall for the Pan-Hellenic Council Step Show, and those lucky enough to have tickets attended Dave Chapelle's performance later that night to close out an eventful Homecoming week.



♥ Pi Lambs Rachel Lyndon and Scott Dryer (left) get ready to attend the Homecoming semi-formal.

♥ Mary Beth Brayboy and Cal Ganda (above) are the new Homecoming Queen and King.



Ceramic by Olivia Sellars

*Just as the trunk of a tree supports the many branches as they reach upward towards the sky, our academic programs continue to make it possible for students' dreams to become a reality.*

*Each student enters The University of North Carolina at Pembroke with aspirations of desired goals. In that respect, the university strives to achieve ever higher standards of academic excellence.*

*As the university continues its progress into the future, augmentations in its degree programs, staffing, student body, and infrastructure will be key requirements for continued growth and development.*

## ACADEMICS

## School of Business Administration and Mass Communication

☞ The Business student at right takes a break from working at the computer in the Commuter Lounge in the UC as he tries to figure out how to approach the next step in his assignment. Students found UNCP's Business curriculum challenging, but well worth the effort in the preparation and skills they received.

☞ In one of Lewis Hershey's marketing classes, Jackie Kearns and friends (center) get some advice from their instructor on a project their group is working on. Group work in class and on outside assignments is a feature of many courses in the School of Business and Mass Communications, giving students the experience they will need to work collaboratively in their professional careers.



# TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

It was an exciting year for the Business Administration and Economics Department. Many changes took place, among those the addition of three classes in the MBA program and new faculty members in the undergraduate program: David Fricke in Finance and Lewis Hershey in Marketing. Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) came away with five awards in regional and five awards in international competition, bringing in a total of eleven thousand dollars to the program. In addition, BB&T and the Mazda Foundation made large donations to the department. Even better, Janet Sampson, one of the first banking interns, was offered a job at Lumbee Bank.

Mass Communications has also had an eventful year, with the addition of several faculty members. Mr. Bill Phillips became Interim Chair and taught the Public Relations classes. Mrs. Kathleen Hinnen arrived to teach the Journalism courses and served as the new *Pine Needle* advisor, and Mr. Doug Spero was added as a professor in Broadcasting.

☞ In WNCN-TV's control room (right), staff members are trying to get everything perfect for the next news show. The student-run TV station is one of the major attractions of UNCP's Mass Communications program.







Carlton Burden (left) is on point in his Business Law class.

The students below see the light in David Fricke's Money and Banking class.



Ms. Sara Oswald (left) reviews the week's assignments in Yearbook Production class, one of the many Journalism courses offered at UNCP.

Broadcast journalist Deborah Norville (above) signs an autograph for Lyzanne Charles before making an appearance on WNCN-TV as part of her September 2000 visit to our campus.

# ART-O-RIFIC

The College of Arts and Sciences, through its programs in music, art, and theatre, enabled student artists to exercise their creativity merged with reason and intellect into a single coherent form. Artists make the work beautiful by rethinking the arrangement of the common world into a new form: making old things new can be a very valuable asset. The arts, much like the sciences and math, are a universal language; they don't necessarily need translation to be understood. A lot can be learned about a society through its artwork, even if the other artifacts are all destroyed.

Students in the Music Department performed during various University events, senior Music majors gave recitals throughout the year, and the Moore Hall Recital Series continued to bring visiting performers to our campus. The Music Department also released its first promotional CD, *The Promise of Living*, a mix of tunes from gospel to Broadway that showcased the talents of UNCP students and professors.

The art gallery in Locklear Hall exhibited works by visiting artists as well as students. The Art Department continued to expand its computer graphics curriculum. Art students also earned many of the local ADDY Awards in the annual competition sponsored by the Fayetteville Area Advertising Federation and were honored at an exhibit and awards dinner at the Airborne/Special Ops Museum in Fayetteville on February 24.

Students in the Theatre program performed *How I Learned to Drive* and *Fool for Love* in the Fall and *Noises Off* in the Spring. Students also directed a number of one-act plays: *Still Alarm*, staged by Darren Cumbie; *Impromptu*, directed by Amanda Fousek; and two scenes from *University*, directed by Stormy Roberts.

☞ The two students at right practice at the xylophone for an upcoming band performance.



☞ Art majors like sophomore Jason McGee (above) often take computer graphics along with the formal studios.



☞ Theatre major Stormy Roberts (right) recruits a fellow student to audition for an upcoming play.



🎨 Robin Cornwell (above) is working on a clay project in her Introduction to Ceramics class.

🎵 Members of the band (left) belt out the music in a practice conducted by professor Tim Altman.

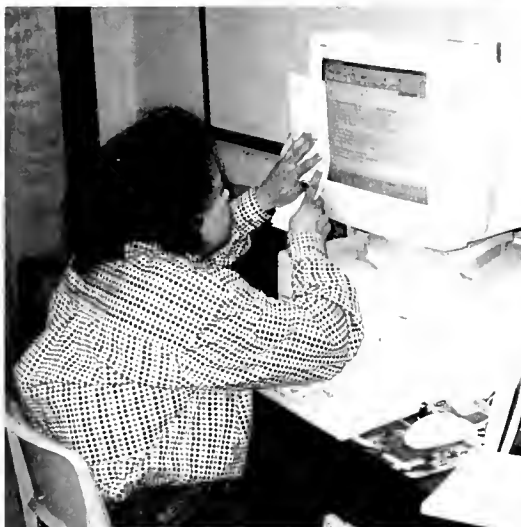




**College of Arts and Sciences**



☞ Mary Harrington (above) gets Dr. Patricia Valenti's insight on a scheduling problem with one of her English assignments.



☞ The student above makes use of Dial's Writing Center. The center is available to help students with their writing dilemmas.



☞ Kimberly Slate, Stephany Newberry, Mary Williams, Dale Scott and Loren Torgeson (right) discuss finer points of literature.

☞ Karen Helgeson helps Velveeta Dupree (left) with an assignment. Dr. Helgeson encouraged her students by starting a student publication.



☞ Dr. Jesse Peters tries to assist Tracy Weier (left) who is studying in Dial. Professors in the English Department make themselves available to students outside of class.

☞ Dr. Kathleen Zebley (below) chats with a student after class. Dr. Zebley teaches courses in 19th-century American history.



## READING AND REFLECTION

The History Department was busy this year. For instance, Dr. Kathleen Zebley gave two papers in the spring and was appointed co-book review editor for *American Nineteenth Century History*. Dr. Mark Thompson published six entries for *The Oxford Companion to American Military History*, while department chair Dr. Robert Brown published an article for *Biographical Dictionary of Literary Influences: The Nineteenth Century* and reviewed *The Social Dimension of Western Civilization* for *Teaching History*. In addition, Dr. Brown became a member of the Society for French Historical Studies, which meets at UNC Chapel Hill, Dr. Thompson was promoted to Assistant Professor, and Dr. Weston Cook was honored with UNCP's Outstanding Teachers Award. The History Department also offered a Master's Degree in Social Studies Education, had an initiation ceremony for Phi Alpha Theta, and held a workshop for the students who planned to attend graduate school.

It seems that the English, Theatre, and Languages Department was just as busy. Dr. Richard Vela won the prestigious Board of Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence, delivered the Winter commencement speech, and presented seven conference papers as well as eleven articles. Dr. Shelby Stephenson worked on getting another poetry book published, *Fiddledeedee*, and his book *The Persimmon Tree Carol*, which was currently out of print, is being reprinted. Dr. Patricia Valenti was promoted to full professorship and received a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to continue her research on Hawthorne. Dr. Jesse Peters and Dr. Karen Helgeson both had projects in the works to promote writing. Dr. Peters headed up an essay contest, and Dr. Helgeson, along with one of her classes, started up a student publication. In addition, the department added Spanish as a concentration for Elementary Education majors and worked to develop a curriculum for English as a second language. The department also sponsored a conference on NC writer Jill McCorkle and held an induction ceremony for Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society.

Two other departments in the College of Arts and Sciences that focussed on the humanities were American Indian Studies and Philosophy and Religion. Of these two, the American Indian Studies Department sponsored the Adolph Dial Lecture, which featured Dr. David Wilkins speaking on "Sovereignty, Self-Determination and Shaping the Future of Native American Communities." Dr. Wilkins has written several books, two of which are *American Indian Sovereignty and the U.S. Supreme Court* and *The Navajo Political Experience*. In addition, Dr. Wilkins was a 1976 UNCP graduate and an associate professor at the University of Minnesota.

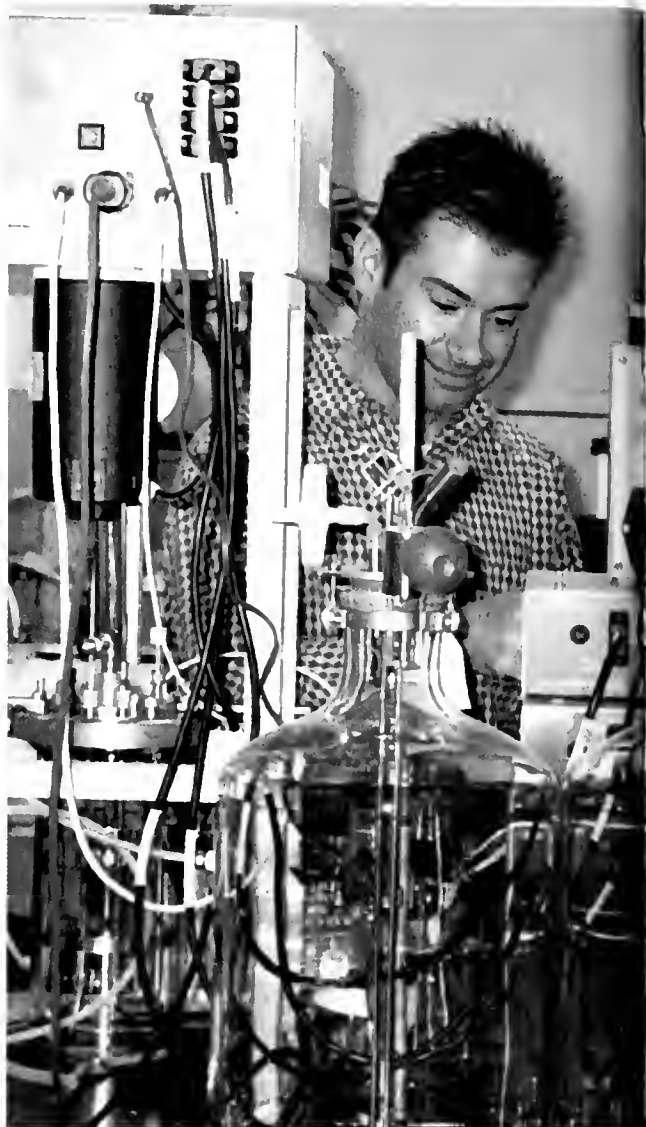
# BY REASON

The College of Arts and Sciences also focussed on the sciences in its departments of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, Mathematics and Computer Science, and Nursing. They continued to grow in their ability to offer challenging majors, and plans for a new science building were in the making.

Starting this year, the Biology Department offered a Master's in Biology Science Education. Dr. Sue Bowden and Dr. Peter Wish served as coordinators of the newly-founded program for individuals with prior science teacher certification. The department also introduced two new faculty members. Mr. John McDonald and Ms. Karen Jones, and Mrs. Takisha Bullard joined the department as Laboratories Manager.

The Chemistry and Physics Department launched a Science Seminar series, and the chemistry program received accreditation from the prestigious American Chemical Society.

Nursing program director Cherry Beasley was extremely pleased with UNCP's Educational Opportunities for Disadvantaged Students into Nursing program, which has made a tremendous impact on the number of minority students enrolled at nursing programs in the region over the past five years.



College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Timothy Ritter (left) and student Riley Secrist find humor in learning during science class.

Science majors (below) and others in science classes often use the computer labs to enhance their learning experience.



Dr. Joe Goldston (left) looks over a student's work at the end of a computer science class.

The student above uses her calculator to study in the science building for one of her classes.

# WORLD OF KNOWLEDGE

Also represented in the College of Arts and Sciences were the social and behavioral sciences. The Department of Psychology and Counseling had two additions to its faculty this year: Dr. Kelly Ann Charlton, who taught Social Psychology, and Dr. Melissa J. Spenser, a new Visiting Assistant Professor in Counseling.

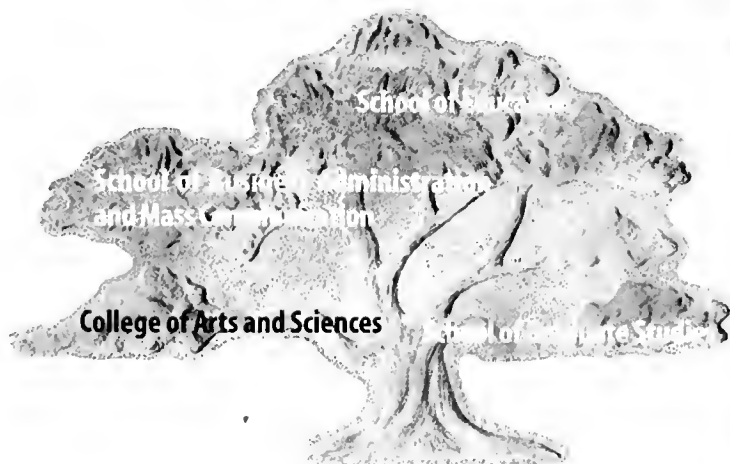
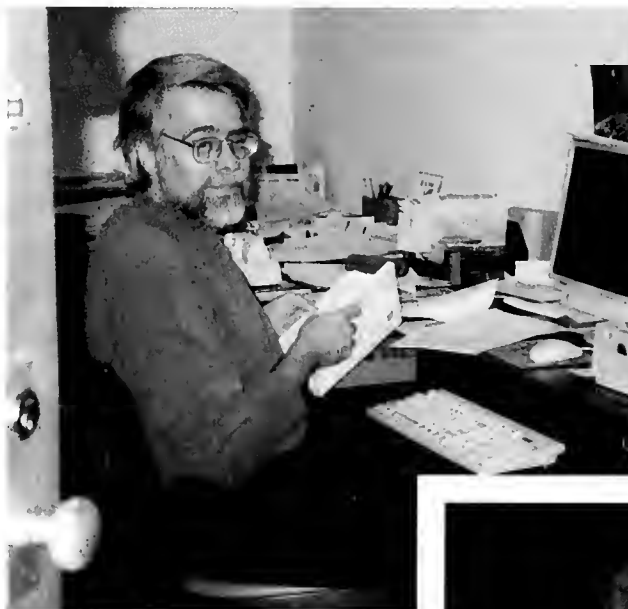
The Department of Political Science and Public Administration welcomed Dr. Carolyn Thompson to its faculty this year. Dr. Thompson will also teach in the Master's in Public Management program and will serve as director of the new Honors College for undergraduates.

Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice had an eventful year. A new criminal justice track was added to the Master's in Public Management program. The department was expanding its program to the Anson County campus of South Piedmont Community College, and Dr. David Vanderhoof continued his work in the areas of Webcasting and distance learning. Dr. Fran Haga was on leave to study Social Gerontology at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, but the department had two visiting faculty members. Ms. Anna Markina came to UNCP from Estonia to teach criminal justice and sociology. Ms. Olga Maximenko, from Russia, joined the department for a year on a faculty exchange grant from the American Councils for International Education; she also assisted Dr. Patricia Valenti in her Freshman Composition classes during the Fall 2000 semester.

Although now part of the Department of Chemistry and Physics, the program in Geology and Geography remained in the BA Building, along with Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice. Dr. Tom Ross continued to gain recognition for the Geography program through his ongoing work on Carolina bays.

Sociology professor Dr. John Bowman (right) catches up on some reading in his office in the BA Building but leaves his door open for students who may stop by.

Dr. Wright Killian (below right) reviews a test with students during one of his psychology classes.







☞ The student at left uses a conference table on the second floor of the Dial Building to review her work for her political science class.

☞ Dr. Michael Hawthorne (below) of the Political Science Department ponders a question in his office.



☞ The students at left are eager to participate in class discussion during their psychology class.

# DEVELOPMENT

**A**lthough there were no new faculty members in the Education Department this year, several of the existing faculty assumed new positions. Dr. Sharon Sharp was named as graduate program coordinator for the graduate degree in Elementary Education and Reading, replacing Dr. Swanee Dickson, who accepted new assignments within the School of Education. And Ms. Susan Moody assumed a new role as coordinator for public school licensure for all UNCP students seeking graduate degrees in education.

Dr. Irene Aiken, director of the Teaching Fellows program, reestablished the UNCP chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education. The society, whose motto is "Knowledge, Duty, Power," recognized scholarship and excellence in education, promoted development and dissemination of worthy educational ideas and practices, enhanced the continuous growth and leadership of its diverse membership, fostered inquiry and reflection on significant educational issues, and maintained a high degree of professional fellowship. "The program is just a wonderful opportunity for its members, especially if you make it a networking tool as a lifetime member," said Dr. Aiken. The first induction ceremony took place on December 14 in the Education Curriculum Lab.

Health, Physical Education, and Recreation welcomed a new faculty member. Lars Andersson, who will also coach the new women's soccer team starting in the fall of 2001.

In January, the School of Education was the site of a two-day workshop on state licensure requirements for teachers. Educators and administrators from throughout the state came to our campus to attend the workshop, which was sponsored by the NC Department of Public Instruction.

Dr. Judith Wish (below) reviews material with students in one of her elementary education classes.



Education major Virginia McCormick (left) works in the Dial computer lab on a paper for one of her classes.

The student below checks out some of the resources available to Education majors in the curriculum lab.



Weight training (below) is one of many activities available to students through the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation.

Getting ready to tee off (below left), this student receives fun and exercise as well as course credit in golf class.



# ADVANCING

The graduate program expanded by offering four new degrees this year: Master of Arts in Education (M.A.Ed.) in Art Education, Physical Education, Social Studies Education, and Science Education. This brought the total of master's degrees to fourteen. The graduate classes differed from the undergraduate in that they were held at night. Dr. Bruce Ezell, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, said the only time you would see graduate students during the day was if you found them working in their graduate assistant positions. He went on to praise the graduate assistants, saying, "They are the 'cream of the crop.'"

Another place you may have seen our graduate students was on the their talk show, *Academe Today: Conversations with...* This production appeared on several local access cable channels as well as on PAX Television.

English graduate students were offered the opportunity to travel to Paris during the 2001 summer session as a requirement for the American Writers in Paris course. Students would meet on campus for one week, travel to Paris for one week, and study such authors as Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, James Baldwin, and Gertrude Stein.

The Master's in Public Management program added two new concentrations this year: Criminal Justice and Health Administration. According to Dr. Daniel Barbee, this program had more than 40 active students and offered courses in a variety of formats, including distance learning, immersion courses, and flexible intensive weekend courses.

Supporting the work of all faculty and students, including graduate students, was the Sampson-Livermore Library.

Undergraduates Priscilla Colón and friend (right) are two of the many students who use the library in the evening to study for upcoming classes.



The student worker above reshelves books onto the stacks in the library at the end of the Fall 2000 semester.

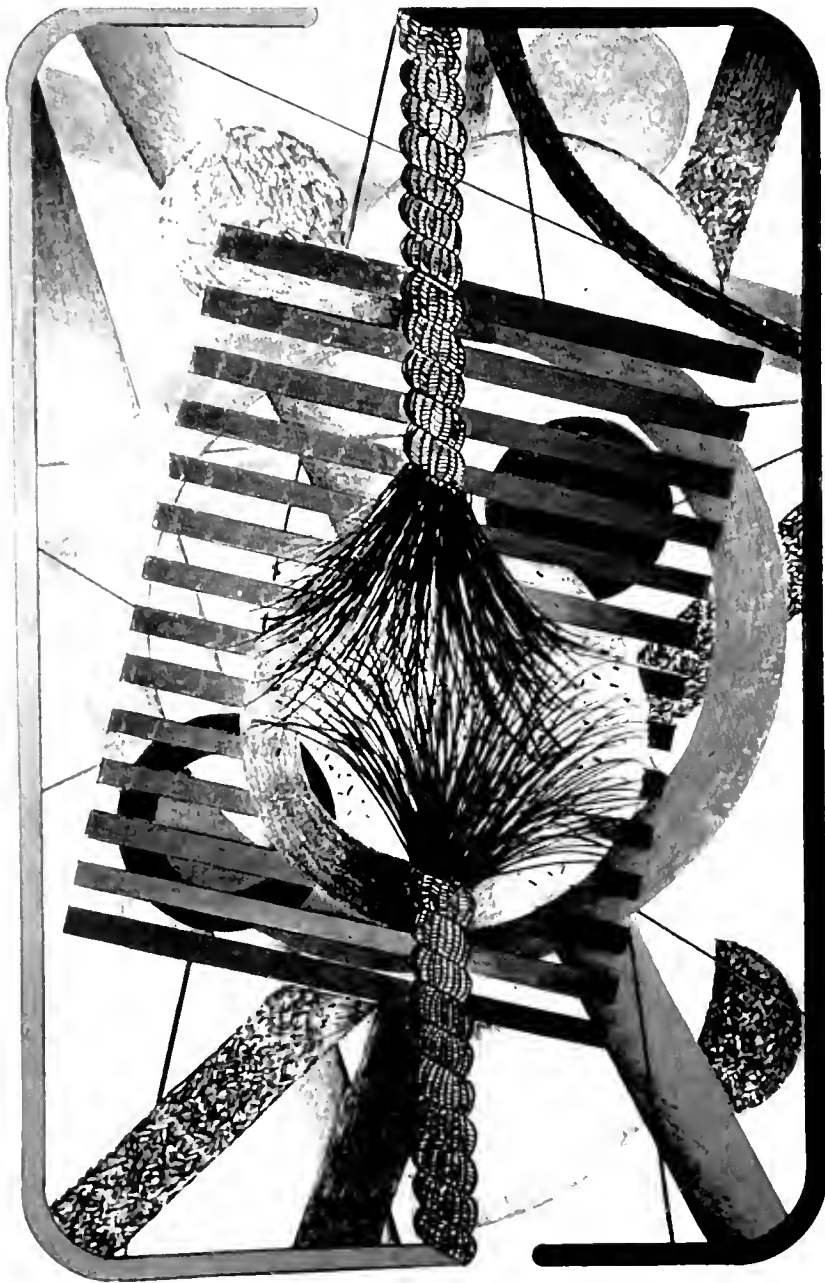
The centerpiece of the library is its impressive staircase (right) and assortment of books. Campus and community members made a lot of use of the expanded library, the largest one in the immediate area. With a grand general area and several nooks for studying, the library was much more pleasant and quiet for studying than the dorm rooms for many students.





Graduate students Jan Gane, Sandra Smith, Elizabeth Spangler, and Ginger McMillan (above) discuss the use of films in high school English classes during Dr. Patricia Valenti's Teaching of Literature class. Many of our graduate students were area teachers who came to our campus in the evening to pursue master's degrees and advanced licenses for ongoing professional development.

Art major Brent Michel (top) works on an image for his computer graphics class in the library's new high-tech multi-media lab. The lab, used as a learning resource by students and teachers, featured two Imacs and a large-screen Gateway computer with DVD capability.



Fear Lithograph by Rick Scott

*The many branches of a tree support the fruit and blossoms that give trees a beautiful, full look —pleasing to the eye and to the senses.*

*The many organizations branching off into every direction represent the rich culture and diversity of our student population.*

*Thus, organizations are the veins and the arteries that transport life, light, and energy to and from the roots for the continuing growth and healthy development of the tree.*

*It is evident that the environment at WNCP is rich and fertile by the expansion of new organizations as our students reach for the stars in their specialized areas of interests.*

## **ORGANIZATIONS**

✦ SGA members (right) ride in the Homecoming Parade to show their school spirit.

✦ Students try their luck at the slot machines during Casino Night (below), one of the many events sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.



**Student Government Association**



SGA—Front: Jamie Burney (Vice President), Veronica Hatton (President), Calstain Ganda (Treasurer), Dane Onorio (Secretary); Second: Mary Harrington, Carolyn Hollifield, Sweta Patel, Delilah Moad, Beth Nichols, Aaryn Kowalchuk, Christina Maynor; Third: Brandon Davis, Calvin Webster, Carrie Elkins, James Nichols, Annette Johnson, Nekoba Mutima, Jonelle Carty; Fourth: Abdul Ghaffar (Advisor), Aaron Gunning, Dana Reese, Jeff Miles, Brian Scott, Lee Elliot, Terri Stewart, Will Flagler, Lucinda Ellison



# ADVOCATES FOR STUDENTS

The Student Government Association was very aggressive in addressing issues and concerns of the students. Some of the important topics addressed on behalf of the student body were voter registration, the bond rally, the Take Our Campus Back Campaign, and campus safety. The Student Government made history by becoming the first governing body at UNCP to host the first SGA Leadership Conference.

SGA President Veronica Hatton and Vice-President Jamie Burney, along with senators and students, traveled to the state legislature in Raleigh on February 20 to attend an SGA Rally to support need-based financial aid for all students, and not just for first-time freshmen; a 6% biennial salary increase for UNC instructors; and voting privileges for the SGA President who sits on the Board of Governors to represent the concerns of UNC students, but without a voice to be heard. The SGA President stated at the rally that the current nonvoting position was like "a dog with teeth without any bite; all he can do is bark."

The Campus Activities Board worked very hard to bring the very best in entertainment to students at UNCP. This year's biggest attraction was comedian Dave Chappelle, who performed to a sold-out GPAC crowd during homecoming weekend. CAB also provided weekly movies and introduced new games and themes that resulted in increased attendance and participation of the student body. Among the notable events were the Homecoming dance and Mardi Gras later in the spring.

✂ Carlton Burden (left) receives a plaque from Veronica Hatton at an SGA event in the Chancellor's Dining Room during the fall semester.

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## Campus Activities Board



CAB—Front: Rebecca Wilson, Crystal Holston, Christina Maynor, Jamie Burney, Peggy Blackmon, Susan Morris; Middle: Suzanne Barry, Latoya Morrison, Christina Jones, Sosna Gedly, James Nichols, Aaryn Kowalchuk, Deilah Moad; Back: Chris Uber, Avril Bower, Latoya Williams, Terri Stewart, Tommy Crane, Christine McManaway, James Bass (Advisor)


# ASSISTANCE

The Ambassadors worked in overdrive this year, giving prospective students tours of the campus, maintaining fellowship, and recruiting new students to assist with the growing numbers in the large tour groups. A record breaking number of prospective students visited campus with their parents during Homecoming weekend.

The mission of the Association of Pembroke Peer Leaders and Educators (APPLE Corps) was to help students learn the information necessary to make informed choices to lead a healthy life. Members could become National Certified Peer Educators and earn academic credit. This group sponsored and participated in many social, cultural, educational, and community service programs and activities, including New Student Orientation; Singled Out; Scavenger Hunt; Pembroke Feud; Beer Goggle Games; Tropical Night Party and Trip Give-Away; WOW! Workshops on Wednesdays; Screening Days for Alcohol, Depression, Eating Disorders, and Anxiety; the Great American Smoke-Out; and Safe Spring Break Shoot-Out.

The Peer Assistance Leaders (PALs) were the most important element in a successful transition from high school to college for many students. PALs assisted with testing and orientation activities and were the people that new students could go to for "the real info" on campus life and academics. They made themselves available during the first few weeks of school to answer questions and help new students fit in.

The Resident Assistants faced challenges this year as they adjusted to the packed dorms resulting from increased enrollments. Some RAs shared rooms with students to accommodate shortages. The RAs attended workshops to prepare them for the responsibilities of providing security and assistance when required, enforcing rules and regulations, and helping to create a positive environment for students living in the dorms.

 Ambassador James Nichols (right) answers a prospective student's question.



## Ambassadors



**Ambassadors**—Front: Erica Woodyard, Kristin Coleman, Susan Morris; Middle: Nicholas Dimmery, LaCinda Ellison, James Nichols, Brandon Davis, Jeff Miles; Back: Deanna Johnson (Advisor), Jennifer Dale, Derrick Montgomery, Tara Bishop, Bryan Scott



## A.P.P.L.E. Corps



**A.P.P.L.E. Corps**—Calvin Webster, LaCinda Ellison, Sweta Patel, Amanda Fousek, Carrie Elkins, Darren Cumbie

NO SMOKING  
NO FOOD/DRINKS  
IN LOUNGE



✦ Carolina Saldana gets some friendly advice from RA Mayra Fuentes (left).

✦ Ambassador Calvin Webster (below) provides information to a visitor during an on-campus event.



### Peer Assistance Leaders

### Resident Assistants



**PALs**—Front: Calvin Webster, Beth Nichols, Eva Brown, James Nichols, Dorothy McFalls; Middle: Calstain Ganda, Carrie Elkins, Darren Cumbie, Aaryn Kowalchuk, Mary Harrington; Back: Sweta Patel, Amanda Fousek, Sheri Cole

**RAs**—Front: Harry Dingle, Melissa Houghton, Mary Harrington, Sheri Cole; Middle: Chris Dunaway, Pat Lankford, Lucy Hammonds, September Neal, Lisa Oxendine, Christina Mason, Cal Ganda, Mayra Fuentes, Cynthia Redfearn; Back: Ed Wittenberg, Vonti McRae, Kahlid Tapia, Dane Onorio, Angela Smith, Koji Sado, Brian Church, Riley Secrist, Calvin Webster, Zaide Lesane, Danny Froelich

Carver Campbell and Jason English (right) enjoy the fun and the food as they get together with other LASO members at a local restaurant



Officers of the AASO (below) take time out from an event in the UC Lounge to pose for a group picture. Front: Jessica Dayes, Geovonnie McNair (Secretary), Tameka Haygood, Melinda Green, William Flagler, Jr. (Program Director), Marquis Farney, Margie McLean (Vice President), LaCinda Ellison, Back: Cariton Burden (President), Alafia Thompson, Crystal Fields (Recording Secretary), Frederika Sinclair



## African American Student Organization

## International Student Organization



**AASO**—Front: Kim Leach, Doneka Spivey, Tameka Haygood, Frederika Sinclair, Marquis Forney, Shawna Fullwood, Geovonnie McNair, Jonell Carty, Middle: Morgan Evans, Roslyn Thorpe, Jessica Dayes, Crystal Fields, Priscilla Colon, Cariton Burden, Katrina Hargrove, Antisha Boykin, Nakoba Mutima, Donata Williams, Latisha Whitaker, Sosna Gedy, Brendel Brooks, Back: Melinda Green, Legeea Massanberg, Margie McLean, Ian Siler, Jennifer Williams, William Frugier, Patrice Bledsoe, Alafia Thompson, Tunesia Epps, Dimer Melvin, Cristina Williams, Larinda Ellison



**ISO**—Front: Rafael Parra-Roman, Shannon Irwin, Manisha Patel, Calstain Ganda, Sweta Patel, Ewa Lengstedt, Petra Kjellson, Back: Jamal Rolle, Anna Roberts, Carolyn Hollifield, Dipti Patel, Susan Gedy, Caroline Larsson, Gavin Wyse, Benjamin Walsh III

# HERITAGE

**T**he African American Student Organization (AASO) was a very visible organization on campus, leading the way with Chancellor's Cup Points with their many activities. AASO hosted nightly activities during AASO Week in September that included bid offs, a poetry night, a speech by Judge Herbert Richardson, a dance, and a cookout. They believed in reaching out to the community through a Reading Rainbow Program where they helped young children to read.

The International Student Organization provided and participated in various activities that entertained and supported students from other countries. The group planned to participate in Diversity Week and, with the assistance of the Food Committee from SGA and the cafeteria staff, contributed recipes that were prepared and served regularly in the cafeteria.

The Latin American Student Organization was a new organization on campus reflecting the growth and diversity in our student body. The organization was founded on September 12, 2000, by Priscilla Colón (President) with the help of Mayra Fuentes (Vice-President), Carolina Saldana (Secretary), Carver Campbell (Public Relations), and Dr. Cristina Francescon (Advisor). They became established and official on November 1, 2000, as the first Latin American organization at UNCP and began to reach out into the community by distributing gifts on January 6 (Three Kings Day in Puerto Rico) to needy children in the pediatric ward of Cape Fear Hospital in Fayetteville.

The Native American Student Organization sponsored the NASO Pow Wow this fall that drew lots of attention from students and the community as dances and ceremonies of their culture were performed in traditional dress. Miss NASO, September Neal, designed and made much of her traditional

regalia and proudly served her organization in creating an awareness and concern for Native American culture.

✪ International students (left) display flags of their home countries in the Homecoming Parade.



## Latin American Student Organization

## Native American Student Organization



**ASO**—Front: Catherine Texidor, Danilo Fernandez II, Mayra Fuentes (Vice President), Roberto Montera, Carolina Saldana (Secretary/Treasurer), Rafael ParraRomán; Middle: Hakim Ellis, Jason English, Ricardo Silva; Back: Carver Campbell, Priscilla Colón (President), Benin Noguera

**NASO Officers**—Zora Jacobs (Treasurer), September Neal (Miss NASO), TerriSue Maynor (President)

# CHALLENGES

**A**rmy and Air Force ROTC cadets were trained and taught to prepare them for the challenges of military demands. The young men and women were challenged both mentally and physically in areas of leadership, character development, physical endurance, and in simulated combat exercises throughout the year.

The Army ROTC operated under the command of Christina Mason. They participated in the Raider Challenge Team, and each semester they did a roadside cleanup. Cadets were also visible at many campus functions representing our country by presenting our state and national flags.

Air Force ROTC carried on the traditional duties of preparing and training special students to become qualified Air Force officers through a highly specialized curriculum. Personal character and responsibility toward the role of the Air Force in national affairs were the major focus of cadet training.

✈️ "The Air Force wants YOU!" says the AFROTC cadet at right as he spreads the word about his organization during Pembroke Day.



AFROTC—Front: Kristina Rennie, Danielle Scheonemann, Katrina Hargrave, Jamie Kelle; Back: Cadet Major Carlos Berdecia, Ron Lieber, Alton Stephens, Jesse DuParc, Kristi May; Not Pictured: Mike Lowry, William McMillian, Nate Unruh, Selina Craig



✪ The AROTC cadet at left gives the thumbs up sign as he and other cadets prepare for a ride in the Army helicopter that visited campus in Spring 2000.

✪ AROTC cadets (below) welcome the BlackHawk helicopter crew from Fort Bragg who have just landed at the UNCP intramural field for a visit to our campus.



Army ROTC



Army ROTC—Veronica McKoy, Joshua Deese, Brandon Atkinson, Leslie Goodling, Harry Dingle, Joshua Loeffler, Andetra Kochera, Jorge Huaman, Carlos Santiago, 2nd Lt. Bliven; Not Pictured: Msg. Johnny Torre, Christina Mason, Monica Sandoval, Michael Funderburke

✧ University Players member Amanda Fousek (right) paints a student's face on Pembroke Day



✧ Stormy Roberts and Jesse Peters (below) perform a scene from *Fool for Love*, one of this year's University Theatre productions.



**University Marshals**



Marshals—Front: April Desjarlais, CarrieBeth Wemyss, Meagan Miller, Middle: Carolyn Hollifield, Renata Cobb, Dorothy McFalls, Rebecca Ellis, Jason Strickland, Back: Marie Locklear, Von Locklear, Paula McDonald, Barry Graham, Vonti McRae, Tracy Weier, Jamie Bream, Andrea Locklear, Chrystal Rouks, Kresa Cummings, Rachael Cart, Daniel Froelich





# STAGE FRIGHT

**M**embers of two student organizations spent many hours in the Givens Performing Arts Center (GPAC) in a number of different roles. The University Marshals, recognizable by their distinctive black and gold sashes, were selected by a panel of faculty members and students to seat attendees at GPAC events. In addition to Fall Convocation and the Fall and Spring Commencements, these events included touring productions of Broadway shows, performances by the Temptations and other golden oldies in the new Nostalgia Series, and the Homecoming weekend appearance of comedian Dave Chapelle. This year's Chief Marshals were Meghan Miller and Carrie Beth Wemyss.

The members of the University Players worked on stage and backstage in the productions of our own University Theatre, which included *How I Learned to Drive* and *Fool for Love* in Fall 2000 and *Noises Off* in Spring 2001. The Players also dressed in costumes and painted faces for interested students and community members during Pembroke Day and other campus

events. Taking a short break from her Marshal duties, Vonti McRae (left) chats with one of the visiting staff members from The Temptations Revue during Homecoming weekend.

This year's officers were President Amanda Fousek, Vice President Darren Cumbie, and Secretary/Treasurer Amanda Goldman.



## University Players



**University Players**—Front: Darren Cumbie (Vice President), Chet Jordan (Advisor), Holden Hansen, David Thaggard; Back: Amanda Goldman (Secretary/Treasurer), Stephen Lane, Amanda Fousek (President), Felix Reyes, David Underwood

# INTEREST MEETINGS

**A** number of student organizations allowed students to pursue activities related to their particular academic disciplines. The Biology Club helped members learn more about scientific processes, gain research experience, and prepare for graduate study. Club members also participated in a number of outdoor activities, including roadside cleanups and camping trips.

Another club with a scientific focus was the Health Careers Club. Its members participated in Pembroke Day, passed out candy to the children at the Shining Stars Daycare Center on Halloween, and also made a Halloween trip to the pediatric ward at Southeastern Regional Hospital. Later in the year, they sponsored Thanksgiving dinner for a needy family and visited Woodhaven Rest Home during Christmas. They also sold raffle tickets as a fund-raiser. Officers for 2000-1 were President Ashleigh Johnson, Vice President Nicholas Dimery, Treasurer Crystal Allen, Secretary Chrystal Rooks, and Historian Brook Howie.

Students interested in law enforcement and related fields could join the Criminal Justice Club. And those considering a business career could become members of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE). This organization continued to gain recognition for UNCP by winning awards in both regional and international competitions.



## Criminal Justice Club



**Criminal Justice Club**—Front: Freda Sinclair, Erika Phillips, Carrie Clouse; Middle: Victoria Henderson, Amy Bryant, Daniel Britt, Kim Jones; Back: Marlin Jones, Nicole Black, Chad Henderson



## Students in Free Enterprise



**SIFE**—Front: Kellie Freeman, Michelle Tew, Brandon Ridenhour, Cammie Fleury (Advisor), Tamra Moni, Nick Anderson, Joseph Caudle; Second: Sonali Sodhi, Jennifer Williams, Angel Peitz, Crystal Bullard, Deanna Bullard, Kimberly Klein, Christina Westpha, Emmy Clark; Third: Carlton Gainey, Tracy Munkin, Kresa Cummings, Carlos Berdecia; Back: Tanya Deese, Tim Elm, Beth Deese



Members of Students in Free Enterprise (left and below) use their table at Pembroke Day to display some of the many regional and international awards they have won.



**Biology Club**



**Biology Club**—Front: Chrisha Dolan, CarrieBeth Wemyss, Angela Clark, Deanna Rodriguez; Back: JanLee Santos, Christopher Kennedy, Marie Locklear, Amy McQueary, Bryan Scott, Kristi May, Jennifer Powers, Brad Neill, Lynette Torres, Jessica Daigle, Joel Howard, Jason Greimel

✧ Paula Caudle (right) samples some of the refreshments available during a Sigma Tau Delta event in the Dial A-V Theater.

✧ Lindsay Walker and Dr. Cristina Francescon (below) read a Petrarch sonnet at the Sigma Tau Delta Valentine's Day poetry reading.



**AEYC**

**SNCAE**



Association for the Education of Young Children—Front: Kim Courtney, Rebecca Price, Megan Davis, Shirley Johnson; Back: Christine McManaway, Allison Gordan, Kellye Fell, Alisha Johnson, Deana Martel



Student NC Association of Educators—Front: Raven Taylor, Rebecca Price, Kim Courtney; Back: Christine McManaway, Allison Gorden, Kellye Fell, Megan Davis, Shirley Johnson, Dr. Swannee Dickson (Advisor), Deana Martel

# BOOKWORMS

Students preparing for a career in education had a number of organizations they could join. In addition to the newly reestablished chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education, UNCP also had a chapter of the North Carolina Association of Educators Student Program, SNCAE. This was an organization for undergraduate or graduate students in education that was intended to help them make a smooth transition from the campus to the classroom. It was affiliated with the NCAE and the National Education Association. This year's officers at UNCP were President Allison Gordon, Vice President Tonya Burns, and Treasurer Sharon Costa. Students interested in early childhood education could also become members of the UNCP chapter of the Association for the Education of Young Children, AEYC.

There were also two honorary organizations open to students in the Department of English, Theatre, and Languages. Alpha Psi Omega (ΑΨΩ) was the national honor society for students in drama, and Sigma Tau Delta (ΣΤΔ) was the national honor society for students in English. Sigma Tau Delta was just getting off its feet this year, but its members did manage to make a difference and add their input to occurrences in the English Department. In addition to inducting new members, Sigma Tau sponsored a reading of *Harry and Ruth* by Howard Owen, hosted a Valentine's Day poetry reading that was a great success, and assisted in the Jill McCorkle conference that the department hosted. The organization also had plans to branch

out into the public school system and encourage young readers as well as start up a book club in some area retirement homes.

\*Sigma Tau Delta President Andy Stamper chats with Dr. Tom Leach (left) at the conclusion of his organization's induction ceremony in Fall 2000.



Alpha Psi Omega—Darren Cumbie, Amanda Fousek (Vice President), Chet Jordan (Advisor); Not Pictured: Peggy Blackmon (Secretary/Treasurer), Stormy Roberts (President)



Sigma Tau Delta—Front: Claudia Walker, Dale Scott, Lindsay Walker, Loreen Bessire; Back: Jesse Peters (Advisor), Andy Stamper, Paula Caudle, Tracy Weier, Melissa White; Not Pictured: Tara Clark, Sarah Wright, Shanna Mishue

# ALL AUDIO

**M**any of our students were gifted with musical talents, and they had a wide variety of groups they could join to share those talents with fellow students and community members. The Concert Band and Concert Choir were open to all students, regardless of major. They performed at university events such as Pembroke Day and commencement, and they also got into the Christmas spirit with a December concert.

Smaller, auditioned groups such as the Chamber Singers, Jazz Band, and Jazz Choir were also open to all students with a serious interest in music. These groups performed at various events both on and off-campus.

Phi Mu Alpha (ΦMA) Sinfonia was the national music fraternity, and membership was restricted to men majoring in Music. Members of this group formed the pep band that played at university athletic events.

Music was a vehicle for worship as well as performance for students who participated in the Voices of Serenity Gospel Choir. This group performed at Pembroke Day and at several other events throughout the year.

✂ The student at right leads the Gospel Choir in song during their performance at Pembroke Day.



## ΦMA Sinfonia



**Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia**—Front: Dean Cranford III, Ricky Navarrete, Tommy Stovall; Middle: Stephen Lane, Rob Berongi, Carson Norris, Carlos Tyson, Matt Hall, Darren Sellers; Back: Keith Oxendine, Brad Alford, Chase Dimery, Chris Hansen, Jay McDougai, Dr. Larry Arnold, Timothy Parsons, Dr. George R. Walter



Members of the Concert Choir (left) and Concert Band (below) entertain fellow students and community members with their performances at Pembroke Day.



**Voices of Serenity Gospel Choir**



**Gospel Choir**—Front: Latisha Whitaker, Donica Spivey, Ian Siler, Dimeria Melvin, Patrice Bledsoe, Fredrika Sinclair; Back: Antisha Boykin, Donata Williams, Crystal Fields, Margie McLean, Melinda Green, Brendell Brooks, Roslyn Thorpe, LaGeia Massenber, Morgan Evans, LaCinda Ellison, Priscilla Colón

✂️ Kala Locklear (right) participates in one of the Tuesday Night Celebrations held at the BSU house.

✂️ Members of BSU's Student Ministry Team (below) perform community outreach by rebuilding a porch for a disabled man. Helping with the work are Jeff Miles, Christine Orban, Gina Gibson, Bryan Scott, and Nick Laguardia.




**Baptist Student Union**




BSU—Front: Kala Locklear, LaCinda Ellison, Tiffanie Garner, Becca Howell, Gina Gibson; Middle: Jeff Miles, Dorothy McFalls, Bryan Scott, Dana Reece, Terisa Welton, Richard Benner, Keith Jennings, Candice Hedgepeth, Tara Bishop, Gwen Simmons; Back: Ron Sanders, Angeia Heck, Beth Nichols, Eva Brown, David Bishop





# UPLIFTING

**S**piritual enrichment and development was not lacking at UNCP this year as students joined various religious organizations that allowed them to worship and fellowship together as they renewed old friendships and formed new ones while participating in community service activities.

The Baptist Student Union (BSU) members were busy this year in activities planned by Co-Presidents Dana Reese, Jeff Miles, and Bryan Scott. They attended Fall Convention 2000 at Ridgecrest, NC; sponsored a Thankful Expressions Multicultural Celebration in November; attended Winter Retreat 2000; and sponsored Tuesday Night Celebrations and Commuter Lunches every Wednesday. During Fall Break, BSU members also traveled to Lynchburg, VA, and assisted in building a youth mission's center, and during Spring Break, they traveled to New York City to help renovate a church and work at a halfway house.

BRAVES (Biblical Revelations About Vital Excellent Standards) was a new organization that sprouted this year in the form of a Monday night Bible study facilitated by Lakita Sutton and Cyrus Birch. The group started out small with fewer than ten students in their first meeting in North Hall Lounge and grew rapidly to over forty students. As a result, they had to move to the Pine Hall Multi-Purpose Lounge to accommodate the growing numbers of students attending each week. Members of BRAVES worked with youths at area churches and at youth centers for at-risk kids.



**BRAVES**—Front: Laketa Sutton, Salina Craig, Stacey Bumgarner, Danata Williams, Jenny Dixon, Mary Harrington; Middle: Tawanna Scott, Kehanlani George, Christine Mason, Ginnell Curtis, Renaita Cobb, Carlton Burden, Jermaine Thomas; Back: Amanda Stanley, Derrick Montgomery, Cyrus Birch, Scott Failor, Harry Dingle; Not Pictured: Cynthia Readfern

# MEDIA FRENZY

**S**tudent media underwent a number of changes during the year. The student newspaper, *The Pine Needle*, redesigned its masthead and expanded its page size. The paper had a new faculty advisor, Mrs. Kathie Hinnen, who replaced Dr. John Beatty. Editor-in-Chief James Nichols was also new to that position, but since he had served on the staff in various roles during the previous two years, he brought experience as well as new ideas to the job. Working with them were Assistant Editors April Desjarlais (Fall 2000) and Jennifer Boucher (Spring 2001) and a staff of mostly new editors and writers. A new position, circulation manager, was added to ensure more timely and efficient distribution of the paper around campus every two weeks.

The student-run TV station, WNCP-TV, had a different look, too, as new on-camera personnel took on the anchor positions on the weekly news show. There were also new staff members behind the cameras and in the studio, together with returning veterans. A highlight of the year was broadcast journalist Deborah Norville's September visit to campus as part of the new Distinguished Speaker Series.

Prior to her evening appearance at the GPAC, Norville was interviewed for WNCP, and students had the chance to meet her up close and personal.

✂️ WNCP-TV staff member Vonti McRae (right) gets a chance to meet Deborah Norville during her September visit to our campus. Norville gave an interview for the student-run TV station prior to her talk in the GPAC.



*The Pine Needle*—Front: Carrie Elkins, Helena Odom, Beth Nichols, Stephany Newberry, Susan Morris; Back: Mary Harrington, James Nichols (Editor), Felix Reyes



✧ Tiffany Patterson (left) seems happy to be visiting the WNCN-TV studio during the Fall semester.

✧ Always on the lookout for breaking news, *Pine Needle* Editor James Nichols (below) checks out the announcement of coming events on his way in to the cafeteria.



WNCN-TV



WNCN-TV—Front: Tyler Collins, Lori VanStone, Bryon Coltrane, John McGirt; Middle: Erika Howland, Vonti McRae, Nick Adams, Katrina Hargrave, Ryan Feltey, Carolyn Jones, Peggy Blackmon, Chris Jacobs; Back: Geoff Davis, Sherri Sides, LeQuisha Lesane, Christine Orban, Brian Church, Tommy Gane, Neal Slimick, Steve Carwile, Dennis Armour, MaryBeth Brayboy

✦ Organizations Section Co-Editor Jerri Potts (right) works on a layout at the end of the fall semester.



✦ Advisor Sara Oswald (below) can use all the helping hands she can get as she reviews work in progress at the computer in the yearbook office.



✦ Production Staff members Paula Caudie and Naoki Nishiyama (above) search for pictures to fit a layout

✦ Editor-in-Chief Sarah-Lynn Brown (right) practices her photography skills at the start of the fall semester.



# SIGHTINGS

The 2001 *Indianhead* was a stubborn book. Many of the staffers were casualties of other involvements, classes, or UFOs. At some points it seemed it would never be finished, but the remaining staff persevered.

With the green book all pruned and groomed, it was off to the printers like a witch on a broom. Finally the millennium book, with some apparent bugs in it, went off to print, and everyone was happy, especially advisor Sara Oswald's husband.

✂️ Tree climbing (left) helps relieve the stress of deadlines for Sara Oswald, Sarah Brown, Mary Harrington and Vonti McRae.

✂️ Student Life Section Editor Vonti McRae (below) reviews a layout as Marcel Goode works on copy.



## Indianhead Yearbook



**Indianhead Yearbook**—Front: Sandra Jacobs, Sarah-Lynn Brown (Editor), Stephany Newberry; Back: Sara Oswald (Advisor), Jerkeshea Potts, Marcel Goode, Vonti McRae, Saprina Oxendine, Helena Odom, Heather Watson, Eric Wright, Buddy Currie; Not Pictured: Paula Caudle, Mary Harrington, Naoki Nishiyama, Chris Nicolini, Tiffany Patterson, Angela Smith

# DARING

**T**he Alpha organizations worked on very significant activities this year. They were among those campus groups that worked on the voter registration drives, clothing and canned food drives, mentoring, and other activities.

The sisters of **Alpha Kappa Alpha** Sorority, Inc. participated in Pembroke Day, an October coat drive, a candy war, a November "buckle up" campaign, voter registration and voter pickup at Lumberton High School, feed-a-family for Thanksgiving and Christmas, sickle cell awareness, volunteering at the homeless shelter, and weekly "Akacise". They also sponsored a dance in December. Their goal was to do a lot of work in the Black community to promote the Black family, educate its children, and pave the way for other young adults in their endeavors to become successful African American role models.

The members of **Alpha Omega Upsilon**, one of the two coed fraternities on our campus, participated in Pembroke Day and other activities throughout the year.

**Alpha Phi Alpha** Fraternity, Inc. served the community through its children by planning a mini-step show, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and a Port of Pan step show. They also participated in a We've Got You Covered blanket drive, and a clothing drive, a canned food drive, and they cosponsored other activities with various other organizations on campus.

✦ The gentlemen of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity (right) show pride and color as they display their paraphernalia at Pembroke Day.



✦ Jamie Burney (above) represents Alpha Omega Upsilon spirit at the fraternity's table on Pembroke Day.



✦ Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority (right) displays step coordination during the Homecoming step show.



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Alpha Omega Upsilon—Jamie Burney, Jennifer Boucher



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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.—Lee Elliot, Michael Woodard, Jelanee Burnell, Rick DelCampo, William McMillian, Charles Cromartie



Alpha Pi Omega, Inc.—Sarah Locklear, Torree Jacobs, Andrea Flowers Locklear, September Neal, Veronica Locklear, MaryBeth Brayboy, Rebekah Revels, Meki Graham



Gamma Phi Omicron —Shannon Maxwell, Teresa Whitman, Maranda Bowles, Jessica Phillips







# SISTERHOOD

**A**mong the many Greek organizations on our campus were three sororities that reflected not only the diversity of our student body, but also its unity in their common dedication to service to the community.

The sisters of **Alpha Pi Omega** were a close knit family that worked well together on every project they took on with enthusiasm and good will. Their principles included spirituality, traditionalism, contemporary issues, and education. They were very active in activities that supported their culture and community.

The Omicron Nu chapter of **Delta Sigma Theta** was first established on our campus in 1983. There were no active members at UNCP during the 2000-1 academic year.

The members of **Gamma Phi Omicron** were serious this year about combatting child abduction and planned to sponsor a fingerprinting campaign during the fall for the prevention of child abduction. They were also planning a Spring 2001 campaign for beach conservation. Their officers this year were

✧ Sarah Locklear of Alpha Pi Omega and Shannon Maxwell of Gamma Phi Omicron (left) represent sorority membership on the campus.

President Jennifer Lambert, Vice President Jessica Phillips, and Secretary Maranda Bowles.



✧ The sisters of Alpha Pi Omega (above) gather together to celebrate unity and Native American heritage.

# UNITY

The fraternity brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, and Phi Beta Sigma sponsored several cultural and recreational events. They were involved in mentoring, entertaining at step shows, and a variety of fund-raising activities.

The members of **Kappa Alpha Psi** participated during the past year in rape prevention programs; they also sponsored tutoring and mentoring programs and other activities on campus.

The O-Dogs, as the members of **Omega Psi Phi** were usually called, had a more active membership on campus this year. Among other activities, they participated in the Homecoming step show sponsored by the Pan-Hellenic Council.

The brothers of **Phi Beta Sigma** Fraternity, Inc., say that they are "the tightest of all brothers and fraternities," and that they are "on the rise." They participated in campus cleanup, voter registration, a spades tournament, Big Brother programs, Adopt-a-Family on Thanksgiving, and "toys for tots" on Christmas. They also planned a Blue and White Week for Homecoming

✦ Joe Oxendine and Eric Wright of Phi Beta Sigma (right) await their turn to go onto the stage and perform for the excited crowd.



✦ Omega Psi Phi members and alumni (above) crowd together for a moment of fellowship during Homecoming.

✦ Kenneth Middleton and Dontá Fairey (right) are energetic and giving it their best during their duo step routine.





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Kappa Alpha Psi—Kenneth Middleton, Derrick Stinson

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Phi Beta Sigma—Eric Wright, Joseph Oxendine, Keith Haith, Derrick Jones, Gionte McMillan and Rashaad McLean



Phi Kappa Tau—Aaron Woodlief, Tyler Collins, Brent Smith, Chris Lovett, Thomas Grabos, Ben Stepp, John McLamb, Jason Hallman, Carlos Berdecia, Patrick Strickland, Earl Donnelly, Josh Putter, Travis Wilmoth, David Wallenb, Chris Biggs, Wait Verastegui, Nick Mills, Breck Kinlaw



Phi Sigma Nu—Front: Jeremy Barton, Joshua Deese, Middle: Micah Brewington, Jamie Locklear, Kristin Locklear, Back: Corey Hunt, Eric Carter, Greg Richardson



Pi Lambda Upsilon—Front: Yosef Khader, Karen Spencer, Amanda Cain, Stephanie Crews, Cheryl Zeliman, Middle: Kyle Justice, Rachel Lyndon, Michelle Padgette, Cariu Campbell, Allison Parker, Bria Handren, Travis Minyon, Back: Anthony Hall, Bryan Curry, Josh Baker, Kay Goodwin, Not Pictured: Dana Faircloth

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# TOGETHER

**A**s always, fraternities and sororities continued to be participants in and contributors to the cultural, educational, and social activities at UNCP. Phi Kappa Tau, Phi Sigma Nu, and Pi Lambda Upsilon were always ready for the challenge.

The motto of **Phi Kappa Tau** was "Greek by choice, Phi Tau by God." They enjoyed being a part of campus activities such as Pembroke Day and the Homecoming Parade.

The brothers of **Phi Sigma Nu** have proven to be leaders in finding new ways to enhance the life on campus and in the community by sponsoring, among other activities, the annual Phi Nu golf tournament.

**Pi Lambda Upsilon** was one of our coed fraternities interested in community service, most noticeably the Suicide Prevention Seminar and the Adopt-a-Highway Program they began last year.

✧ Phi Kappa Tau members (left) show brotherhood by wearing their Greek letters.

tion Seminar and the Adopt-a-Highway Program they began last year.



✧ Pi Lambda Upsilon members (left) show unity as they chill out on the stairs of Wellons Hall.

✧ Micah Brewington and friend (above) inform prospective members about Phi Sigma Nu.

# COMPETITIVE

The brothers and sisters of the sororities and fraternities on UNCP all shared a common goal of service to the community as well as providing fellowship and support for their members. Tri-Sigma, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Theta Kappa all kept up the pace.

**Sigma Sigma Sigma** continued to support their national philanthropy in helping to provide funds to establish playrooms in hospitals, in addition to serving in campus and community programs.

The brothers of **Tau Kappa Epsilon** were a visible presence at UNCP and in the community. The sisters of **Theta Kappa** were big on community service and campus activities as they continue to grow in leadership and quality.

✧ Theta Kappa sisters Erica Jones and Tracy Weier (right) sign up for their senior portraits at the Indianhead booth during Pembroke Day.



✧ Tri-Sigmas Elizabeth Roccoforte, Sarah Wright and Pamela Willis (above) bask in the sun during a campus event.



✧ TKE brothers (right) take a personal pride in sharing information about their fraternity with the public.



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**Sigma Sigma Sigma**—Candice Horner, Leah Knowles, Ashley Grier, Kelly Tripp, Veronica Hatton, Pamela Willis; Amy Osbourne, Carrie Clouse, Jennifer Coleman; NP-Erin Megan, Alicia Griffin, Liz Roccoforte, Sarah Wright, Brittany Oxendine, Melissa Medlin, Heather Maynor, Jeri Locklear, Liz Rogers, Brooke Brown



**Tau Kappa Epsilon**—The TKEs get together at their table during Pembroke Day, one of several activities that Greek organizations use to publicize their groups' activities and recruit new members.



**Theta Kappa Sorority**—April Desjarlais, Meghan Miller, Heather Scarboro, Stacie King, Susan Morris, Carrie Beth Wemyss, Erica Jones, Carrie Nelson, Tracy Weier



**Theta Xi**—Carlton Gainey, Gary Trexler, Brandon Ridenhour, JJ Kulp, Jason Nelson, Danny Esposito; Brian Tew, Chops, Sean Hennebery, Josh Steelman, Stephen Avant, Mark Ruffin, John Miller; NP-Josh Woodruff, Jamal Rookard, Brett Hunter, Nathan Swiggett, Mike Jimerez, Alvin Wilson, Robbie Johnson, Sean Johnson, Jay Silhan



**Zeta Phi Beta**—Anquonette Stiles, Sheri Cole, Moshica Wallace, Lisa Oxendine; Angela Smith, Bridget Crumb, Andrea Neal



**Zeta Tau Alpha**—Kelli Wallace, Jennifer Fowler, Michelle Tew, Eileen Flynn; Maranda Hammonds, Felicia Altman, Angei Peitz, Jamie Baker; Jessica Locklear, Kresa Cummings, Ashleigh Johnson, Jamie Prevatté, Misty Tarlton

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# PRIDE

In order to be effective, you must have pride in who you are and what you are. Such was the case with Theta Xi, Zeta Phi Beta, and Zeta Tau Alpha. The brothers of **Theta Xi** continued to grow and expand their friendly helping hands to campus and local programs.

At UNCP, the Pi Lambda Chapter of **Zeta Phi Beta** Sorority was a member of the national Pan Hellenic Council comprised of nine Greek letter organizations. The Pi Lambda chapter had seven undergraduate members this year who participated in and sponsored Zeta Week, Finer Womanhood, Founder's Day Celebration, Kiddie Blue and White Review, Voter Registration, Feed the Homeless, Highway Beautification, Safe Sex Seminar, Zeta Socials, a Zeta Christmas dance, a "Ready or Not Jam," and a senior trip. Officers were Angela Smith, President; Sheri Cole, Vice-President; Anquanette Stiles, Secretary; Lisa Oxendine, Historian; Andrea Neal, Chaplain; and Bridget Crumb, Parliamentarian.

**Zeta Tau Alpha** was also a visible presence on UNCP and in the community with their social activities and various service programs and activities in the hospitals, nursing homes, and children's services.

✧ Angela Smith and Bridget Crumb (left) chill with their sisters after a step show presentation.

✧ programs and activities in the hospitals, nursing homes, and children's services.



✧ Zeta Tau Alpha sisters (left) display the photos and other memorabilia that were gathered by members.

✧ The mystical Unicorn members of Theta Xi (above) man their booth in the UC during spring rush.



Bronze sculpture by Gionte McMillan

*Starting its ninth season in the Peach Belt Athletic Conference, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke began its quest for athletic dominance in the 2000-2001 athletic season with a boom. However, the boom was not on the field or the court. UNCP announced the creation of two new athletic teams and also many repairs to the baseball and softball fields and a new track and field stadium.*

*Getting women's soccer and men's tennis programs put a boost into the upcoming season for all of the teams as UNCP athletics continue to expand. The athletic programs, under the leadership of Athletic Director Dan Kenney and the athletic department, will proceed to blossom in the Spring and in the years to come.*

## SPORTS

⇒ The referee stands on the sidelines and calls the play while Emanuel Kaye (right) protects the ball from the other team.

⇒ Senior Bryan Coltrane (below) holds the ball and waits to throw at a teammate.



**2000 Soccer**

UNCP		Opp.
2	St. Andrews	0
0	Wingate	11
2	Belmont Abbey	3
0	Lynn	6
2	Mount Olive	3
2	North Florida	4
0	Lander	2
0	Pfeiffer	3
2	USC Aiken	3
0	Catawba	1
0	USC Spartanburg	6
0	Augusta State	5
0	Lenoir-Rhyne	1
0	Presbyterian	7
1	Francis Marion	5
2	Barton	1
0	Clayton	3
1	Francis Marion	4



⇒ Goalie Alex Hall (right) kicks the ball towards his team.

# QUICK FEET

The soccer season started off on August 26 with the Braves winning their first game against non-conference rival St. Andrews. Unfortunately, the team would have to wait another two months to gain another win, on October 25, against Barton College. The team did its best to focus not on the losses but rather on building for the future.

This year's team faced the challenge of replacing seven of their twelve star players from the 1999 season. Made up of returning players and talented new recruits, the Braves fielded 23 sophomores and freshmen. "We have some young players who can step up and take on the duties, but we have to count on some new players to do the same," said head coach Mike Schaeffer.

Among the experienced players returning to the team this year were two seniors, goalkeeper Eric Gossette and midfielder Bryon Coltrane. Although the season's 2-16 record represented a disappointing end to their careers at UNCP, the other team members looked forward to improving their performance next year.

Another thing to look forward to in fall 2001 was the start of women's soccer. In December, Lars Andersson was named head coach. Coming to UNCP from Cumberland College in Kentucky, Andersson had a .709 collegiate head coaching record and would be, according to Athletics Director Dan Kenney, "a positive addition," and the women's team would be, too.

☛ Emanuel Kaye and teammate (left) leap to gain control of the ball from their opponent.



**2000 Soccer**—Front: Scatt Braswell, Peter Peranza, Bryan Young, Neven Kendes, Chris Dunaway, Alex Hall, Eric Gassett, Scatt Dayton, Gavin Wyse, Bryan Caltrane, Jash Valenzuela, Ryan Brown; Back: Coach Mike Schaeffer, Jason Abalas, Yausef Khader, Richie Wright, Rafael Roman, Tim Lee, Paul Hicks, Aaron Pollard, Ian McKinney, Jeremy Danhardt, Jesse DuParc, Mike Carrell, Matt Littleton, Raberta Montero, Emanuel Kaye, John Hicks

## 2000 Cross Country

### Men's Results

High Point/Elon Invitational	4th
UNC Pembroke Invitational	1st
Gardner-Webb Classic	3rd
Coker College Invitational	1st
Presbyterian College Invitational	2nd
The Citadel Invitational	2nd
NC Collegiate Championships	1st
Peach Belt Championships	3th
NCAA Division II Regionals	13th

### Women's Results

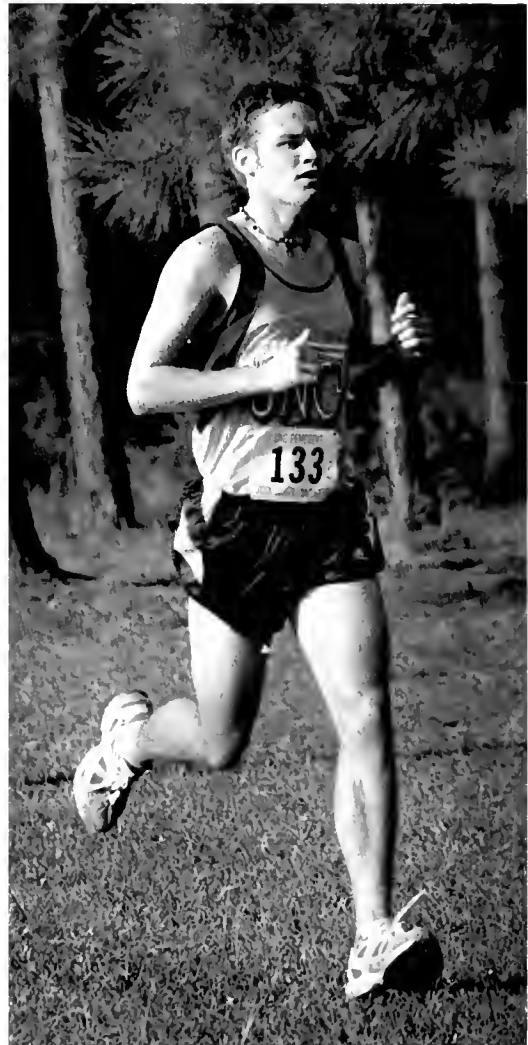
High Point/Elon Invitational	9th
UNC Pembroke Invitational	3rd
Gardner-Webb Classic	4th
Coker College Invitational	5th
Presbyterian College Invitational	4th
The Citadel Invitational	6th
NC Collegiate Championships	2nd
Peach Belt Championships	8th



**2000 Women's Cross Country**—*Front: Anquanette Stiles, Jennifer Prevast, Shannan McLean, Amanda DeGarmo; Back: William Bailey, Vaneka Campbell, Erynn Andersan, Coach Larry Rodgers*



**2000 Men's Cross Country**—*Front: Nathaniel Woodward, Timothy Baney, Curtis Cheeks, Michael Jimenez, John Midgette; Back: William Bailey, David Mead, Ricarda Silva, John Waadruff, Coach Larry Rodgers*



John Waadruff (above) runs against a backdrop of pine trees during one of the many invitational meets our cross country teams participated in this season.



↔ Shannon McLean (left) runs to stay ahead of her opponents in a women's cross country meet.

↔ Michael Jimenez (below) breaks ahead of an opponent in an attempt to place higher.



## RUNNING HOME

With many talented runners working under the guidance of Coach Larry Rodgers, the men's and women's cross country teams have had much success. The teams, which consisted of six women and eight men, put in a lot of hard work, even when the weather was cold or hot, to make the winning possible.

The women's team consisted of three freshmen, one sophomore and two juniors who worked together for a better team. Against strong competition, they finished third in the UNCP Invitational, held at Luther Britt Park in Lumberton on September 9. Although they did not place that high in their other invitational meets, they closed out their season with a strong second-place finish at the NC Collegiate Championship.

The men's cross country team, made up of four freshmen, two sophomores and two juniors, also had a strong season. High points were first-place finishes in the UNCP and Coker College Invitationals and the NC Collegiate Championship; the team also placed second in the Presbyterian College and Citadel Invitationals. Leading the men was Mike Jimenez, who finished first in several meets, including the Coker College and Presbyterian College Invitationals.

## 2000 Volleyball

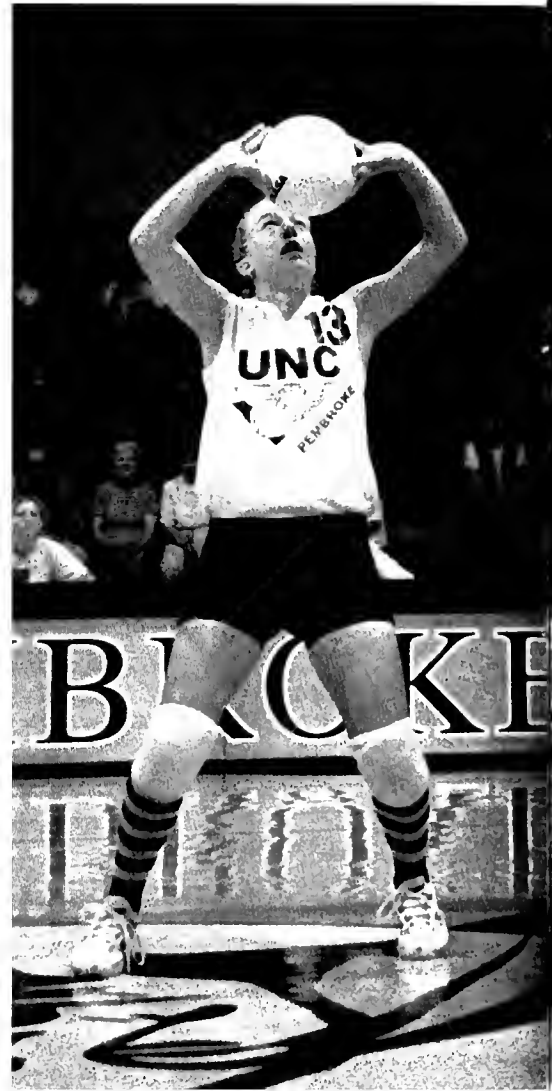
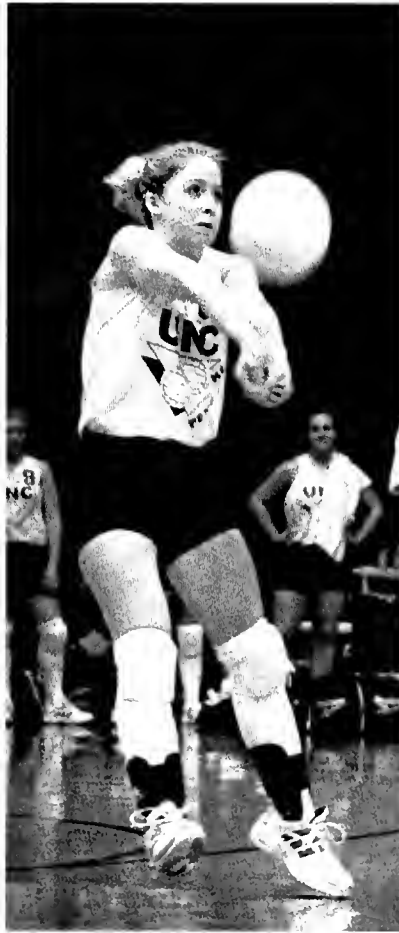
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0	Presbyterian	3
1	Clarion	3
1	Florida Memorial	3
3	Pfeiffer	0
3	Florida Memorial	0
3	Queens	0
0	Livingstone	0
0	Wingate	3
1	Shaw	0
1	St. Andrews	0
1	Elizabeth City State	0
1	Wingate	3
0	UNC-Spartanburg	3
3	Lander	0
2	Francis Marion	3
0	UNC-Aiken	3
1	Augusta State	1
0	North Florida	3
0	Armstrong Atlantic State	3
1	Mount Olive	3
1	Fayetteville State	2
3	Benedict College	0
3	North Carolina Central	0
3	Clayton	0
0	Catawba	0
3	Lander	0
0	UNC-Spartanburg	3
1	Francis Marion	3
3	Augusta State	1
1	UNC-Aiken	3
3	Fayetteville State	0
0	Presbyterian	3
0	Armstrong Atlantic State	3
0	Florida	3
0	Armstrong Atlantic State	3

⇒ Bria Handran (right) pushes up the ball to avoid a foul, as Lisa Roy and another teammate react.

⇒ The player below actively rebounds the ball to the opposite side of the net.



**2000 Volleyball**—Front: Coach Beverly Justice, Bria Handran, Brittina Griffin, Lauren Carpenter, Jill Wilson, Marcie Holden, Stephanie Crews; Back: Ashlee Scofield, Kelly LaMotta, Liosa Roy, Jessica Guy, Rynet Oxendine, Jessica Phillips, Katie Baker.





## SOCK 'EM

**T**he volleyball team was definitely on a roll. Although the team did not have a winning season, it has improved a lot. This may have been due to the fact that the team lost a few players, but gained a lot of new ones. The team finished the end of the season with a 16-19 record.

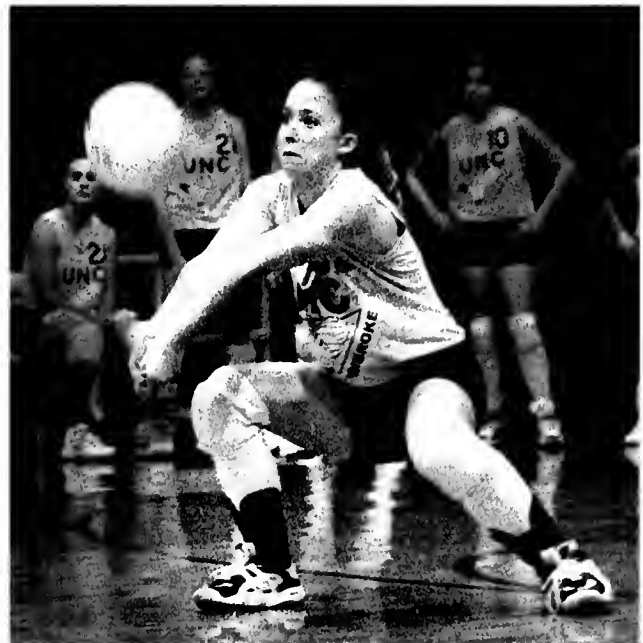
Throughout the season, these athletes never lost their competitive edge, and the addition of newly-recruited players lent a helping hand. "I think the new players that have been added to this year's team have had a great influence thus far," said Coach Beverly Justice, "and obviously in a positive way. We're just a more talented team this year than last year."

Team member additions were not the only positive changes over last year's squad; team leadership also played a helpful role. Junior college transfer Ashlee Scofield also lent a hand in redefining what is expected of volleyball players. "Specifically, she is a very strong hitter who can put the ball away from any position on the court. The fact that she is a vocal leader on the floor is a big help to the other players," said Coach Justice.

Jessica Guy and Katie Baker were also key role players for the team, each recording impressive stats for kills and attack percentages. The hard work of all twelve athletes on the squad was shown at every match they participated in, despite the season's 16-19 outcome. With a strong returning squad, next year's team will be a tough force to compete with.

☞ Lisa Roy (lower left) volleys the ball back to the other team, while

☞ The Lady Brave below makes a determined volley while her sidelined teammates watch on.



⇒ Jordan Sampson (right) runs with the ball while the other team tries to block him.

2000-1 Men's Basketball

UNCP	Opp.	
57	Newberry	60
89	Warefield State	82
68	Barton	93
55	Coker	86
57	Fayetteville State	84
61	Fayetteville State	69
86	Strayer	81
76	Barton	84
73	Quincy	84
64	St. Leo's	68
58	North Florida	95
70	Augusta State	79
68	USC-Aiken	65
82	Francis Marion	75
57	Lanter	71
71	Astronaut Atlanta	79
62	Georgia College	75
72	Francis Marion	74
70	USC-Aiken	89
63	Agnes Scott	76
62	Columbus State	64
37	Lander	58
52	USC-Spartanburg	92
65	Clayton State	72
64	USC-Spartanburg	71
86	Kennesaw State	81



2000-1 Men's Basketball—Front: Scott Walton, Jordan Sampson, Jay Bruer, Melvin Farrington, Matthew Hubbard, Derrick Stinson, Benjamin Lucas, Tyrance Phillips; Back: Jess Wilson, Rico Odom, Adrian Prioleau, Mark Schmitz, Sean Davis, Cyrus Birch, Lynx Tepatondele, Assistant Coach Wendell Staton, Head Coach John Haskins



## STILL BUILDING

**T**he 2000-1 year was mainly a building year for the Braves, who were disappointed by their 8-18 season. In an early win over nearby rival Francis Marion University, senior center Adrian Prioleau scored a game-high 24 points on 12 of 16 shots before leaving due to injury. Prioleau helped the team get an 82-75 Peach Belt Conference victory. Sealing the deal was the work of guard Melvin Farrington with 15 points, Jay Bruer, who earned 12, and Derrick Stinson, who took away 10 from the EMU Patriots.

Against the Georgia College and State University Bobcats, the men jumped out to a 10-point halftime lead before later losing the game. Against Columbus State on Homecoming weekend, the men scored the game's first two points and did not trail during the entire first half. Although the Braves made some three-point shots in the final minute and at the same time Columbus missed five of six free throws, it wasn't enough for the men to overcome Columbus's double-digit second-half lead.

Later in February, against Lander, Mark Schmitz and Cyrus Birch scored eight points each during playtime. In the Valentine's Day game pitted against USC-Spartanburg, the Braves out-rebounded the Rifles 31-32 and out-shot them 49 percent to 44 percent in their path to another conference win. Adrian Prioleau, recovered from his January 17 injury, led the team with 14 points and seven rebounds. Melvin Farrington had 17 points and four assists off the bench, and Schmitz added seven rebounds straight off the bench. In spite of the late-season win, the men did not gain enough ground to qualify for the conference post-season tournament.

⇒ Mark Schmitz (left) jumps over the opposing team to score for the Braves. ⇒ Jordan Sampson (below) plays on the court, controlling the ball with one hand.

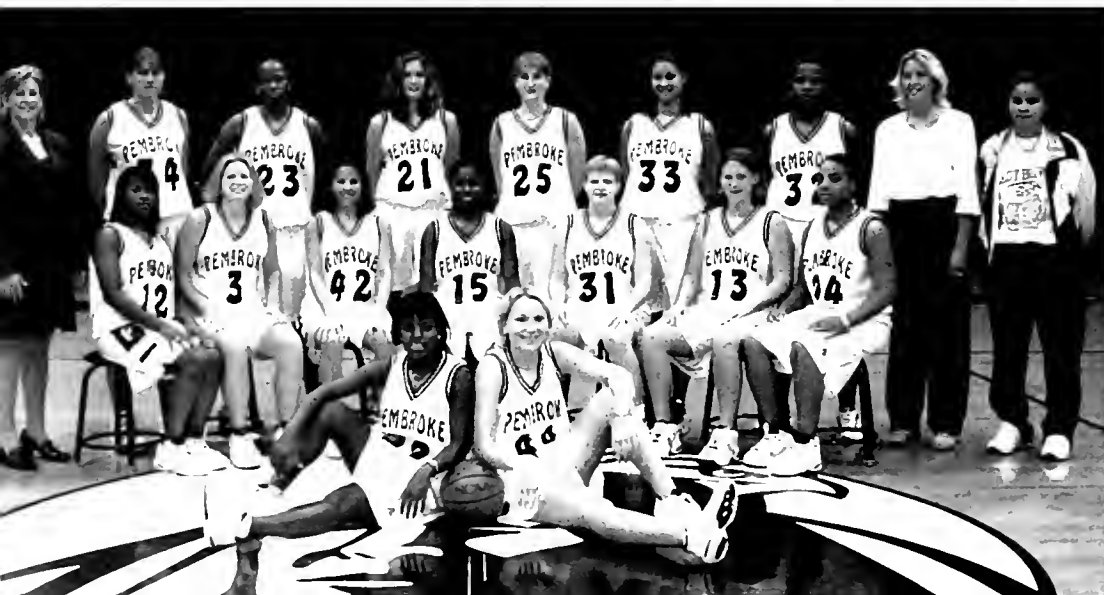


⇒ Jessica Collins (below) dribbles the ball while her opponent attempts to steal it from her.

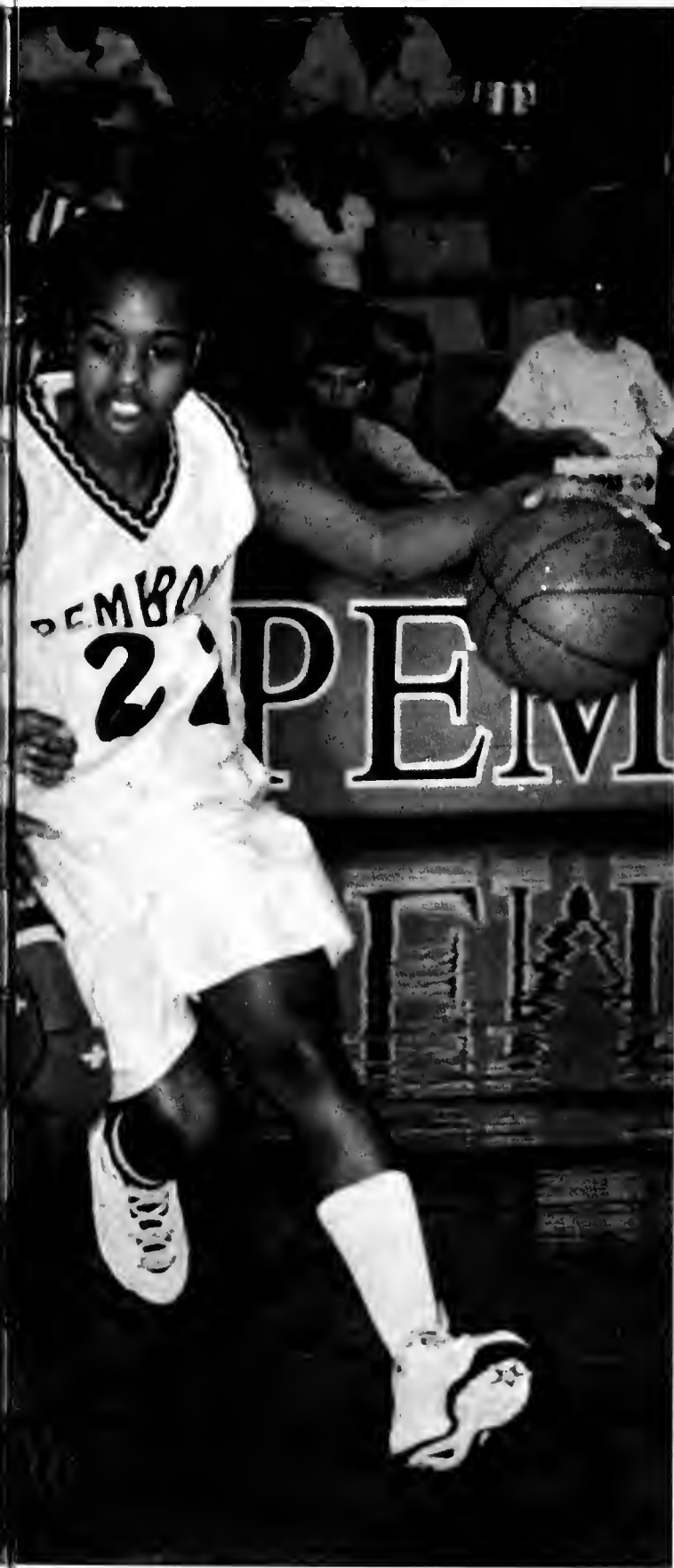
⇒ Ginnell Curtis (right) runs with her opponent on the court to keep from turning the ball over.

2000-1 Women's Basketball

OPPONENT	OPP.
Mars Hill	74
Lenoir-Rhyne	74
Queens	69
Arlington-Broward	67
Mount Olive	59
Fayetteville State	61
Fayetteville State	74
St. Andrews	56
Pfeiffer	51
North Florida	60
Gardner-Webb	73
Augusta State	61
USC Aiken	56
Francis Marion	69
Lander	87
Armstrong Atlantic	72
Georgia College	85
Francis Marion	67
USC Aiken	64
Augusta State	88
Columbus State	106
Lander	46
USC Spartanburg	56
Clayton State	55
USC Spartanburg	64
Kennesaw State	93
Georgia College	75



2000-1 Women's Basketball—Front: Ginnell Curtis, Rikki Cockrell; Middle: Holly Sanders, Jessica Collins, Lauren Thigpen, Corey Marks, Jameka Dixon; Back: Head Coach Sandi Mitchell, Jennifer Lance, Nikia Miller, Candice Combs, Amanda Brooks, Julia Ayers, Kolletta Harris, Assistant Coach Amy Mazner



# WINNING WOMEN

The women's basketball team finished their season with a winning record of 14-13. They had a season of high-scoring as well as close games. They also represented UNCP in the Peach Belt Athletic Conference post-season tournament.

January was a hot time for the Lady Braves. Jennifer Lance and Candice Combs recorded double-doubles in points and rebounds to record a win against Gardner-Webb on January 9. The January 24 game against Armstrong Atlantic State was a comeback game for the Braves. The team rallied from a seven-point second-half deficit to defeat the Pirates 77-72. In addition, five of the Braves finished in double figures. On January 27, the team was led by guard Ginnell Curtis, who scored 28 points, eight rebounds, two assists, and four steals, but that just wasn't enough to pull off a win against Georgia College and State. The January 31 game was another time for Curtis to shine. She scored 31 points against Francis Marion, and Lance was right on her heels with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

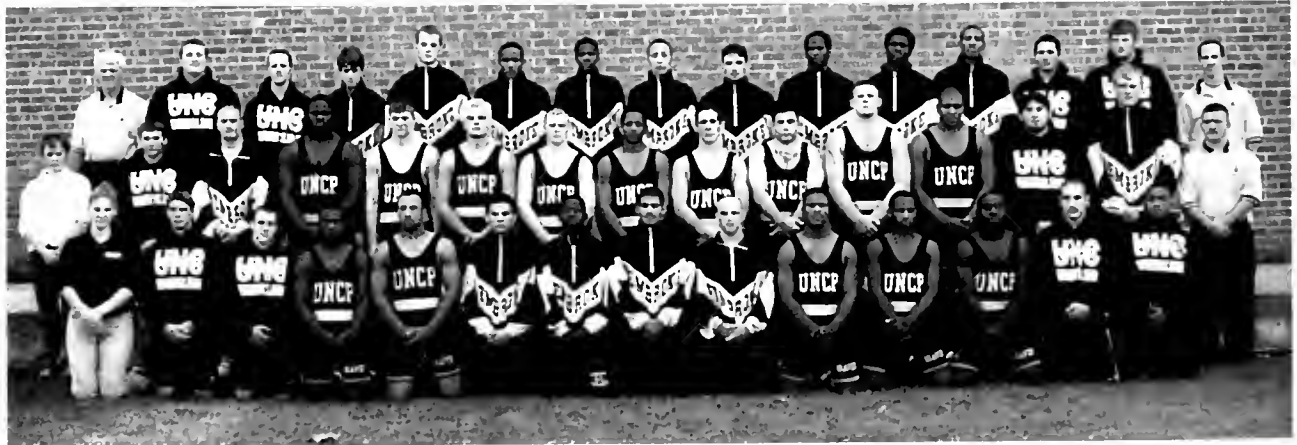
February was another high-scoring month. In the Homecoming game against Columbus State, Lance led the Lady Braves with 15 points and 10 rebounds and was followed by Nikia Miller's 13 points and Candice Combs's 11 points. The team may have lost that game, but they went on to trounce Lander on February 12 by forcing them into 35 turnovers and out-rebounding them 51-41 to secure the win. Valentine's Day also proved to be a winning day for the team. Lance recorded her eleventh double-double of the season with 19 points and 10 rebounds. The February 21 game kept the fans on the edge of their seats. Trailing 54-49 with less than ten minutes to play, the Braves went on a 12-1 run over the next three minutes to take a 61-55 lead over USC Spartanburg and held on for the win.

Junior guard Ginnell Curtis, an Apex native, had an outstanding season. She was selected by the region's sports information directors to the Daktronics Women's Basketball Division II All-South Atlantic Region First Team. Surprisingly, she was left off of the Peach Belt Conference's All-Conference first team even though she led the Peach Belt Conference in scoring with 20.8 points per game, and her average was the fourth highest in the nation in Division II. However, she was named the Peach Belt Conference's Player of the Week for the week of January 15th-21. In addition, Curtis's 44 points against Alderson-Broadus on November 27 was the single-game high in Division II this year. In her career, Curtis has scored 1,478 points with 456 assists, 410 rebounds and 284 steals, for a career average 18.5 points, 5.7 assists, 5.1 rebounds and 3.6 steals per game.

### 2000-1 Wrestling

UNCP	Opp.	Points
30	Pensacola Christian	22
29	Longwood	11
12	Howard	28
15	Davidson	26
17	Anderson	19
27	Gardner-Webb	15
30	Apprentice	17

⇒ A member of the UNCP wrestling team (below) drills the opponent on the mat for points.



**2000-1 Wrestling**—Front: Kyle Devlin, David Nobles, Micah Brewington, David Cooper, Roberto Williamson, Robert Rivera, Paul Powell, Benji Rorie, Brandon Davis, Dwayne Bloomfield, Timothy Bright; Middle: Jeremy Jacobs, Germaine Thomas, John Smith, Kevin Stambaugh, Ben Step, Ronald Johnson, Chris Ediburn, Ramon Gonzales, Josh Huff, Clifford Gore, Luciano Vera, William McMillan, Coach Cain Beard; Back: Coach P.J. Smith, Jamie Cummings, Jason Joyce, Micah Wilson, Aaron Gunning, James Little, David Croke, Treco Jackson, Jeremy Sanders, Jerome Benjamin, Billy Eskins, Coach Chris Kirtley

# PINNING THE COMPETITION

**C**oached by P.J. Smith, the UNCP wrestling team had quite a year. The Braves had some wrestlers finishing in the top three in most of their tournaments. Whether the team won or lost, they gained more experience for the years to come.

In their first dual match of the season against Pensacola Christian College, the Braves won, defeating their opponents 30-22, with Jamie Cummings and Josh Woodruff leading the way. The Braves also performed well at Belmont Abbey early in the season.

At the Longwood College dual meet, senior wrestler Clifford Gore in the 197 pound class entered his match with a 20-5 season and 99-42 career record. Gore recorded three take-downs and three near falls in the first period to take a commanding 14-3 lead. He added two more take-downs, one in each of the remaining periods, for the 18-6 win. Gore became the 19th UNCP wrestler to reach the 100-win level, tying other former wrestlers for 17th on the school's all-time win list. The other highlight of the Longwood meet was in Luciano Vera's 184-pound-class pin of his opponent, the only one of the night.

In the dual meet against Davidson College, Marty McNeil, Clifford Gore, and Josh Woodruff were our only winners. McNeil defeated his opponent by a 5-2 decision in the 165-pound class. Woodruff pinned his 285-pound-class opponent in just 45 seconds. In a meet win over Gardner-Webb, the men won the four heaviest weight classes en route to their 27-15 final tally.

The wrestlers finished their regular season with a 30-17 win over the Apprentice School Builders. The win came despite the fact that the Braves

*☞ The two wrestlers at left struggle for balance on the mat during a match.*

*☞ The UNCP wrestler below pins his opponent while steadily holding his position.*

were missing usual starters Jerome Benjamin and Clifford Gore, who were both out due to injury. Jonas Bloomfield, Marty McNeil, and Josh Woodruff each recorded pins in their bouts to score six team points. Luciano Vera and Gore's substitute, Billy Eskins, won their bouts by decision.



# PUTT AND FIELD—OR NOT

The 2000 golf team had a good season, with some standouts. John Martin won a one-hole playoff over Pfeiffer University's Ben Case to capture the individual crown at the 22nd Lacey Gane Memorial Collegiate Golf Tournament at Pinecrest Country Club. Martin and Case finished the 36-hole tournament tied at 149. Martin won the title when he birdied hole number one on the first hole of the sudden death playoff and Case missed his birdie putt.

The golfers captured second place at the St. Andrews Presbyterian College Invitational with a score of 313. The men finished only 5 shots behind Pfeiffer University. Chris Piercy tied for the individual title with a one-round 75.

In the Peach Belt Athletic Conference Championship Tournament held in Eaton, Georgia, players ran up against a lot of tough competition but managed to finish in fifth place. This was an improvement over last year's sixth-place finish, and according to coach Wendell Staton, "that was a great accomplishment." While fifth place "doesn't sound fantastic," said Staton, "against these teams it is very good." In addition to the team ranking, Brian Smith finished tied for 15th place in the individual competition with a score of 158, and his teammates Martin and Piercy finished tied for 18th place, each ending with a score of 159.

At the NCAA Division II South Region Tournament in Orlando, Florida, Smith shot a second-round 75, moving him into a tie for 55th heading into the third and final round of play; he finished 58th overall. Smith was the only UNCP golfer to qualify for the regional tournament; the team just missed qualifying by one place. "We've had a very good year," said Coach Staton as the season came to an end. "This is the closest we've been to making the NCAA Tournament. We just fell a little short."

Track and field also had a competitive season in 2000, participating in several different invitationals, classics, and other meets. Their most successful meet of the season came when UNCP hosted the eighth annual Carolinas Intercollegiate Championship. The men's team won the meet by a 41-point margin, while the women finished second by just one point. Trey Bailey was named the men's MVP in field events, and the women's MVP in field events was Tracy Pickett. Mike Jimenez was the third Brave athlete to take MVP honors, winning for the men's running events. Head coach Larry Rodgers was also named men's coach of the year, an award voted on by the coaches of the eight participating schools.

2000 Golf	
Old North State Invitational	4th
Lenoir Rhyne Invitational	6th
Presbyterian College Invitational	6th
Wingate Invitational	5th
Pfeiffer College Invitational	5th
Catawba Invitational	11th
UNCP Lacey Gane Memorial	1st
Camp Lejeune Invitational	9th
Peach Belt Championships	5th







2000 Men's Track & Field



2000 Women's Track & Field



### 2000 Track & Field Schedule

Mobile Net Wireless Invitational	1/28-9
Mobile Net Wireless Invitational	2/5
Danforth Track & Field Classic	2/11-12
Lynchburg College Classic	2/18
Coastal Carolina Open	3/1
CSU Buccaneer Invitational	3/4
Coastal Carolina Classic	3/10-11
Weems Baskin Sprint Relays	3/17-18
Cape Fear Classic	3/17-18
Braves Track Classic	2/25
Emory Track Classic	4/1
Liberty University Invitational	4/7-8
Appalachian State Invitational	4/15
Carolina's Championships	4/22
University of Georgia Invitational	5/6
NCAA II Nationals	5/24-7

2000 Softball		
UNCP		Opp.
10	Mt. Olive	6
1	Mt. Olive	10
5	Barton	3
5	Barton	4
0	Lake Superior State	2
6	Lake Superior State	5
3	Wingate	4
4	Wingate	5
0	North Florida	10
0	North Florida	10
0	Armstrong Atlantic	16
0	Armstrong Atlantic	4
1	Kennesaw State	14
5	Kennesaw State	11
8	St. Andrews	0
6	St. Andrews	5
3	Georgia College	8
7	Georgia College	4
7	West Virginia State	6
2	West Virginia State	1
3	Albright	2
9	Oswego	1
2	USC-Aiken	5
0	USC-Aiken	4
0	Lander	3
11	Lander	13
0	Francis Marion	3
2	Francis Marion	7
2	Augusta State	1
8	Augusta State	2
8	Columbus State	10
1	USC-Spartanburg	4
0	USC-Spartanburg	7

↔ The UNCP softball batter below swings as the ball soars into the field. Below her, Stacey Bumgarner takes a base after her hit.



Pictured on this spread are the Lady Braves in inter-squad play during the fall 2000 semester, as they practice for the coming spring.



**2000 Softball**—Front: Summer Eudy, Felicia Altman, Emily Williams, Amanda Coble, Gerri Mulligan; Back: Assistant Coach Bill Gilbert, Misty Tarlton, Traci Mulligan, Sonya Clayton, Julie Robbins, Cheryl Zellman, Erica Jones, Head Coach Denise Renfro; Not Pictured: Rikki Cockrell, Heather Walters



☞ Felicia Altman (left) walks off the field after a strike out. This was the end of the inning.

☞ Sonya Clayton and Lauren Jernigan (below) run off the field. Their team struck out the other players. Inset: Summer Eudy winds up while Lauren holds the runner.



## BATTER UP

The softball team had plenty of battles to face during the spring 2000 season, which came to a close with two losses as the Lady Braves finished with a record of 12-21 overall and 2-17 in the conference. During the season, the Braves were beaten by top schools, but they also swept over some of their opponents. The team, made up of new players, a lot of freshmen, and returning veterans, traveled all about playing to win. The athletes on the team played well together, and they also worked hard to build the team's spirits. They remained strong and worked hard to do their best. Their overall winnings may have not been to the team's liking, but they hung together and played courageously.

Despite the disappointing season, there were some bright spots. The team succeeded in winning both of their games in a round robin-only tournament at Myrtle Beach on March 23-24. They defeated Albright 3-2 in extra innings in the first game and went on to beat Oswego 9-1 in the second. Their outing two days later, a doubleheader against Lander University, was an exciting one, even though it ended in losses for the Braves. The two games between the visiting Senators and the Braves were as different from one another as any two softball games could be. Lander won the first game 3-0 in a pitchers' duel, while both teams exploded in the second game, which produced 28 hits and 25 runs. After the Senators jumped out to a 9-1 lead, the Braves came right back to score the game's next six runs, pulling to within two after four innings. However, Lander scored four more in the top of the fifth, and the Braves' two runs in the next two innings were not enough to pull out a victory, as Lander won 13-11.

After all the hardships of the season, the team got some good news when the PBAC coaches named Traci Mulligan, a sophomore pitcher from Islip, NY, to the All-Conference softball team. "Traci was well deserving of this award," said head softball coach Denise Renfro. "She was a major offensive contributor all year, and we're excited to see her return to the lineup next year as just a junior." With Mulligan and other

veterans returning for the 2001 season, the team looked forward to building on their skills to become a better contender next year.

☞ Emily Williams (left) coaches from the sidelines during practice.



⇨ Shortstop Brett Harden (right) tags out a runner as another Brave looks on.

2000 Baseball		
UNCP		Opp.
2	St. Andrews	2
6	Barton	7
5	Barton	6
4	Wingate	14
10	St. Augustine's	9
0	Francis Marion	10
4	Mt. Olive	9
13	Georgia College	23
2	Georgia College	12
7	Georgia College	9
3	Barton	2
8	USC-Spartanburg	6
5	USC-Spartanburg	13
8	USC-Spartanburg	6
12	St. Augustine's	8
4	Lander	5
5	Lander	7
3	Lander	6
5	Tusculum	10
7	Belmont Abbey	8
5	Belmont Abbey	0
4	Shepherd	5
4	Shepherd	4
8	Shepherd	3
24	Utica	2
12	Virginia State	4
17	Bowie State	3
6	Tufts	7
0	Shepherd	8
2	Columbus State	6
2	Columbus State	5
2	Columbus State	6
2	Lenoir-Rhyne	5
0	North Florida	6
0	North Florida	12
2	North Florida	3
3	Belmont Abbey	7
1	Kennesaw State	2
1	Kennesaw State	7
2	Kennesaw State	3
6	Wingate	7
0	Augusta State	3
3	Augusta State	8
6	Augusta State	4
6	USC-Aiken	5
4	USC-Aiken	8
7	USC-Aiken	9
9	St. Andrews	8
1	Armstrong Atlantic	8
5	Armstrong Atlantic	1
2	Armstrong Atlantic	5
13	Eckerd	6
11	Eckerd	6



⇨ Getting ready for the 2001 season is freshman Bret Verhaegen (above).



⇨ Pitcher Jon Hill (right) takes the mound for the Braves. Hill was the pitcher of record for two of the Braves' games in 2000, his junior season.



# FAREWELL, "DOC"

The Braves may not have had a winning season in spring 2000, finishing 17-36 overall, but they still managed to make a name for themselves with players like Chris Clark. Clark, a Fair Bluff native, was selected to the 2000 All-Conference team as an outfielder by the PBAC baseball coaches.

The baseball team said good-bye to their head coach, Dr. Danny Davis, when he resigned in May to concentrate on teaching. Dr. Davis, known as "Doc," had this to say about his coaching retirement: "With the beginning of our new master's degree program in health, physical education and recreation, and my teaching responsibilities in the graduate program, it is time for a change in my life." With his resignation, the team welcomed Paul O'Neil as its eleventh head baseball coach. O'Neil, who served as head coach at Shenandoah University in Virginia before coming here, said, "I've got very high expectations for our baseball program for the future." Of O'Neil's selection, Dan Kenny, Director of Athletics, said, "We certainly had a lot of outstanding candidates, but Paul O'Neil best fit the criteria we were looking at."

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT PEMBROKE



2000 Baseball—Blake Miller, Ricky Edwards, Jason Carver, Jason Faucette, Bryan Landry, Tommy Shelton, Trevor Hamaker, Jacob Payton, Casey Sears, Jared Gainey, John Kingdeski, Brian Thurman, Adam Friede, Chris Cutway, Robert Blumberg, Jason Niles, Sam Guy, David Branch, Tim Clow, Jason Brady, Carlos Berdecia, Paul Hicks, Kelvin Hunt, Jeremy Ward, Brett Sears, Andy Larson, Steve Connors, Chris Clark, Mark Vaughan, Jon Hill, Kyle Parker, Josh Robinson, Asst. Coach Zach Dukick, Head Coach Danny Davis.

# TENNIS

## TENACITY

The Lady Braves may have had a less than triumphant start, but with all-star players like Christine Orban, the team's #1 singles seed, they could not help but make a winning impression. In addition, on February 26, they were ranked 16th in the South Region in the WingspanBank.com collegiate tennis rankings administered by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

The team got off to a strong start this season with wins at the tri-match held by Barton College. The team defeated Mount Olive College 9-0 and Barton College 5-4. Despite great performances by individual players, the team suffered several losses in February, though. March looked much better though. On March 8, during Spring Break play in Hilton Head, SC, the team defeated Edinboro University 7-2, and two days later, they defeated Carson Newman College 5-4.

Head coach Robin Langley was pleased with her team's performance this season. She stated, "I am proud of the way my players have endured during this season. They are all benefiting playing tougher competition. That will only help them become better players in the future." After it was pointed out that the team was playing without its singles number two seed and its singles number three seed in March, Coach Langley responded with, "This team is not ready to surrender its season or lay down for its opponents. We know we are in a tough situation and that nothing is going to come easy for us, but with a lot of hard work and determination good things can happen."

⇒ Fawn O'Leary (below) swings for the ball while playing for UNCP.

⇒ Christine Orban (right) hits the ball one-handed with force in a tennis match.



2001 Tennis—Front: Naomi Ellis, Fawn O'Leary, Melissa Lee, Melissa Medlin, Back: Coach Robin Langley, Janice Dalton, Andrea Vukcevic, Christine Orban



### 2001 Tennis

UNCP	Opp.	
9	Mount Olive	0
5	Barton	4
2	Francis Marion	7
3	USC-Spartanburg	6
2	Wingate	7
0	North Florida	7
7	Edinboro	2
4	Sacred Heart	5
1	Shippensburg	8
5	Carson Newman	4
0	Kennesaw State	9
0	Augusta State	9
0	Georgia College	9
3	Columbus State	6
0	Clayton State	9
3	USC-Aiken	6
0	Presbyterian	9
0	Bloomsburg	9
1	Longwood	8
6	Mount Olive	3
8	Johnson C. Smith	1
0	Armstrong Atlantic	9
8	NC Central	1
8	Converse	1
0	Augusta State	6
5	Columbus State	4
1	USC-Aiken	6



UNCP Cheerleaders (left) support the school by putting in an appearance at Pembroke Day.

2000-1 Cheerleaders—Latrice Jones, Tiffany Patterson, Nicole Oxendine, Donu Stevens, Erica Quick, Alvin McCutchen

*A good tree can often be judged by the bounty it provides. If the tree is weak it will only provide a poor crop of shriveled fruit, or none at all.*

*An abundance of fruit, ripe and ready for the picking, however, can be a good indicator of a tree that is healthy and strong. Such fruit can also be a good omen of future things to come.*

*Fresh faces abounded on campus and could be found in every hall and corridor as new people found that UNCP was just the destination they were searching for.*

*Adjustments had to be made, but in the end students, faculty and staff alike warmed to the changes around them. What's in store for the future? It will be exciting to see.*

## PEOPLE





Drawing by Ben Requena

• The student below uses an empty classroom in the Dial Building to do a make-up test at activity period.



• The graduating senior at right braves injury to walk across the stage and accept her diploma.



*Wendell Acosta*  
Social Work  
Lumberton

*Tammy Adams*  
Special Education  
Winter Park, FL

*Kenric Alexander*  
Broadcasting  
Apex



*Juanita Armstrong*  
Sociology  
Laurinburg

*Jeffrey Atkinson*  
Physical Education  
Bladenboro

*Rebecca Bachand*  
Psychology  
Lumberton





# SENIORS



**Y**our senior year was something you looked forward to the first day you stepped onto campus. It seemed so far away, yet it was here before you knew it. Graduating from college has been and still is considered a great honor and achievement. Your degree is a notch in your belt of accomplishments, and your diploma a prized possession. The entire process could be stressful, but that which we have to strive for is usually more appreciated than that which we are given. Therefore, the four years may be stressful, but in the end you saw they were definitely worth it.

However, not all of our graduates made the transition from freshman to senior within the four-year time period. Our nontraditional students had to balance careers, families, and school in order to get the

opportunity to march across the graduation stage. A lot of times these obligations made their original four-year stint a little longer because they could not attend school on a full-time basis.

Even when you did reach your senior semester, there were still a ton of things to do on top of making sure you passed your remaining courses. For instance, you had to fill out your senior checklist and turn it in to the registrar's office. Then, after they gave you the OK, it was a blur of cap and gown sizing, senior portraits, brunches, and graduation ticket haggling so that your entire clan could attend the ceremony. But in the end, it was all worth it, and you realized that even though you were ready to "get out," you would always cherish the time you spent at UNCP.



*Hattie Baker*  
Social Work  
Rowland  
*Matthew D. Barnes*  
Criminal Justice  
Fairmont  
*Eyvette E. Barton*  
Social Work  
Shannon



*Kenda Bird*  
Social Work  
Pembroke  
*Marilyn Blackburn*  
History  
St. Pauls  
*Peggy Blackmon*  
Broadcasting  
Fayetteville

Jennifer Blue

Art

Lumberton

Maranda Bowles

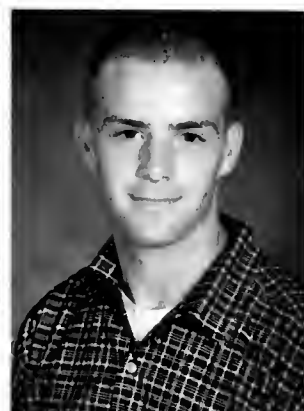
Elementary Education

West End

Jason Brady

Art

Hope Mills



Pamela Bramble

History

Hope Mills

Marvin Bridges

Physical Education

Lumberton

Hope Brown

Psychology

Wilmington



# EXASPERATED, FULFILLED

SAPRINA KAYE OXENDINE was one young woman who knew where she was going. After graduation, this Business Management major planned on teaching. She wanted to teach because she felt that "the children need me more than the adults."

Saprina was from Scotland County and said that "it is rapidly growing." She moved to Pembroke at age seventeen and was newly married to Timothy Oxendine. She enjoyed commuting to school because it gave her more study time at home. The only downside was that she had to find a parking space on campus—not an easy task.

Although she started as a Computer Science major, Saprina decided to change to Business Management because she felt it was more fulfilling and

she gained greater satisfaction from it. In addition to her work for classes, she was on the *Indianhead* staff for several years, serving as Assistant Editor for 1999-2000 and Photography Editor for the fall 2000 semester.

Saprina said that this experience has given her "better communication skills with people, and my photography has become better."

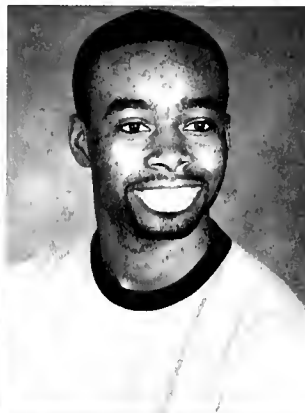
Aside from being an editor, Saprina's best learning experience has been with church. She enjoyed the close proximity of UNCP to her home and the "one on one with the professors."

Upon being asked about her feelings as a senior, Saprina stated, "I feel exasperated, fulfilled, and tired." Her advice to incoming freshmen was: "Start off trying to do your best, and don't party too much!"





*Sarah-Lynn Brown*  
*Art/English*  
*Fayetteville*  
*Amy Bryant*  
*Criminal Justice*  
*Maxton*  
*Brandette Bullard*  
*Social Work*  
*Maxton*



*Jamie Burney*  
*Middle Grades Education*  
*Lumberton*  
*L. Renee Butler*  
*Social Work*  
*Fayetteville*  
*Carver Campbell*  
*Sociology*  
*Fairmont*



*• The students at left are celebrating at the Halloween dance.*

*• Melody Locklear (above) signs up to take her senior pictures.*

# TO THE SECOND DEGREE

**LOREN ROBERT TORGESON** said his desire to be a high school English teacher as well as a coach is what prompted him to come back to college for a second degree. Loren originally got a business degree from the University of Toledo, but the field of teaching was still calling him. He picked UNCP because his wife had graduated from this university and he felt familiar with the campus. As Loren put it, "They've got a great thing going here. I like the student-instructor ratio. The professors here know the students and are actually accessible."

As a commuter, Loren felt that he did not get to be as big a part of "the university's community scene" as he could have. But being married, raising a son, and keeping up with class assignments did not leave much time for extra curricular activities. However, being a commuter did have a plus side. According to Loren, "Being a commuter makes it easier to conduct the rest

of your life. I spend the vast majority of my time with my son; he's what matters."

When asked what he hoped to do with his degree in English Education, Loren said he hoped to get a position teaching in the Scotland County school system. He said he thought Laurinburg in particular had good schools and nice communities. His wife helped in the location decision, also. As Loren put it, "I married a girl from Laurinburg, and she'll never leave."

Loren had the following advice to leave to those considering college: "Even if you don't know what you want to do, register for classes and check college out. Trust me, that piece of paper will make a difference. No one can ever take that degree away from you." And to the underclassmen, he left this advice: "Take every class

seriously and go into it with an open mind. Enjoy college because the real world is a lot harder." ❁



*Jeannine Carder*  
Elementary Education  
Fort Bragg

*Steve Carwile*  
Broadcasting  
Woodbridge, VA

*Paula Caudle*  
English  
Lumberton



*William E. Caulder, Jr.*  
Health and Physical Education  
Hope Mills

*Beth Clark*  
Sociology  
Laurel Hill

*Carrie Clouse*  
Criminal Justice  
Raleigh





• The student at left uses the UC's Commuter Lounge to work on a project for his business class.

• Senior Angela Smith and her sorority sister (below) represent Zeta Phi Beta in a step show.



*Timothy Cochran*  
*Social Studies Education*  
*Fayetteville*  
*Melody A. Cole*  
*Sociology*  
*Red Springs*  
*Bryon Coltrane*  
*Broadcasting*  
*Trinity*



*Kimberlyn Courtney*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Elizabethtown*  
*Charity Crane*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Goldsboro*  
*Genave Crawford*  
*Social Work*  
*Dillon, SC*

*Jennifer Dale*

*Sociology*

*Sophia*

*Kristi Daniels*

*Sociology*

*Stem*

*Shaman DeGarmo*

*Psychology*

*Fayetteville*



*Enrique Delcampo*

*Broadcasting*

*Fayetteville*

*Pat Daystar Dial*

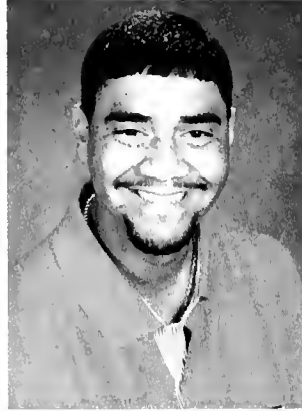
*American Studies*

*Red Springs*

*Robin Duncan*

*Elementary Education*

*Whiteville*



• The December graduate above walks away from the senior brunch with a bounty of balloons.

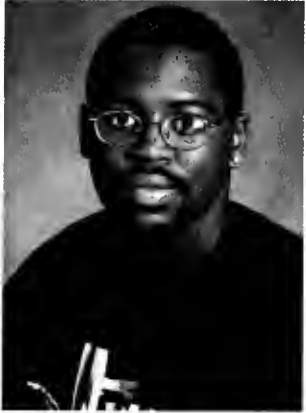


• The student at left is one of many who use the Commuter Lounge to study between classes.





*Onita Dupree*  
Social Work  
Lumberton  
*Kristen R. Elk*  
Management  
Pembroke  
*Carrie Elkins*  
Management  
Mount Gilead



*Lee Elliott*  
Management  
Angier  
*Rebecca Ellis*  
Mathematics Education  
Sanford  
*Crystal Fields*  
Management  
Fayetteville



# VOLUNTEERING TIME

**MARGIE YVONNE McLEAN**, aka "Diva," chose Molecular Biology as her major because she planned to enter the medical field. Margie felt that UNCP had "one of the best Biology departments in the UNC system," and it opened up many avenues for her. "I have had the opportunity of working in a laboratory environment as well as becoming a laboratory assistant," she said. "I also had the opportunity to volunteer at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center as a nurse's assistant."

Margie did not spend all her time in the lab, though. While working on her degree, she served as president of the African-American Student Organization, was a member of the AASO's Voices of Serenity Gospel Choir, and also participated in the LSOP program on campus. Reflecting on her membership in the AASO, Margie said, "Being involved in AASO has helped me get more involved in the campus life. I met people that can share and understand the experience I go through as an African-American woman." Off campus, Margie worked at

Kerr Drug as a pharmacy technician and served as a Sunday school teacher in One Church of God in Christ Jesus, where her father was the pastor.

As a resident student, Margie had this to say: "The advantages of living on campus are having time to myself when needed. My grades have improved since I moved on campus ... and I have even lost weight since I was not able to cook." She summed up the disadvantages as the parking situation and the lack of activities on campus. "I would change the entertainment or lack of it on this campus during the weekend," said Margie. "Our students need something relaxing to do after a hard week of class and work."



Asked for job search advice, Margie said, "Build a resume by being involved in organizations and [by getting] summer jobs in the field you are interested in. Do research on the Internet and post your resume on the Internet." To entering freshmen, Margie left this advice: "Whatever you do in life, put the Lord first and everything else will go as planned." ❁

• The students below wait patiently to speak to Dr. Richard Vela in his office in the Dial Building.



• The student at right folds a baby blanket between classes. Students sometimes bring their children to campus during school holidays or when daycare arrangements fall through.



Jennifer Fowler  
Health and Physical Education  
Fayetteville

Daniel Froelich  
Elementary Education  
Fayetteville

Darlys Garcia  
Sociology  
Fayetteville



Margaret Gardner  
Marketing  
St. Pauls  
Clifford Gore  
Health and Physical Education  
Supply

Barry Graham  
Biomedical  
Pembroke





# FEELING AT HOME

**CALSTAIN FARAYI GANDA**, also known as Cal, was born in Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe, but also lived in Harare (little New York). His hometown was more laid back than the busy capital city life in Harare. From there he came to the United States for college in August 1998. Since his freshman year, Cal has lived on campus, which helped him bond with others more rapidly. The only disadvantage was that there wasn't much to do around the area and driving a couple of miles might have been necessary.

He chose his major, Business Administration with concentrations in marketing and management, because his uncle, who was his financial sponsor, has been successful in the field. "He has been instrumental in my views about the business world," said Cal. The courses were not just educational but also interesting, and the faculty members were quite caring and dedicated to their jobs.

Cal worked as an RA in Pine Hall and for the admissions office as a telemarketer. His job hours, ten to fifteen hours a week, were quite flexible and there

wasn't much effect on his studies.

He played soccer for two years at UNCP and was involved in other activities, serving as treasurer for SGA and president of the International Student Organization (ISO). He also sat on the Traffic Appeals Board and was an orientation/ peer assistance leader (PAL). His involvement in those groups has been very insightful. According to Cal, "Working with others, teamwork, with one goal, is important." Outside class, work, and extracurricular activities, he enjoyed playing some soccer, playing pool and sometimes just talking on the phone. He also loved to travel.

He chose UNCP because of its size and because the climate in the area was close to his climate back at home. Throughout his years here, he has realized that the friendly atmosphere that exists here can be very helpful in your success in school. He recommended UNCP to others, saying, "If you want a school that will educate you and at the same time make you feel at home, go to UNCP." ♣



*Leslie D. Graves*  
*Art Education*  
*Fayetteville*  
*Virginia Haigler*  
*History*  
*Rockingham*  
*Sara Hale*  
*Sociology*  
*Laurinburg*



*Jennifer Hall*  
*Social Work*  
*St. Pauls*  
*Carrol Hammonds*  
*History*  
*Lumberton*  
*Horace Hammonds*  
*Philosophy and Religion*  
*Lumberton*

*Holly Hedman*  
*Health and Physical Education*  
*Fayetteville*

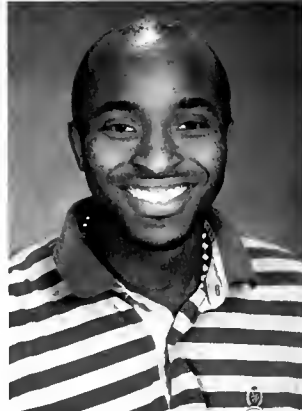
*Victoria Henderson*  
*Criminal Justice*  
*Wagram*

*Carolyn Hollifield*  
*Special Education*  
*Charlotte*

*Tyre Holloway*  
*Public Administration*  
*Hamlet*

*Amanda Hudson*  
*Art*  
*Laurinburg*

*Allison Hunt*  
*Social Work*  
*Lumberton*



## SPIKE OF LIFE



**JESSICA PHILLIPS** was drawn to UNCP by an academic scholarship, the opportunity to play volleyball, and most importantly the fact that she was already comfortable with the college. "My brother attended UNCP and played basketball for the Braves, so I had become familiar with the university and some of the students," said Jessica, who added, "UNCP provides a comfortable environment for its students. It is a small school, but it has a lot of potential and it is growing fast. UNCP's professors are excellent; they truly care about their students, and they have a lot of experience in their fields."

About living on campus, Jessica said, "The advantage is that you feel like you are in the middle of all the action and there is constantly something going on." But, as she put it, "Sometimes it is difficult because legally I am considered an adult, yet what I do and how I do it are still regulated by the dorm rules."

Jessica majored in Business Marketing with a minor in Psychology. She felt that "a business degree

would be a smart way to go because you learn how various businesses are run. Therefore, I could sell any product or offer any service without being locked into one particular job for the rest of my life." And she added that psychology fits well with a business degree.

Jessica played volleyball, was a member of Gamma Phi Omicron, and worked at First Health Center. She had fond memories of time spent with the volleyball team and her sorority. "I learned a lot about myself and how to relate to people through my involvement," she said. In addition to work, sports, and her sorority, Jessica was an RA in her junior year, a math tutor, and a Chancellor's Scholar for two years.

What she liked most about UNCP, Jessica said, was "the closeness. The students are like a small community where everyone knows each other. I will miss not having all of my

friends at arm's reach." Jessica had this parting advice: "Do everything in moderation. Too much partying is bad, but so is too much studying."





*Rhonda Faye Hunt*  
*Sociology*  
*Pembroke*  
*Gary Jacobs*  
*Public Administration*  
*Laurinburg*  
*Sandra M. Jacobs*  
*Management*  
*Shannon*



*Alisha Johnson*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Hometown*  
*Shirley Johnson*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Red Springs*  
*Erica Jones*  
*Recreation Management*  
*Maysville*



*☛ Jamie Burney (above) gives his opinion during Modern Poetry class while Priscilla Colón listens.*

*☛ The student above happily strolls to class at the start of the Fall semester.*



# CARPE DIEM



**KAHLID ELIJAH TAPIA**, a St. Thomas US Virgin Islands native, brought a little Caribbean flavor to campus. Kahlid stated that his hometown was "a very loving area filled with a lot of Christians and a deep root in good hospitality." Traveling from so far away, he had the need to live on campus and found that it had its advantages. Some of the benefits of campus life were always being on time for class, no need for gas money, and having everything you needed, such as entertainment and food, available close by.

Kahlid said that he chose a major in Public Relations because "I enjoy writing." "I only wish that more time could be spent in my major," he said, but added that "I have an internship this semester, which gives me experience."

Besides his classroom role, Kahlid earned his money by being a Resident Assistant and from the Public Relations internship he had. About his job, in which he worked with the SGA, Kahlid explained, "I am responsible for getting students to

know all about what is going on with SGA." Although he was required to work at least eleven hours a week in his internship, he said, "It doesn't affect my studies."

As well as being active in student government, Kahlid was a member of Phi Kappa Tau and the Baptist Student Union.

When asked why he chose to come to this university, Kahlid said, "I chose to attend UNCP because it was small!" He further said that at this university "you get a better education" and "better acquainted with students and faculty." Kahlid said what he liked best was "How close I became with professors." "The students," he added, "are what I will miss most."

Reflecting on mistakes of past graduates that current students might want to avoid, he said, "Pay close attention to major and General Education requirements." In closing, Kahlid advised, "Have fun these four years. Join clubs and go places. It will probably be your only chance. Live for the moment!"



*Michelle Keller*  
Elementary Education  
Fort Bragg  
*Zane Michael Kellihan*  
History  
Cerro Gordo  
*Sara Watson Kelly*  
Management  
Lumberton



*Christopher Kennedy*  
Biology  
Pembroke  
*Christie Kissam*  
Elementary Education  
Chadborn  
*Aaryn Kowalchuk*  
Psychology  
Oak Island





☛ Carver Campbell (left) spots another student in weightlifting in the Jones P. E. Center.

☛ Aaryn Kowalchuk (below) sets up decorative props for the Winter Semi-Formal.



*Latasha Leonard*  
Social Work  
St. Pauls

*Carolyn Lloyd*  
Management  
Raeford

*Andrea Locklear*  
Molecular Biotechnology  
Pembroke



*Marie Locklear*  
Botany  
Pembroke

*Melody Locklear*  
History  
Maxton

*Scottie Locklear*  
Biology  
Pembroke

*Stephanie Locklear*

*Computer Science  
Shannon*

*Sunsarae Locklear*

*Social Work  
Pembroke*

*Tiffany Locklear*

*Sociology  
Lumberton*



*Tisha Locklear*

*Sociology  
Pembroke*

*Torri Locklear*

*Management  
Pembroke*

*Von Locklear*

*Chemistry  
Maxton*



☛ Carlton Burden (above) festively treats campus members to a bit of Christmas cheer.

☛ Tracy Weier (right) shares a joke with Dr. Richard Vela between literature classes.







*Kimberly Lovell*  
*Health and Physical Education*  
*Sneads Ferry*  
*Amy Lowery*  
*Biology*  
*Fairmont*  
*Heather Lowry*  
*Biomolecular*  
*Maxton*



*Enjolia Lucas*  
*Criminal Justice*  
*Pembroke*  
*Alvin Martin*  
*Social Work*  
*Carthage*  
*Kenneth Maske*  
*Computer Science*  
*Laurinburg*



# HANG IN THERE

**LEQUISHA SAGIRAH LESANE** lived in Fairmont, NC, and found life there to be nothing out of the ordinary. She did, however, have the occasion to travel to Raleigh, where she lived for almost four years, and Lumberton, where she lived for one year, but she always returned to Fairmont.

Lequisha was a commuter, and she said that the major disadvantage for her was that "you have to stay on campus all day until all your classes are over to keep your gas cost low." For her, though, the advantage was that she had the freedom to do as she pleased while at home without worrying about other people's "rules and regulations."

Lequisha was a broadcasting major and said she

chose it because she used to work in radio and did volunteer work in TV, which she enjoyed immensely. She also stated that though she worked at Nash Finch Co. as an office assistant while in college, she planned to move back to the Triangle area where there were more opportunities in the broadcasting field.

In her free time, Lequisha taught her young son the importance of an education and volunteered in various church activities, such as being a women's minister for single women.

When asked about how it felt to be a senior, Lequisha said there was finally "a light at the end of the tunnel." To freshmen her advice was simple: "Hang in there." ❀



*☛ Dressed to impress, the business major below works on a class project in the commuter student lounge.*



*☛ The student at right relaxes after a heaping serving of study and snacks in the Writing Center.*



*Teresa Mason  
Psychology  
Raeford*



*Dwayne Massey  
Criminal Justice  
Marietta*

*Heather Maynor  
Biology  
Pembroke*

*Gina Maynor-Revels  
Management  
Pembroke*



*Hope McAuley  
Sociology  
Ellerbe*

*Csizmadia McCarthy*

# FIELD AND STUDIO

**BRYON WARREN COLTRANE** was from the small community of Trinity, just outside of High Point, where he lived all but one year of his life before coming to UNCP. Bryon found it advantageous to live on campus. "You're always close to where things happen," he said, "and you always know what's going on." The down side was that he had no control over noise or other people, but that has made him more tolerant.

Mass Communications was the major Bryon chose because it was a broad and promising field. He said he has learned a lot but wished he had done more hands-on, and he would have loved to have taken film courses. He did get some hands-on experience with the news show on WNCN-TV, editing, and his senior thesis project—a movie. While working on his scholarship at the Distance Learning Facility, Bryon gained more experience when he monitored two classes, controlled the cameras, and routed the on-site classes to classes off campus. He worked all 8 hours at once to make time for studying, other extracurricular

activities, and most importantly, spending a few hours with his girlfriend and best friend, Shirley Johnson.

Bryon played soccer for four seasons at UNCP and said he enjoyed his experiences on the team. "It was a great time of growing up and bonding and learning about patience and tolerance." However, he said, "I did not enjoy my broken foot, my broken jaw, or my stitches."

Bryon chose UNCP because he had always dreamed of playing soccer, and since it brought him here, he saw other things in his life to enjoy. Bryon said there is a "feeling of belonging" here; he felt like a part of something and found it easier to learn in the small close-knit environment. He felt he had matured over the past four years; he has grown emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually and developed self-confidence, good social skills, and patience.

Now he knew where he wanted to go and what he wanted to do, although he said he would definitely miss the café's chicken pastry. He'll also miss the feeling of belonging and hopes to find it somewhere else.



*Kendall J. McDougald*

*Music*

*Laurinburg*

*Ruthie McDowell*

*Criminal Justice*

*Maxton*

*Shereta McIver*

*Social Work*

*Lumberton*



*Veronica McKoy*

*Criminal Justice*

*Pembroke*

*Margie Y. McLean*

*Biomolecular*

*Fayetteville*

*Christine McManaway*

*Elementary Education*

*Stanfield*

*Ursula McNair*

*Sociology  
Lumberton*

*Heather McPherson*

*Sociology  
Fayetteville*

*Wanda Merical*

*Social Work  
Fayetteville*



*Heather Miller*

*Social Studies Education  
Fayetteville*

*Shanna Mishue*

*English  
Lumberton*

*Delila Moad*

*Psychology  
Fayetteville*



## HELPING AT-RISK YOUTH

**LEILA RENEE BUTLER**, who liked to be called Renee, was born in Buffalo, NY, and has lived many places. She joined the military in 1985 and served until September 1991. She chose to settle down in Fayetteville after her military career and eventually to go to school.

Renee was a commuter student, and she said that one advantage to commuting was that the time she spent driving gave her "the ability to reflect on God's Creation and how good He's been to my family and me." "The drive home," she added, "allows me time to unwind and prepare for the next phase of my day." In her free time Renee enjoyed traveling, reading, and spending time with her family, which included two young grandchildren.

Renee was a social work major and said that she chose this field because she had been a therapeutic foster parent for five years and had also mentored several youths while stationed in Germany. "During this time," she said, "I developed a desire to help at-risk youth make a better

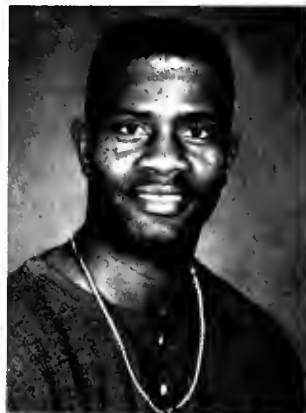
transition into independent adults."

Renee's plans for the future included going to graduate school for social work at East Carolina University, though she also planned to live in the same area. She said that as far as a job was concerned, "My husband and I will eventually establish a place of transition for at-risk teenagers, transitioning out of therapeutic foster care after age 18."

When asked what she liked about Pembroke, Renee said that she valued the diversity of the student body, which has enabled her to meet and learn to interact with people from a wide range of cultures. Another thing she appreciated was the "peaceful environment." She also spoke highly of the faculty and course offerings. "Every instructor," said Renee, "is approachable, ready and willing to assist. Of course, I liked the Social Work Department best.

They have very high technology standards and are willing to train [you]." And she said that most especially she would miss "the family-type relationship."





*Jerkeshea Morris Potts*  
*English Education*  
*Fayetteville*  
*Kennedy L. Morrison*  
*Psychology*  
*Gibson*  
*Shannon Nance*  
*Physical Education*  
*Evergreen*



*James Neal*  
*Social Work*  
*Fayetteville*  
*Avala Nealy*  
*Accounting*  
*Lumberton*  
*Stephany Newberry*  
*English*  
*Fairmont*



✦ *Building a strong foundation to obtain success, Gionte McMillan (left) starts construction of his spaghetti structure in Introduction to Sculpture.*

✦ *Heather Watson, Kenny Radford, and Kelli Brown (above) huddle together for the game plan of attack to have fun at the winter senior brunch.*

# DON'T SETTLE FOR LESS

ALLEN PHILLIP LEE was originally from Biloxi, MS, which he said was a great place until casinos came and ruined the landscape. From there he moved to "a tough area," Vindor, TX, and then to "a backwards area," Dothan, AL. He now resides in Lardinburg, NC, which is "a great area, but like all others you have to take the good with the bad." As a commuter, he was able to give quality and ample attention to his studies without distractions from fellow students. Also, he noted, "a bigger bed helps for a better rest."

Allen was majoring in Business Management, having had previous experience in managing with Domino's Pizza and sales experience with Coca-Cola. After graduating, he planned to manage or own a small business, retail preferably, but he was not yet sure where.

In addition to his classes, Allen worked part-time tutoring troubled teens at the Methodist Home for Boys/Laurinburg Youth Home. His job took 10 hours per week, and he said his studies had not been affected by it. Allen had also applied for membership in SIFE

(Students in Free Enterprise), was actively involved in church, and was busy raising a teenage son. In his spare time, he loved going to Wrightsville Beach.

Allen chose to attend UNCP because it was near home and "UNCP has good word of mouth." He said he had met a lot of great people with outstanding potential. Allen recommended this college because it had a "personal touch" and was a growing institution, changing to meet the demands of the ever-changing work environment. He liked the faculty because they were very friendly and helpful; he will miss his friends and learning environment the most. UNCP has equipped him for the real world and also helped him mature

Allen said he knows he has made it thus far by the help and grace of God and said it felt great to be a senior. He wanted to advise underclassmen to take full advantage of opportunities: "Give your studies full attention from the start to finish, prepare a resume, and don't settle for less than what is rationally desired." ❁



*Rene Norrod*  
Chemistry  
Siler City

*David Nunnery*  
Sociology  
Fayetteville

*Shannon Nutting*  
Criminal Justice  
Pembroke

*Saundra Odom*  
Psychology  
Rowland

*Yuri Ono*  
Mathematics  
Ibaraki, Japan

*Amy Osbourne*  
Public Relations  
Fayetteville





☛ *Carrol Hammonds (left) is all fuzzy and warm in the hospitable atmosphere of the UC.*

☛ *Patrick Strickland (below) soaks in the sunlight during the burning hot Pembroke Day event.*



*Lisa Oxendine  
Environmental Biology  
Lumberton  
Saprina Oxendine  
Management  
Pembroke  
Tammy Oxendine  
Social Work  
Mt. Olive*



*Sweta Patel  
Psychology  
Greensboro  
Oleta Pendergraft  
Biology  
Lumberton  
Erika Phillips  
Criminal Justice  
Lumberton*

Tracy Pickett  
 Criminal Justice  
 Hubert  
 Brandon Pighet  
 Psychology  
 Pembroke  
 Deddi Poston  
 Biology  
 Lumberton



Rebecca Godwin Price  
 Elementary Education  
 Hallsboro  
 Irish Quick  
 Management  
 Laurinburg  
 Brandon Ridenhour  
 Management  
 Salisbury



☛ Paula Caudle (above) reviews material for an upcoming class in the Dial Building foyer.



☛ Olivia Sellars (right) watches her piece forming in the mirror while sitting at the pottery wheel.





*Stormy Roberts*  
*Theatre Arts*  
*Hamlet*  
*Benjamin Rorie*  
*Sociology*  
*Jamestown*  
*Norman Rugg*  
*Computer Science*  
*Lumberton*



*Melanie Sage*  
*Dana W. Sampson*  
*Elementary Education*  
*Pembroke*  
*Deborah Shea*  
*Social Work*  
*Lumberton*



# TUSCARORA PRIDE

**CATHERINE MARIE SCOTT**, sometimes called Cat, made the most out of her college adventure. Born in Chicago, she has lived in Robeson County most of her life, and she commuted because she had a family she needed to be with. "I would have loved to live on campus and experience more students' friendships," said Catherine, "but since I am a mother of three and a grandmother of two, it limited my socialization."

She found the diversity at our school a great source of its wealth: "The diversity of students in race and cultures is another door to life on campus. I guess I miss that most of all." She thought that campus life was great for those able to partake in it because "you're able to learn not only what's in the books, but from fellow students as well." "But I have enjoyed what I have actually experienced," she said. "I got the smaller version of campus life. It's still fun."

Double majoring in Criminal Justice and American Indian Studies, Catherine had previous

experience working with law enforcement on the Kahnawake Mohawk Reservation in Canada and the Tuscarora Reservation in New York. She also had a passion for creativity. "I am an artist," she said, and she enjoyed painting in water colors, acrylics, and oils as well as doing beadwork.



She was also very proud of her community. "I am very much involved with my tribe," said Catherine, "with ceremonies and with helping someone who needs help in my neighborhood, especially with the elders." This school held a special place for her since it was where her grandmother had graduated from. "She was a teacher and encouraged me in my endeavors; she emphasized the knowledge needed to maintain the structure of our tribe and our culture," she said. Catherine carried on this tradition by teaching her grandchildren the Tuscarora

language. As she was on the verge of graduation, she had few regrets, apart from the fact that "my grandmother wasn't here to see me see it through."

• Jackie Kearns and friend look over the professor's comments on a paper they are working on in business class.



• The student at right deeply contemplates his situation while sitting in the P. E. building.



*Helen Sheppard*  
Criminal Justice  
Pembroke  
*Freda Sinclair*  
Criminal Justice  
Lumberton  
*Angela Smith*  
Biomolecular  
Bladenboro



*Etta Smith*  
Social Work  
Maxton  
*Shirley Smith*  
Criminal Justice  
St. Pauls  
*Chris Strickland*  
Management  
Pembroke



# ENJOY THE JOURNEY

MELISSA A. WHITE, known to her friends as "Poet," decided to tackle the challenges of college at the age of thirty-two. After two years at a junior college, she transferred here to complete a degree in English with a minor in journalism.

Melissa was born in Fayetteville but moved with her family to Sterling, VA when she was four. Living in the suburbs of Washington, DC, was a great experience and provided many opportunities for personal growth. In high school, she started working for the public library; this gave her access to what she calls "the gateways to the world"—books. An avid reader, she filled her spare time with books on a multitude of subjects. When she graduated from high school, family finances didn't allow for attending college, so Melissa stayed with the public library for another year and then took a job with an international consulting firm in Washington. After five years of the "movers and shakers" lifestyle, Melissa finally ended back in North Carolina on her family's farm to take care of her 83-year-old

grandmother, whose encouragement helped Melissa decide that the time was finally right for college.

There was never any doubt that she was going to be an English major. "I've always loved writing," said Melissa. "I wrote my first real story when I was eight and my first poem when I was nine. I've always known that I wanted to write and dreamed about being the type of writer whose works touched the souls of people." Melissa chose UNCP because it had a good English Department and was close enough to allow her to take care of her grandmother. She credited her "wonderful journey" at college to the many fine instructors who have shared their experiences not only in the classrooms, but also in personal conversations. "That's what makes the instructors at UNCP so good; they take time to talk with you and listen to you."

Melissa encouraged anyone who has the desire to take up the challenge of going to college, saying, "Never set a limit for how high you think you can go. But most of all, enjoy the journey." ❁



*Jason Strickland*  
Computer Science  
Cerro Gordo  
*Aubrey Swett*  
Psychology  
Pembroke  
*Labresa Swett*  
Pre-Law  
Pembroke



*Elizabeth A. Tapp*  
Accounting  
Laurinburg  
*Alafia Thompson*  
Marketing  
Charlotte  
*Ida Thompson*  
Management  
Maxton

*Kelly Tripp*  
*Environmental Biology*  
*Ash*



*Lori VanStone*  
*Broadcasting*  
*Fayetteville*



*Lindsay Walker*  
*English*  
*Rockingham*



*Courtney Walters*  
*Psychology*  
*Lumberton*



*Heather Watson*  
*English*  
*Fayetteville*



*Carmellia Webb*  
*Social Work*  
*Lake Waccamaw*



## BE YOUR OWN PERSON

**TAWANNA SCOTT** was a Mathematics major from Tabor City who had experienced both commuter and dorm life. She said that dorm life opened her eyes and exposed her to situations she would not have normally experienced.

TaWanna was active on campus as a member of the Math Club, LSOP, and BRAVES. She also worked at McDonald's in Myrtle Beach, SC, and at the Sampson-Livernore Library as a student assistant in periodicals. TaWanna worked a total of 37 hours a week but said her job has not affected her studies because she has worked since she began college.

TaWanna chose UNCP because she said it was close to home, and the people here were very nice and made her smile. She also added that the students

at UNCP need more positive outlets—and more computer labs.

TaWanna chose to study math because she liked it, and she put that into practice by volunteering at the

Maxton Youth Opportunity as a tutor. She thought the math department could use some changes, but overall, she said the professors were understanding and were always willing to help.

TaWanna felt UNCP prepared her to meet deadlines and helped her with time-management skills. She said she has evolved into a mature, well-rounded individual. Her advice to freshmen was to make sure that you are capable of being your own person, be confident in who you are, and lean not to your own understanding, because she believes it takes a lot of praying to make it. ✪





*Tracy Weier*  
*English*  
*Jacksonville*  
*Carrie Beth Wemyss*  
*Environmental Biology*  
*Ocean Isle*  
*Melissa White*  
*English*  
*Clarkton*



*Alfonso Williams*  
*Computer Science*  
*Wilmington*  
*Denise Williams*  
*Mathematics Education*  
*Evergreen*  
*Jennifer Williams*  
*Management*  
*Parkton*



☛ *The student at left serves tasty mock mixed drinks during Casino Night.*

☛ *December graduates Heather Miller and Virginia Haigler (above) enjoy the senior brunch.*

# SENIOR ART MAJORS SWEEP TOP AWARDS

Once each year the American Advertising Federation (AAF) sponsors the annual national ADDY Awards competition for advertising professionals and students aspiring to work in the communication and advertising arts. The student category is termed the "Rising Star" awards and, like the competition held for professionals, their work is judged by geographical region with winners sent on to district and then national competitions.

The Fayetteville Area Advertising Federation (FAAF) is the organizing body in the southeastern region of North Carolina. On Saturday, February 24, the awards banquet for the 2001 ADDYs was held at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum on Hay Street in Fayetteville. Students' work was judged in 12 categories with Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals given in each category—including multiple awards at each level at the judges' discretion.

In addition to the medals at the ADDYs "Rising Star" competition, awards were given for "Judges' Special Recognition," which recognized extraordinary creative and technical work, and for "Best in Show."

Those present at the awards banquet, which also included an exhibit of all entries, were asked to choose one student work to receive the "People's Choice" award.

UNCP students claimed all 4 top ADDY "Rising Star" awards in the 2001 competition. Both of the "Judges' Special Recognition" awards were won by UNCP senior art majors with concentrations in computer graphics: Jason Brady, recognized for a Disney logo, and Sarah-Lynn Brown, whose work was a digital self-portrait. Moreover, the art work judged as "Best in Show" and as the winner of the "People's Choice" award was created by a senior art major with a computer graphics concentration, Benjamin Troy Requena. Ben's "Best in Show" work, titled "Let Us Stop School Violence," was also forwarded to the next level of competition.

Overall, 23 of the 45 total medals awarded in the 2001 competition went to UNCP students. The other winners were Ty Allen, Kristen Smith, Gina Marie Gibson, Jason McGee, Elizabeth Musselwhite, Jennifer Kay Blue, Daniel Maynor, Cheryl Stewart, Lisa Wilson, and Jamie Ellis.

*Joan Williamson*  
Elementary Education  
Cerro Gordo

*Rex Wilson*  
Mathematics  
New Bern

*Jennifer Winborne*  
History  
Sims

*Virginia Woodward*  
Computer Science  
Laurinburg

*Eric Wright*  
Health and Physical Education  
New Bern

*Tanya Young*  
Philosophy and Religion  
Red Springs





☛ Gina Gibson (left) is proud of her self-portrait because "Hey, it won a gold!" She was one of 13 UNCP students who won ADDY awards.

☛ Jason Brady (below) confidently receives his Judges' Special Recognition award to go with his other "Rising Star" medals.



☛ Above all the craziness, Sarah-Lynn Brown (left) holds her trophy as if it were the Holy Grail.



☛ Frequently visiting the front of the stage, Ben Requena (above) receives the packet of medal certificates he won in addition to "Best in Show."

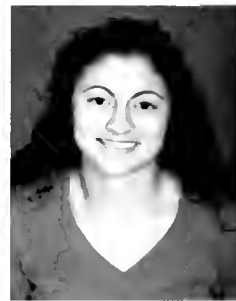
☛ The student below stands at the yearbook table during Pembroke Day, a popular event held every year.



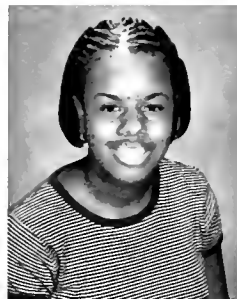
☛ The student at right checks out one of the displays at a career fair held in the University Center.



Dawn Belle  
Jessica Collins  
Priscilla Colon



Heather Crouch  
Ginnell Curtis  
April Desjarlais







## OTHER CLASSES

**H**igh school graduation leads many students to a college career. As part of this experience, you go through phases that hopefully will head you in the direction of fame and wealth—or straight to the loony bin.

It is Open House weekend at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and you have just signed over all your rights to taking exams and writing papers. Yes, yes, yes, you are a freshman now, and newfound freedom begins. Your days become filled with adjusting to dorm life and that messy roommate, professors who have actual attendance policies, and that 15-page research paper with real sources to be cited. Parents call to check up on you, and it sounds like there is a party going on at home without you. Your first year is now over, and you made it cleanly to the other side with only about a handful of hangovers you can remember. Time to bring it on, sophomore.

The worrisome goal of completing general education requirements is almost over, but the time is creeping up to decide on a major. Maybe physics is not quite your thing, but running a studio camera is, so you shift your attention. Your social life is now filled with all the friends from the year before suddenly switching from Dr. Jekyll to Mr. Hyde, and Greek life is starting to appeal to you. So is being an Ambassador, yearbook editor, RA, cafeteria worker, etc. By the time this year is over, so is your sanity. You're a junior now!

Late classes and lazy days. It feels good to go to breakfast and then climb right back into bed. Senioritis has already begun to set in, but reality will soon tap you on your shoulder. What exactly will you do after you graduate? Who cares? You can cross the Nile River when you come to it. As a junior, or sophomore, or freshman, you've experienced all the beautiful things that happen when you are a college student! ☺

*Amanda Downing  
Veronica Emanuel  
Kellie Franklin*

*Kareem Hyman  
Belinda Jacobs  
Kimberly Jones*



*Timothy Keen  
Stacie B. King  
Alexander Lewis*



*Jamie Locklear  
Linda Locklear  
Amy Lowry*



*• Meghan Miller (above) smiles for the camera while she wins at Casino Night.*

*• Dale Scott, Susan Morris, and friend (right) gather together in the Dial Building in between class to relax, talk, and laugh.*





Wesley Mauney  
Terri Maynor  
Chasity McRae



Jennifer Metz  
Ken Middleton  
Meghan Miller



## THE NEEDLE'S EYE

**JAMES I. NICHOLS**, *Pine Needle* Editor-in-Chief and Student Government member, had an early start to his college career. A freshman at only sixteen years old, James immediately took up activities to round out his studies and enliven his college experience. Majoring in Computer Science, James said, "I have always been interested in computers and enjoyed using them [since] the first day I worked with one in fifth grade." James enjoyed the courses offered in his major but wished that "more website design, networking and other such courses would be offered." About his campus activities, he responded, "If I was interested in making money, I would have a job, but right now I enjoy being active in organizations and am working on developing my leadership skills." He did so while meeting all the deadlines for publication of *The Pine Needle* and campaigning for SGA President.

Aware of many of the things that students felt needed improvement, James stated, "I feel more emphasis should be put on what students want, and when things are changed, all students should be notified

at the beginning of the planning stage of any major projects. After all, we do pay money to come to school here, so our say should count!"

A devout Christian, James was a member of the Baptist Student Union. He was also a Peer Academic Leader (PAL) and involved in Student Activities. Asked how he came to attend our university, he stated, "I chose to attend UNCP because I told the Lord before I started my senior year of high school that I would need almost a full scholarship to attend college, and the college that gave me the most money to attend (relative to their cost) would be the school He wanted me to go to. Well, I received the



Chancellor's Scholarship and here I am!"

Big plans lay in the mind of James. His after-graduation objective was "to obtain a professional position in a computer company which utilizes my skills and qualifications." Reflecting upon his first experiences at this institution, he said, "I didn't know anybody when I came here, but the people I have met have been especially friendly and I feel I know just about everyone." ❁

# AT GROUND ZERO

**VONTI RENAE McRAE** was a junior from Brooklyn, NY. She felt that Brooklyn was a "very fast paced wonderful place filled with millions of humble people. You can walk down the street and meet any kind of person, from a Wall Street executive to a homeless rehabilitated crackhead. I love it because everything stays open 24 hours a day, and you can be on a crowded train at three in the morning." Vonti had lived in Brooklyn for almost ten years, and she had also lived for eight years with her grandmother in Raeford, NC. What she liked about the country was that "you find yourself here and it is ground zero for observing the stars at night. The moon looks bigger than life in certain places, and everyone always speaks to you, while in New York everyone is too busy to do so."



Vonti lived on campus and felt that the advantages to dorm life were the "easy access to classes and first lessons in being independent." The disadvantages, however, were the "different levels of independence due to visitation policies." "Even though there are people in the dorms who are over 21," she explained, "guests must be out before a certain time."

Vonti majored in Mass Communications with a concentration in Broadcasting and minored in Political Science. Vonti's favorite professor was Dr. Bruce DeHart because "he is so passionate about history—I always was awake in his class." Her future plans were "to be a millionaire by either owning my own successful production or film company or being the best movie script writer that ever lived!"

Asked whether she had a job, she replied that she had three: Section Editor of the *Indianhead* yearbook, telecounselor supervisor in Lumbee Hall, and "the RA position in Belk Hall 4th floor, baby!" She also did volunteer work with UNCP-TV, LSOP, and the University Marshals.

In what little spare time she had left, she found time to read. She truly enjoys reading and said that "no one seems to understand how I can stay up until 4 a.m. reading a book, but I just tell them, find your favorite subject to read and you will see!"

Vonti wanted to tell fellow students that they should "live life all the way." "If you think you can make it," she concluded, "you will!"



*Sarah Monroe  
Brad Neill  
Carrie Nelson*



*Stephanie Porter  
Toni Quezada  
Keisha Rozier*





✿ Dr. Patricia Valenti and Angela Heck (left) talk about an assignment after English class during the Fall semester. Angela later spent the Spring semester as an exchange student in Australia.

✿ Solomon Locklear (below) sports his fraternity pride during the activity period one Wednesday.



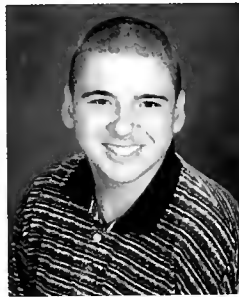
Tanya Scott  
 Laura Smith  
 Roslyn Thorpe



Lynette Torres  
 Kathryn Wood  
 Jamie Young



Jason Adkins  
Blair Allen  
Crystal Batten  
Jessica Bell



Alison Bishop  
Tara Blow  
Susan Bowen  
Crystal Bullard



# POP ART



TY BISHOP ALLEN discovered himself in art. Majoring in Art with a concentration in Computer Graphics, he loved to drench himself in the delicacy of the creative process. His passion for art has helped him to win awards, including two Rising Star medals at the student competition held in conjunction with the ADDY Awards.

Born in Coffeyville, Kansas, and later relocating to Hope Mills with his family, Ty enjoyed "the quiet, peaceful country life." A practicing Catholic who attended Mass weekly, he was also a member of the Baptist Student Union. The BSU, open to all denominations, was a group of friends for Ty, who enjoyed meeting a lot of people and being involved in the community activities they sponsored.

Ty also enjoyed surfing . . . the net, hanging out with his chums, and listening to music, such as singer Britney Spears. An avid fan of shows such as *Will and Grace* and *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, he admitted that his favorite actress was *Buffy* star Sarah Michelle Gellar.

Ty's favorite professor was Mr. Ralph Steeds. "I love him because he is smart and

funny. He doesn't bore you in class," he said. "He would make sure that I do my work in class and would make sure that I understand the assignment before working on it." Steeds has been known to pick on and spur the creative fires of many of his students. "I really enjoyed that, and we would joke to each other," Ty added.

Having been waked by an alarm under his pillow most mornings, Ty went to class and interacted with his teachers through a sign translator. Aware of some of the hazards of campus life such as washing your own laundry and subjection to fast food, Ty also was weary of fire alarms, saying, "Some-

times the fire alarms would happen and I can't hear it all the times. . . . So my roommates sometimes check on me to make sure I go outside when it happens." Campus life, he said, has afforded him "good experiences of what freedom is like" and helped him prepare for the real world.

Much more than a lot of things, Ty loved to make friends laugh. "I believe that people should have laughter in their lives and not have to be so sad all the time," he concluded. ☺





*Jody Bullard  
Shineta Burnett  
Shanell Chavis  
Tommy Crane*



*Kresa Cummings  
Jessica Daigle  
Brandon Davis  
Misty Gobble*



*✦ Jamie Prevatte (above) flexes her muscles as she serves drinks at Casino Night.*

*✦ The student at left has a portrait done by a visiting artist on Pembroke Day.*

☛ Omega Psi Phi (right) steps off in Moore Hall during Homecoming week.

☛ Stormy Roberts (below) concentrates on her work in the Dial Building computer lab.



Amanda Goldman  
Veronica Graham  
Michael Green  
Hillary Griffin



Matthew Hall  
Melissa Houghton  
Sherry Hunt  
Ashleigh Johnson







# INTERNAL AFFAIRS

**KAREEM HYMAN**, a junior majoring in Public Administration, chose her major because, as she put it, "Business Administration was hard as heck!" She felt that she was better suited for public administration because she's a "people person" and would love to help the public reach their goals.

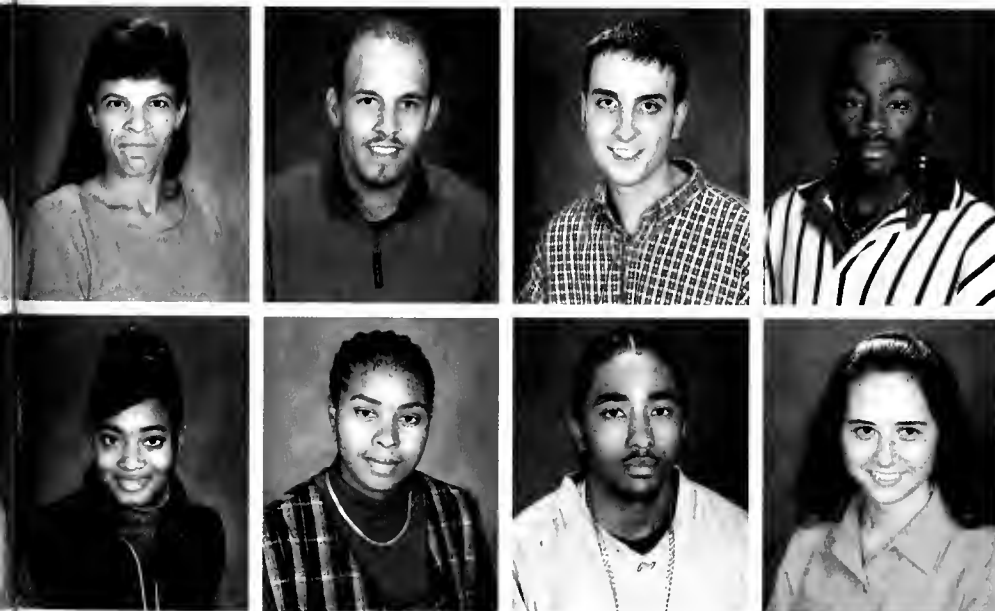
Kareem had this to say about her department: "I think each professor in the department had something to say and they said it! The courses were okay." And when asked who her favorite professor was, she answered, "Dr. Giannatasio" and went on to explain, "Dr. G. is cool and he tells it like it is! He is very respectful and creatively gets the students to participate in class."

When asked about the advantages and disadvantages of living in the dorms, Kareem found the advantage to be that she had fewer bills to pay than if she had gotten an apartment off

campus. The disadvantage depends on the dorm you resided in, because as she put it, "Depending on which dorm an individual lives in, it can be very loud." She summed up her overall experience as a learning one and said, "Living on campus, for me, is really learning how to get along with your neighbors."

In addition to her studies, Kareem found time to work in Lumbee Hall in Alumni Relations and to intern with the City of Lumberton. She worked approximately thirteen hours per week and had a multitude of responsibilities: answering phones, filing, typing, running errands, writing memos, and calling alumni on upcoming events. Kareem did find

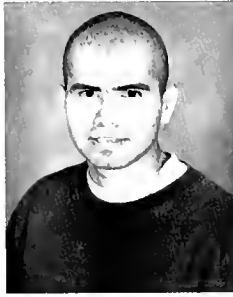
that her jobs had an effect on her studies, but it was a positive one. "My jobs have prepared me on how to prioritize my time on projects and studying," she said. ♡



*Vicky Locklear  
John Lowery  
Matthew Manahan  
Gionte McMillan*

*Geovonie McNair  
Dwikeila McNeill  
Brynn Mosley  
Patsy Nance*

*Lenin Noguera  
Alison Parks  
Dipti Patel*



*Manisha Patel  
Tabatha Ransom  
Jessica Reed  
Jordan Sampson*



*• The ladies above enjoy walking in the sunshine as they take in the sights on Pembroke Day.*

*• David Crooke and friends (right) chat between classes outside the UC.*





*Heather Scarborough  
Danielle Scheunemann  
Bryan Scott*



*Demetrius Sutton  
Jill Watkin  
Kendra Wilson  
Adeia Winn*



# BRUSSELS SPROUT

**TETA-DELOZEGE TEPATONDELE**, known to most people on campus as "Lynx," came to North Carolina by way of Brussels, Belgium, where he lived for nineteen years of his life. Having also lived for four years in the African country Congo, he had seen contrasting cultures.

Lynx arrived here through a foreign exchange program. A junior, he lived on campus and found the advantage of being a resident student was being able to get to class in a short time.

Asked what he thought about campus facilities and services, Lynx said he thought that the campus security in particular did a good job. "They

are around most of the time," he said.

A student athlete, Lynx majored in Physical Education with a minor in Spanish, one of many languages with which he was familiar. He chose his major because, he said, "I'd like to be a teacher," and he was satisfied with the course offerings and the faculty.



Lynx's major extracurricular activity at UNCP was playing with the men's basketball team. To help him make ends meet, he also held a work-study job in the athletics department. Even though these activities took up

quite a bit of time, he stated, "It doesn't really affect my studies." ❖

• Phi Kappa Tau pledges (right) march through campus in the Homecoming Parade.

• Elizabeth Musselwhite (below right) peddles students' artwork in the Chavis University Center lobby.

• The student below shows his school spirit by participating in the bookstore's Halloween costume contest.



Courtney Accoo  
Renee Baker  
Lorie Barbee  
Suzanne Barry



Tara Bishop  
Avril C. Bower  
Deanna Bullard  
Charlaine Callicut





• The students at left are busy studying for classes and Fall semester finals in the commuter lounge.

• The student below reads over materials for a paper he was assisted in writing by the staff of the Writing Center.



Lionel Capers  
Jason Carter  
Jeni Carter  
Jessica Caulder

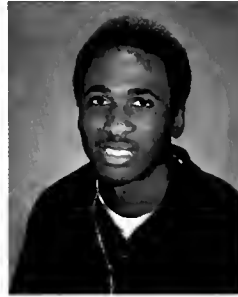


Ashkea Chavis  
Summer Chavis  
Eric Cuffee  
Benjamin Deese

*Kyle Devlin  
James Duncan  
LaCinda Ellison  
Taneisha Epps*



*Shauna Fullwood  
Sosna Gedlu  
Marques Goodwin  
Nadean Hafner*



# PASSION TO PERFORM

**CHRISTOPHER REID KERR**, who liked to be called Reid, resided in the town of Sunset Beach, NC, one of the southernmost coastal towns in the state. He has lived there for the majority of his life, and he described his home as “a great place to live and grow up!”

A freshman, Reid lived in West Hall on campus and said that being a resident student allowed him to participate in various on-campus events and activities. He felt these opportunities greatly enhanced his college experience so far.

Reid’s passion was to perform. By no coincidence his main hobby was his music. Reid was a self-employed musician and performed at various restaurants and venues in southeastern North Carolina. The hours he worked weekly tended to vary, as he controlled his own plans and bookings. As well he was the winner of this year’s UNCP student talent show and was active in the Jazz Choir, Concert Choir, and the Baptist

Student Union. He also sang tenor in a semiprofessional gospel quartet called “The Seasideers.”

Reid chose UNCP because of the small classes and scholarship offerings. “I feel this is a great place to gain an education,” he said. His favorite professor was Dr. Peter Wish. Reid said he enjoyed Wish’s class because Wish had a unique approach towards learning that hooked him.

When asked about any changes he would make at UNCP, Reid replied, “I would bring in more student-friendly activities. I would also like to see more effective usage of the university center.” Reid felt that the new athletic facilities being built would result in a needed increase of fans for sports on campus. When thinking about other core services provided for students he stated, “Campus security and other support services do a great job at UNCP.”





*Lenita Hammonds  
Kristyl Hendley  
Curt Henderson  
Jennifer Hicks*



*Rebecca Howell  
Cassie Hulslander  
Jeff Hunter  
Gregory Jackson*



*☛ The student above toughs the extreme heat of the early Fall semester like it is nothing.*

*☛ Jessica Parks, Richard Brenner and Becca Howell (left) perform an improvisational skit for BSU members.*

☛ The student below uses coffee to bring her out of her math nightmare. Too bad she doesn't know the calculator is behind her.



☛ David Beck and friend (right) get cozy on one of the couches in the UC lounge. After a long day of classes, many students use the UC for rest and recreation.



Velma Jacobs  
Heather Jaques  
Christopher R. Jones  
Reid Kerr



Amanda Knowles  
Kenneth Litteral  
Charlene Locklear  
Christopher Locklear







☛ The student at left feels the passion of the Renaissance during Halloween, sporting long silky locks.

☛ Kenneth Middleton and friends (below) convene at a Greek-sponsored dance.



Crystal Locklear  
Tammie Locklear  
Stephanie Long  
John Neil McNeil



Elizabeth McPherson  
Melissa Moore  
Nekoba Mutima  
Carson Norris

Amanda Marie Oxendine  
 Carl R. Penny, Jr.  
 Amanda R. Phillips  
 Travis Redmond



Deanna Rodriguez  
 Kristen Satterfield  
 Bonnie Sewell  
 Gwen Simmons



Erin Smith  
 Shervain Sweat



Catherine M. Texidor  
 Tasheena Thomas



Exchange students Ewa Lengstedt and Shannon Irwin (above) talk about a project during Computer Assisted Editing and Publication Design class.





Nyautash Valdez  
Quincy Wade  
Grace Watson



Latoya Williams  
Roberto Williamson  
Rebecca Wilson  
Candace Woods

# INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Our university has been a host school to international exchange students for a number of years. This year we spoke to three exchange students attending UNCP during the Spring 2001 semester: Ewa Lengstedt and Caroline Larsson from Sweden and Shannon Irwin from Australia. The interview allowed us to compare and contrast living and going to school in their countries and ours.

When asked about the differences in their classes here, they replied that classes at their home universities were much longer; they usually had to do a final paper for each class; and the tests, when they had them, usually consisted of one-question essays. They said they never took multiple-choice tests at home.

These students also found that campus life was a bit different here. For instance, Caroline and Ewa said that in Sweden, students living on campus are treated as adults rather than as children. Shannon had a somewhat different take on campus life since she lived at home while going to school in Australia. She enjoyed

participating in our campus activities, particularly Homecoming, and had become an honorary member of Theta Kappa sorority. All three students said that there wasn't nearly as much emphasis on sports at their home universities as there is here.

The most unusual aspect of their college life, from the point of view of American students, was probably the cost.

For Swedish citizens, according to Ewa and Caroline, there is no tuition cost to attend a university in their country; they only pay for their room, board, and books and may get grants and/or loans to cover those costs if needed. In Australia, however, said Shannon, you do pay, but

only after you leave college, much like the loan programs here.

When deciding where to go to school in America, they chose UNCP because its classes more closely related to their majors; another attraction was that this is a smaller school. Although they enjoyed their experiences here, there were many things from home they missed, especially—as all three exclaimed—"the food!" As they prepared to return home in May, they encouraged UNCP students to consider spending a semester in their countries.



Sweta Patel, Caroline Hollifield, and friend (left) represent the International Student Organization in traditional Indian costumes.



*Allen C. Meadors*

*Chancellor*

*Roger G. Brown*

*Provost and Vice Chancellor for  
Academic Affairs*

*Neil Hawk*

*Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs*



*Glen Burnette*

*Vice Chancellor for Advancement*

*Diane O. Jones*

*Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs*

*Alec Price*

*Associate Vice Chancellor  
for Student Affairs*

*William H. Gash Jr.*

*Associate Vice Chancellor for  
Academic Affairs*



☛ Dr. Glen Burnette (above), Vice Chancellor for Advancement, and Teresa Cummings, the Director of Alumni Relations, discuss school issues at Convocation.

☛ Chancellor Allen Meadors (right) joins students in the chain gang at the Jail-A-Thon sponsored by BSU on Pembroke Day





# ADMINISTRATORS

**O**ur newest administrator was Dr. Roger G. Brown, who became Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on July 1, 2000. Dr. Brown replaced Dr. Charles R. Jenkins, who had been Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for 14 years and a UNCP administrator for 29 years.

Welcoming Dr. Brown to the UNCP community, Chancellor Allen Meadors said, "Dr. Brown brings a rich background of academic and administrative experiences that will serve the university well as we move into the 21st century. We are delighted to have him join us."

At UNC Charlotte for 15 years before coming to UNCP, Dr. Brown was graduate coordinator and chair for the Department of Political Science, senior associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, and associate provost. He was director of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reaccreditation process and president-elect of the faculty. He earned the Leadership Charlotte Award 1998-1999 and was a citizen ambassador in the People to People

Program in South Africa in 1996.

Dr. Brown has published a number of articles on a variety of topics in political science, public management, and human resources. Several of Dr. Brown's recent papers and articles were coauthored by his wife, Dr. Carolyn Thompson, who also joined the UNCP faculty this year in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration.

Dr. Brown is a member of and has held offices in several professional associations, including the American Association of Higher Education, the American Society for Public Administration, the American Political Science Association, the Academy of Political Science, the International Association of Conflict Management, and the International Personnel Management Association.

A native of Bristol, Tennessee, Dr. Brown received his doctorate in political science from The Johns Hopkins University and his master's and bachelor of science degrees from The University of Tennessee. ♣



♣ Dr. Roger Brown (above), Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, speaks at Convocation as SGA president Veronica Hatton looks on.

# FACULTY AND STAFF

Can you believe it . . . students actually praised our faculty. According to an editorial in *The Fayetteville Observer*, this was true because our faculty members offered individual attention and encouragement. "When was the last time you heard of that happening at those larger universities?" the editorial asked.

When our faculty weren't teaching or catering to the students' needs, they kept active in other areas. For instance, Dr. Jose D'Arruda, Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Physics, earned two top state honors: Distinguished Service to Education Award from the North Carolina Science Teachers Association and the 2000 Governor's Award for Excellence for Public Service. Colleague Dr. Tom Ross praised Dr. D'Arruda and said, "Unless you have been to the third floor of Oxendine Science Building, you will never fully appreciate the good work Jose does for this university." In addition, Dr. Ross was interviewed by BBC's Granite Productions for a documentary segment on the Carolina Bays. Dr. Linda Oxendine and Dr. Stan Knick joined Dr. Ross's interviewee ranks and participated in a PBS documentary on the Lumbee dialect.

Not only outside agencies recognized the excellence of our faculty's talents. The Art Department allowed its faculty members to show their skills when they hosted the Faculty Exhibition 2001. Displays included

photographs by Dr. Ann Horton-Lopez; mixed media digital prints by Dr. John Labadie; watercolors, jewelry, and a sculpture by Jack Pinkerton; prints and drawings by Professor Ralph Steeds; a sculpture by Professor Paul Van Zandt; and a mixed media painting by Cary Wilson. On the lighter side, in February the faculty got another chance to show their skills—their athletic skills, that is—when the staff/faculty basketball team defeated the student team 67-62 during Homecoming week.

In addition to our supportive and approachable faculty, students also benefited from the work of UNCP's dedicated staff. During the year, there were a lot of activities and more than enough extracurricular enjoyments. Many of these things could not take place without the people working behind the scenes. As well as the Student Activities staff who made these activities possible, there were also the staff members who kept the campus and buildings in tip-top shape. They were out in all types of weather and all during the night and day. Electrical work, plumbing, and repairs were all done with perfection.

Department secretaries and those who worked in the various offices in Lumbee Hall were always there to answer students' questions and help with their problems. Working together, our staff and faculty helped give UNCP that "personal touch" that students appreciated so much. ❖



**Irene Aiken**  
Director

Teaching Fellows

**Nancy Barrineau**

Associate Professor  
English, Theatre, and Languages

**Sharon Bell**

Assistant Professor  
Business Administration

**Paul Berghoff**

Professor  
Education

**John Bowman**

Professor  
Sociology

**Stephen Bukovy**

Associate Professor  
Business Administration

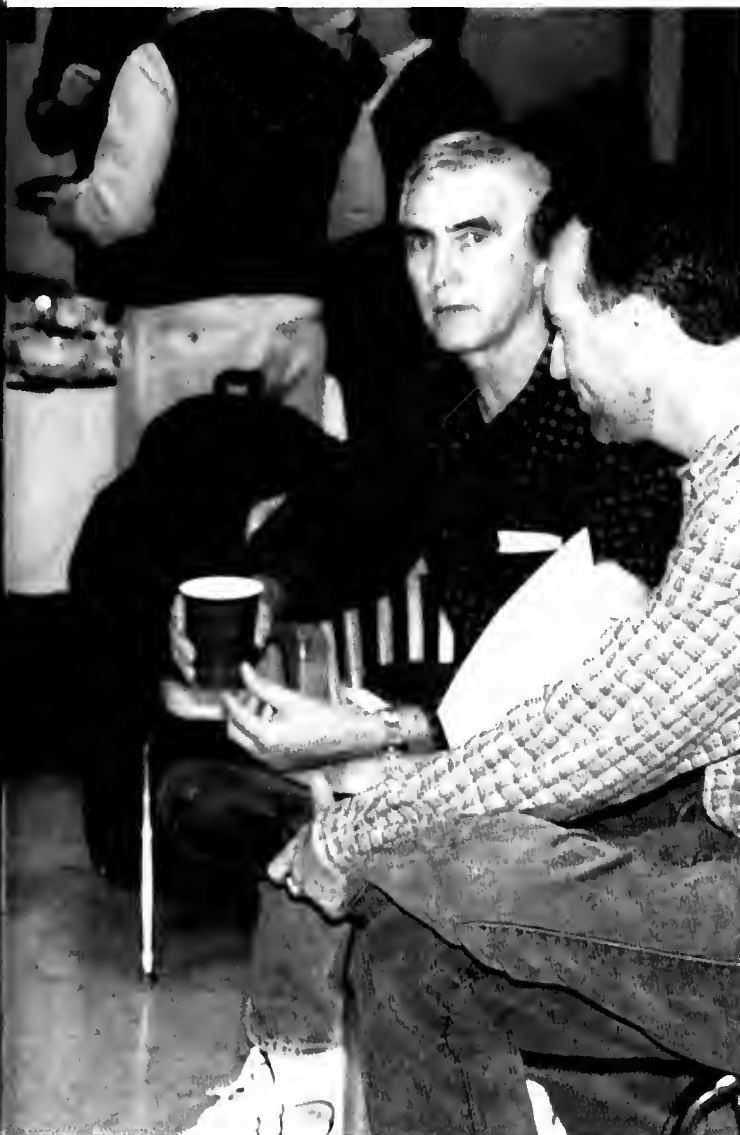
**Mark Canada**

Assistant Professor  
English, Theatre, and Languages

**Robert Canida**

Assistant Librarian  
Library





☛ Drs. Mark Canada, Joe Mandel, and Jesse Peters (left) chat over refreshments at the Sigma Tau Delta initiation.

☛ Dr. Kathleen Zebley (below) instructs her class in the art of history.



**Danny Davis**  
Associate Professor  
Health and Physical Education  
**Linda Hafer**  
Lecturer  
Mathematics  
**Dean Himmen**  
Director  
University Writing Center  
**Charles Jenkins**  
Professor  
Education



**Chet Jordan**  
Professor  
Theatre  
**Richard Kania**  
Chair  
Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice  
**Mary Klinikowski**  
Lecturer  
Mathematics  
**Thomas J. Leach**  
Chair  
English, Theatre, and Languages

**Zoe Locklear**

Dean  
School of Education

**Stephen Marson**

Director  
Social Work Program

**Kay McClanahan**

Associate Professor  
English, Theatre, and Languages

**Sara Oswald**

Lecturer  
English, Theatre, and Languages/Mass Communications



**Joseph B. Oxendine**

Research Professor  
Health and Physical Education

**Jesse Peters**

Assistant Professor  
English, Theatre, and Languages

**William Phillips**

Assistant Professor  
Mass Communications

**Cindy Saylor**

Instructional Services and Reference Librarian  
Library



# AUF WIEDERSEHEN, DR. MANDEL!

**JOSEF MANDEL**, the German-born professor who has been a staple of the English Department for many years, retired at the end of the Spring 2001 semester. Mandel first came to Pembroke State College as a student; the photograph that accompanies this article is reprinted from the 1969 edition of the *Indianhead*, in which he was pictured as a member of Who's Who and president of the German Club.

After completing his undergraduate studies here, Mandel taught English and French at Fayetteville Academy for a year. He returned to Pembroke to teach for a year but "parlayed that into a 30-year career." He also pursued graduate studies, receiving his Ph. D. in literature from UNC Chapel Hill.

At UNCP, besides German, he also taught World Literature and Modern Drama, but his "all-time favorite" was Southern Literature, especially North Carolina Literature. "I got my second wind when I discovered North Carolina Literature," said Mandel, who designed and taught a course on that subject. In



connection with that class, he has brought many North Carolina writers, such as Lee Smith, Nancy Peacock, and Jill McCorkle, to our campus, "at the rate of around one writer each year." Mandel was busy in the short time right before he retired, writing "a few articles on North Carolina and North Carolina literature specifically," and organizing a conference on "The Art of Jill McCorkle" that brought the author and many others to campus on March 30.

Mandel didn't plan to "just go into retirement, play golf, and wither away," he said. "I want to have a second career, and it may not be teaching . . . traveling," he added, a grin on his face. Reflecting on his career here, he said, "Pembroke has been wonderful to me. I like getting students interested in literature." Having taught some of the classes that many students dread, he went against the staunch stereotype of literature professors and sparked his students' interest. "A teacher's enthusiasm," as he said in closing, "infects the students, making them want to learn!"







**Robert Schneider**  
Chair  
Political Science and Public Administration

**Melissa Spencer**  
Assistant Professor  
Psychology

**Doug Spero**  
Assistant Professor  
Mass Communications

**Robert Spivey**  
Assistant Professor  
Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice



**Ralph Steeds**  
Professor  
Art

**Paul VanZandt**  
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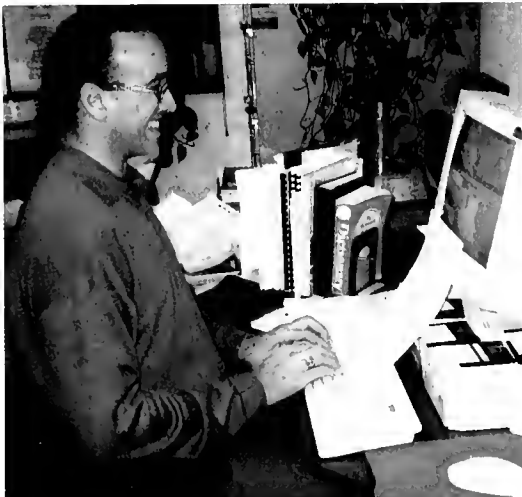


☛ *Dr. Ken Clow, Dean of the School of Business and Mass Communications, and Dr. Richard Kania, Chair of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice (above), discuss the speakers they heard at Convocation.*

☛ *Dr. Chet Jordan of the Theatre department and Beth Carmical, Special Assistant to the Chancellor (left), share a few jokes at Convocation.*

✦ Mrs. Fran Oxendine (right), who retired as the English Dept. Librarian at the end of January, demonstrates the talking frog she received as a gift as Sara Oswald listens.

✦ Art Department secretary Jimmy Locklear (below) smiles as he works at the computer in his office.



**James Bass**  
Student Center Program Director  
Student Activities  
**Alvin Bruce Blackmon**  
Director  
Financial Aid  
**Robert Franklin Britt**  
Facility Engineering Specialist  
Planning and Construction  
**Lois Janetta Bullard**  
Program Assistant  
Registrar's Office



**Sherlene B. Chavis**  
Processing Assistant  
Police and Public Safety  
**Susan Chavis**  
Enrollment Services Officer  
Financial Aid  
**Sallyann Clark**  
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CLEAN SWEEP


LISA JACOBS, a member of the housekeeping staff, was one of the many people that helped make the life and buildings of the resident students as clean and beautiful as possible. Lisa resided in a small town named Rowland, just a little distance from Pembroke; she was born and raised there. At home, she was supported and maintained by two children and her husband, Terry.

Lisa has been with the university for four years. "I got here when it just became The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. That was my first year out here," she said. Her duties as a member of the housekeeping staff were done every day from early in the morning to late afternoon and included various things. She had to go

from floor to floor in the residence halls, sweeping and mopping. But that was only the beginning. She had to make sure that the bathrooms were sanitized every day for the ladies in the halls. She also made sure that there was plenty of soap, toilet paper, and paper towels to last until the next day rolled around.



When asked what was the hardest part of her job, Lisa responded, "The hardest part of my job is cleaning the showers. I have to do them on the floors to get rid of germs and dirt." Her job was very tiring, but essential to the students' well-being.

The work done by Lisa and the other housekeepers made the residents of UNCP feel like they were always at home in a clean, good-looking environment.



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• Rena Hill (above) answers the telephone, one of the many duties she cheerfully performs as secretary in the Business department.

• Scott Bigelow of University Relations (right) keeps cool as he has a friendly conversation during Pembroke Day.





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## FIXER-UPPER

JAMES STURDIVANT was one of the people that made life easier for everyone here on campus. A maintenance mechanic, James was responsible for answering calls that were made during the day by people who needed repair work done. Currently residing in the small town of Rowland, James was originally from Lumberton. He had two children and was married to "a beautiful wife," Tronda.

As a maintenance mechanic, James had to make sure that everything on campus was working properly. He was in charge of repairing and replacing broken things. He has been here at the university for nine years and stated, "I enjoy my job a lot." He said that the hardest part

of his job was trying to fix things that he did not have the material for. Although his work often involved electrical repairs, in his job he was responsible for being able to fix anything.



The work James did helped make things at UNCP seem easy and trouble free. Although he may not have been as visible as other staff members on campus, his job made it easier for the students and administrators to sit back in comfort and not have to worry about how to repair things that were damaged. James Sturdivant and the other people that worked along

with him kept the campus together and were a very important part of this university's survival. ☺



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*Growing every day of our lives, we seek the light so that we may flourish and grow strong. Kept in the darkness, we wither and die. Never allow your learning to end, or you will fall so far into the shadows that you may never see the light of knowledge again.*

*With your roots buried deep in learning and a strong trunk that rises up toward the sky, you branch out in your ambitions to learn and sprout toward new things. Growing many leaves, you try to gather as much knowledge as possible. Soon you develop the fruit of all your attained knowledge. When you come to your end, you feel peace in knowing that what you have gained will be spread amongst those who continue on. Every person leaves a mark on those around them, no matter how big or small.*

**CLOSING**



A long trench in the ground (above) is marked by colored flags as workers install a new piping system and wires underground.





☛ This tree in front of Lumbee Hall (left) is one of the pretty and well maintained parts of the landscaping of this campus.

☛ Life resiliently grows around obstacles, as does this tree (below) around the overhang on the P.E. Building.



☛ Many students this year enjoyed living a more adult lifestyle in the Pine Hall coed dorm (left). It was proven to many that males and females could live across the hall from each other without a big fuss.



☛ Sarah-Lynn Brown (below) loads black and white film. A majority of the tree and other pictures in the opening and closing of this book were taken and developed by her.



☛ The creepy-looking tree at right looms over the gazebo beside Moore Hall.



☛ A pair of 'pygmy' trees (above) decorate the plant box outside the Oxendine Science Building.





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**T**his year has been a year full of growth and heaps of manure. A scrawny staff had to fill out areas they had virgin experience of. Through everything advisor Sara Oswald remained patient and encouraging, even when we deserved to be shot. Periodically spurred on by Herff Jones representative Brent DeWeese to make deadlines (or at least finish) the staff dragged on. Some perhaps-unsuspecting people were tracked down late in the game for pictures, interviews, information, etc., but every little bit helped. Thank you to everyone who made *Growth Rings* possible.

Initially I conceived doing something different for the 2001 book, the last one I will be working on here. The plan was to build on what was done in 2000 and take it several "digital steps" forward and enhance it graphically. But less than mid-way the demands of life, classes, and HUGE staffing issues forced the super creativity and optimism of earlier times to the background. Reality sucks. Trying to rely on the help of people contracted to perform certain duties quickly proved to be in vain. Only a core of people remained loyal to the book of good intentions and broken promises. And at the end of the sixth month, after all was done, we rested, until it was distribution time.

Thank you again to everyone, those wonderful people who sometimes worked weekends and holidays to finish the job, and those who understood and helped this book make it to print.

*Sarah-Lynn Brown*

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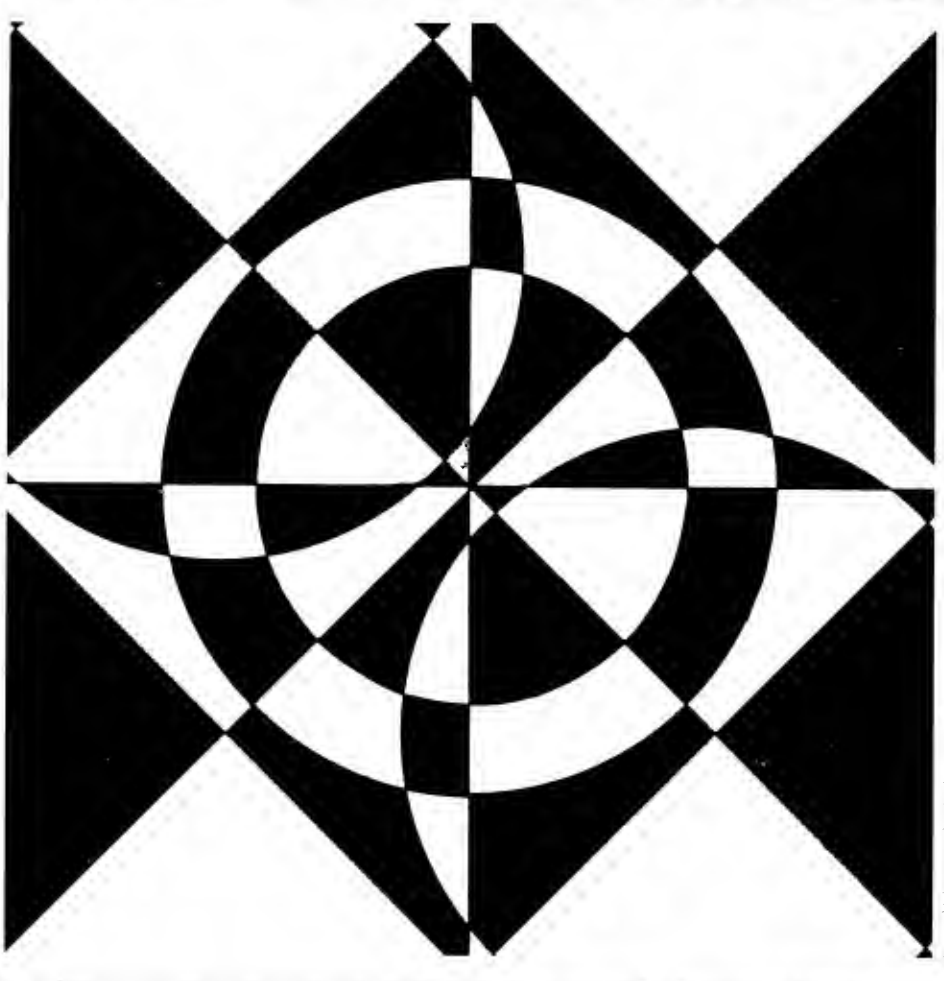
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