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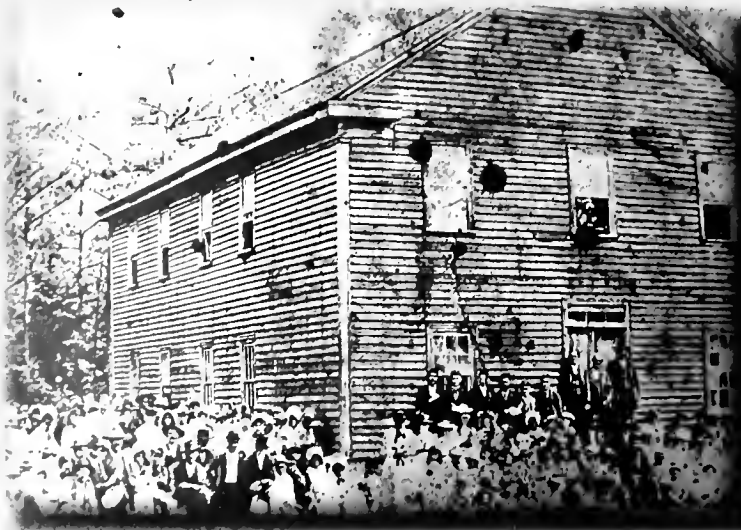
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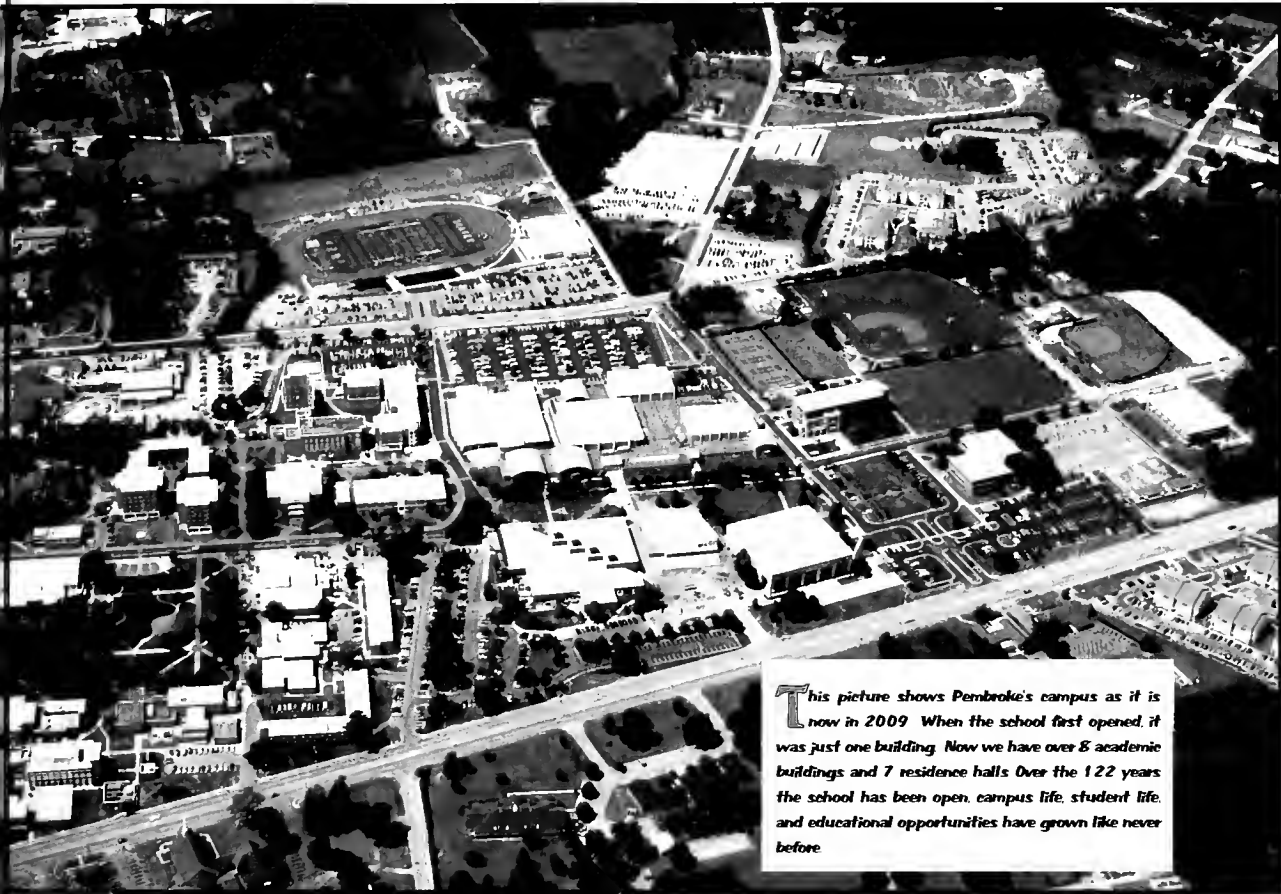
The university of North Carolina at Pembroke opened its doors 122 years ago on March 7, 1887, under the legislation enacted by the General Assembly of North Carolina. The school was created and named the Croatan Normal School. By the fall of 1887, the school opened with just 15 students and one teacher. At the time, it was founded to train public school teachers. For many years the instruction was at the elementary and secondary level, and the first diploma was awarded in 1905. The school moved to its present location in Pembroke, the very center of the Indian community, in 1909. It wouldn't be until 1911 when the General Assembly changed the name to the Indian Normal School of Robeson County and once more, just two years later, to the Cherokee Indian Normal School of Robeson County.

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This picture shows Pembroke's campus as it is now in 2009. When the school first opened, it was just one building. Now we have over 8 academic buildings and 7 residence halls. Over the 122 years the school has been open, campus life, student life, and educational opportunities have grown like never before.

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A Time to Remember

Additional college classes were offered beginning in 1931, and in 1939 a fourth year was added, with the first degrees conferred in 1940. In recognition of its new status, the name of school was changed in 1941 to *Pembroke State College for Indians*. The scope of the institution was widened in 1942 when non-teaching baccalaureate degrees were added. Several years later, in 1949, the name was shortened to *Pembroke State College*. The Supreme Court's school desegregation decision opened the college to all qualified applicants without regard to race in 1954. In 1969 the name once again was changed to *Pembroke State University*, and the institution became a regional university.

Three years later, in 1972, the General Assembly established the 16-campus University of North Carolina with *Pembroke State University* as one of the constituent institutions.

On July 1, 1996, *Pembroke State University* officially became *The University of North Carolina at Pembroke*. Within the 122 years *The University of North Carolina at Pembroke* has been open, it has drastically changed its size and enriched its history.



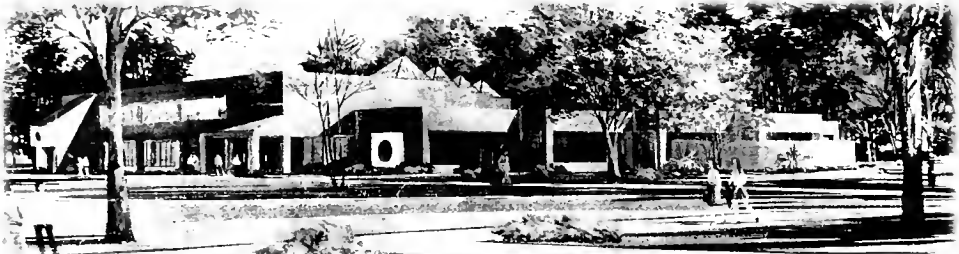
UNCP is proud to give out more than 400 diplomas to students at graduation every year. We have come a long way since the first diploma given in 1905.

A lot of the changes made in the University in most recent years have been under the direction of our chancellor Dr. Allen Meadors.



TOMMY the HAWK has been known to get the the fans hyped for any game.

The mascot in earlier years is shown below



This picture taken during the early 1980s shows the cafeteria and UC lawn - a main meeting point on today's campus

Ever since it opened, Berf's - named in honor of Bertine Prime, assistant to many chancellors for over four decades - has always been a place for students to come together and share a few laughs over a delicious meal. On the left, you can see what Berf's was like until the past couple of years





NOW—Students know how to get down and kick it old school at the 80s Dance

THEN—Kirsty Woods [far right] is crowned as 'Miss PSI' in 1990

Time Spent Day by Day

As The university of North Carolina at Pembroke has grown, so have its traditions—from Pembroke Day, where UNCP's clubs and organizations recruit new members; to all the homecoming games, where there is nothing but black and gold spirit as students cheer on the their favorite sports teams; to just going to lunch with your closest friends. Each year the school grows so much because of excitement and pride from the students. The students grow with the school, and the school grows with the community.

Each and every day there is something for students to do to help make their college experience more exciting. Although each year may have the same events, be assured they are nothing like the previous ones. Each event gets better and better as time goes on, whether it is the spirit we bring to the homecoming games or just hanging out with friends. We, the students, are the ones that bring life to this campus.



Steven Gayle, Lamar Cour-
man, and Datwon Canty
show off their dance moves.

A climbing wall towers over
the UC lawn and dares peo-
ple to test their fear of heights.



Family Day Fun for All

After sending their children off to college it is rare parents will see their loved ones unless they get a break from school. As a tradition now for several years, the school hosts Family Day for the staff, students, faculty, and their families. Parents, relatives, and friends visit and see how their students are doing in school. It is also a chance for younger brothers and sisters to hang out with their older siblings and enjoy some fun activities together.

On the beautiful day of April 14, across the UC lawn, families came together for an eventful day of fun and laughter. Families had the chance to take part in activities such as face painting or get a caricature of themselves or a loved one by professional caricaturist Richard Cloudt. Participants could also touch and pick up all kinds of reptiles as part of the Herps Alive live reptile/amphibian program. You could race your brother and sister in NASCAR racing simulators, and race down 50 foot high inflatable slides. Various snacks, food, and beverages were provided for all who attended. The day seemed like it would never come to an end. But Family Day isn't always just about the delicious food or the activities; it's about bringing families together.

Many students on campus are the first in their family to attend and graduate from a college or university. This, of course, is a very big accomplishment and something to be proud of. The University hosts Family Day to show their appreciation to parents, who are the students' biggest role models, and to give students a chance to have fun with their loved ones. It is a day for students and family to relax, forget about their hectic lives, and spend some time bonding with one another.

Children wait in line to climb
up and slide down an inflat-
able rocketship set up outside
the UC.



Holding her nephew close, Carla Platt quickly slips down the inflatable slide.

Face painting is always the favorite of children during Family Day.



Bikes, hats, animals, swords: The balloon twister can bend and shape them all.

During the Herps Alive live reptile/amphibian program, students and their families take turns holding snakes and other reptiles.

Homeland Pride

On April 12, the Indian Education Resource Center hosted a record number of dancers at the third annual Spring Pow Wow. More than 50 dancers participated in the event, which was scheduled to be held on the UNCP Quad but was moved to the Indian Education Center due to rain.

The Pow Wow was organized and sponsored by seven Native American student organizations: Alpha Pi Omega Sorority, the American Indian Science & Engineering Society, Epsilon Chi Nu Fraternity, the Hok-Nosai Council, the Native American Student Organization, Phi Sigma Nu Fraternity, and Sigma Omicron Epsilon Sorority. The Native American Resource Center, UNCP's Student Government Association, the Native Angels, Pembroke Pointe Apartments, the Lumbee Tribe of NC, and the Maryland Commission of Indian Affairs all served as co-sponsors for the event.

The Pow Wow held several dance contests. The event featured a record number of dancers and gave recognition to participants in various categories including Teen Women's Fancy, Men's Fancy, Teen Women's Traditional, Women's Fancy, Men's Fancy, Women's Jingle, Men's Grass, Women's Traditional, and Men's Traditional.

This performer leads a circle of men pounding on a drum.



Epsilon Chi Nu proudly supports the NASO Pow Wow.





Each dancer shows off his or her colorful regalia while performing for the audience.

These female dancers smile for the camera as they await their next performance.



Head dancers Qua Lynch and Patrick Richardson entertain as the audience looks on at the Spring Pow Wow.

Circles of drummers around the Indian Education Building sing for the audience and keep beat for the dancers.



Asley O'Regan and PJ Gujda slide along with other Relay For Life volunteers.



Both student athletes and other students come together in groups, having fun during the Relay.



How long can you last in the Lumber Contest?

Organizations offer a variety of activities for volunteers to enjoy during the Relay.





The great turnout and support makes this an emotional event for many, like cancer survivor Shelia Prevatte.



Walking for the Cure

Nearly 1,000 volunteers attended UNCP's record-setting Relay For Life on April 12. Students, faculty, staff, families, and community members came together to fight cancer, a disease that touches nearly every family. Blaring music, waving flags, and tents scattered across the UC lawn enveloped the atmosphere for 24 hours. Cancer survivors who attended the event wore dark purple shirts. Participants walked side by side all day and into the night. Smiling faces full of support and passion were visible in the eyes of every volunteer and worker. As volunteers circled the UC lawn, workers and organization members cheered on and encouraged them to continue walking and not to give up hope.

Through donations, the University raised a total of \$38,700; that's \$16,700 over the initial goal of \$22,000. The second annual Relay For Life was student driven and organized by event co-chairs Anke Turner and Ryan Chavis and staff chair Melissa Vance. Dr. Stewart Thomas, a member of the School of Business faculty, and Linda Burney, community manager of the American Cancer Society, also helped organize the event. Months in advance, students began planning and raising money for this spring event. When the day finally arrived, different organizations, clubs, sororities, and fraternities were ready with games to entertain volunteers as they walked, ran, or wheeled for a cure.

Kara Simpson joins other students, parents, and babies in the walk during Relay For Life.



Ramon Ruiz plays a song for those affected by cancer as part of the opening ceremony

Aaron Hollthield shakes the hands of volunteers, cheering them on as they walk all day and night



A New Hope

Relay For Life is about more than the money. "Too often we measure the success of an event by how much money we raise. True, those dollars go to help the American Cancer Society fight for a cure through research, advocacy, education, and patient services. While all of that is important, we must remember to thank everyone for the awareness raised at events like Relay For Life," Dr. Thomas said. The support and participation of everyone who attended the event is vital to the fight against cancer. A multitude of thanks is extended to those fraternities, sororities, clubs and organizations, students athletes, the Bookstore and Physical Plant, and many others that volunteered for the Relay For Life. These clubs and organizations sold hot dogs, coffee, energy drinks, and other culinary delights to keep the volunteers up throughout the night. Glow sticks and snacks were provided for the kids. People cheered on volunteers during the event and created a heartwarming atmosphere.

As the years go by, hope in finding a cure for cancer remains in our thoughts. Every little bit helps. The University community beams with pride for raising more money than the initial goal. Future efforts are sure to be just as successful and fulfilling to both volunteers and those fighting against the often-deadly disease.

Watching guys dress and act like girls at the Mr. Backu ads contest is a popular event that helps raise money for the Relay





Mark Schwanze lights luminaries that lined the sidewalks around the UC lawn in memory of those who lost their battle with cancer.



Volunteers take turns unicycling to entertain those walking for a cure.

Kristin Usrey slams a pie in a volunteer's face as part of a fundraiser for cancer research.

A Presidential Afternoon

Former President Bill Clinton spoke to an audience of more than 1,500 during a rally on April 4 supporting Hillary Clinton's campaign for the presidency. "We will either have the first African American candidate or the first woman candidate for president," Clinton said. "The question is who will make the best leader for our future?" Clinton said that his wife is the best change-maker he's ever known.

The Hillary Clinton for President rally is believed to be the first visit by a president or former president to Pembroke or UNCP. It emphasized North Carolina's role in the Democratic primary as the race tightened between Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. About 50 members of different media organizations filled the Main Gym of the English E. Jones Health and Physical Education Center.

Some in attendance arrived as early as four in the morning to wait in line for a chance to see the former president up close. Local elected officials attended the rally, including state Rep. Ronnie Sutton and Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt, who, along with Chancellor Allen C. Meadors and Student Government President Barry

Burch, introduced Bill Clinton.

Clinton gave a 45-minute speech detailing aspects of Hillary's campaign, including her "energy independence" plan to increase renewable sources of energy and to reduce the trade gap and dependence on foreign oil. He also discussed how Hillary would repair the nation's infrastructure and increase investment in education and research. "We have students thinking about dropping out of college because of excessive loans," he said.

Clinton supported doubling the higher education tuition tax credit; raising Pell Grants every year; and cracking down on abuses of private student loan companies that charge high interest rates. "We must be more serious about education," Clinton said. "One hundred percent of our students must graduate from high school and attend at least two years of community college." In closing, he said Hillary would restore respect for America in the world and use military force as a last resort. "She's the best candidate for president I've ever supported," he said. "She will never forget you."



Hundreds of students line up as they wait patiently to see Bill Clinton.



Chancellor Allen C. Meadors and his wife pay close attention to Bill Clinton's speech, along with the entire audience.



The audience excitedly raises their hands in support of Hillary Clinton's campaign and Bill Clinton's speech.



Former President Bill Clinton delivers his speech on economics, education, energy independence, and changes that Hillary Clinton can bring to the country.

A worker for Senator Hillary Clinton's campaign excites the crowd before introducing Bill Clinton.



Student Government Association President Barry Burch introduces Bill Clinton to over 1,500 students, faculty, and community members.

Former President Bill Clinton stops and takes pictures with the students as he exits the large crowd.

Many Moons Ago

Mary Rodgers, Jay Thompson, Marshall Barer, and Dean Fuller's musical *Once Upon a Mattress* lit up the stage on April 16-19 at the Givens Performing Arts Center. Over the four-night period, the play attracted approximately 600 people. The University's Director of Musical Theatre Hal Davis directed the production, which starred 25 UNCP students and an orchestra of 12 people. *Once Upon a Mattress* is a musical that takes place in a medieval kingdom ruled by an annoying Queen Aggravaine, played by Charlotte Cassidy, and the mute King Sextimus, played by Elisha Lawson. The king is mute as the result of a curse, which can only be reversed "when the mouse devours the hawk."

The show opens up with citizens complaining about a law set forth by the queen stating that no one is allowed to wed until the queen's son Prince Dauntless, played by Alan Parsons, does. In order for Dauntless to wed, a lady fit to be a princess must be found, an impossible task due to unfair tests devised by the queen. The play takes a turn when the leading knight of the kingdom, Sir Harry II, played by PJ Gajda, discovers that his fair Lady Larkin, played by Emily Rasdorf, is pregnant. In order to keep from great embarrassment and shame, Sir Harry must marry Lady Larkin. He sets off to find Prince Dauntless a princess who will pass the test.

Soon after, Sir Harry returns from his quest with Princess Winnifred, played by Ruth Golsteyn, a loud, strong, and unrefined little princess. Dauntless instantly falls for Princess Winnifred; however, his mother strongly dislikes her. With the help of her trusted wizard, played by Michael Bousquet, she designs a test for Winnifred. They choose to place a tiny pea under 20 thick mattresses. If the princess cannot fall asleep, then she is sensitive enough to marry Prince Dauntless.

Princess Winnifred, oblivious to the test, cannot fall asleep. The queen claims the test was rigged and rants. Prince Dauntless boldly tells the queen to "shut up," and the curse on King Sextimus is lifted. In the end, everything is as it should be, but not before the revelation of how Princess Winnifred passed the test. When the king, minstrel, and jester found out about the test, they placed sharp items under Winnifred's mattresses, enabling her to fall asleep.



Elisha Lawson and Alan Parsons do a fantastic job performing and keep the audience laughing.

PJ Gajda and Emily Rasdorf play a couple trying to marry.





Ruth Golsteyn, who starred as Princess Winnie, sang, danced and smiled her way into the hearts of viewers.



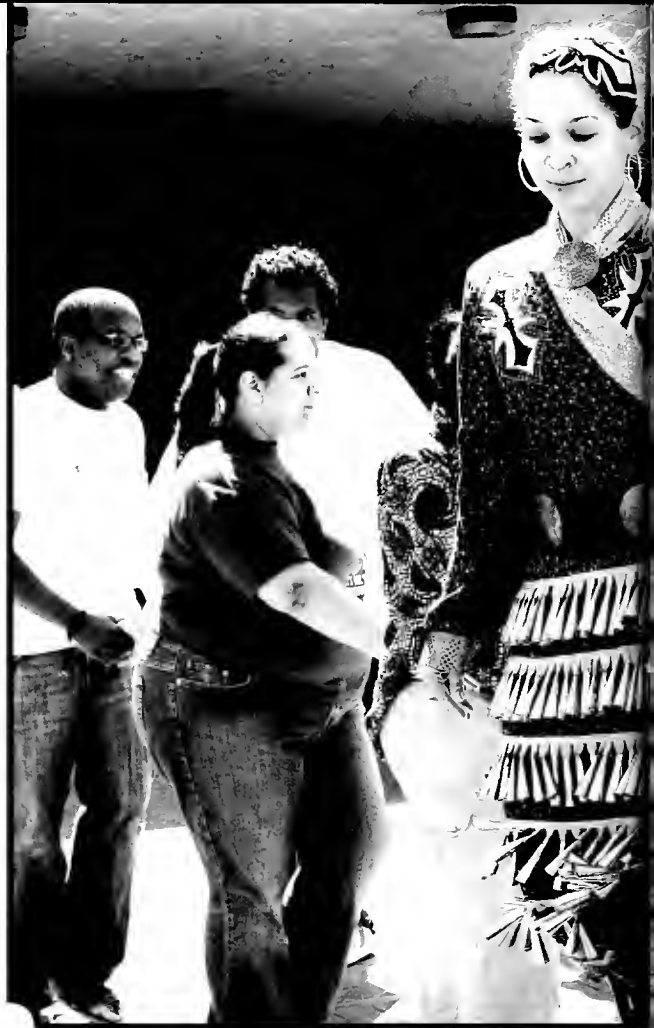
Sean Jacucke, who played the jester, sings and entertains the audience with his humor and charm.



Matthew Blue and Michael Bousquet discuss the queen's evil plan to keep her son from marrying Winnie.

The cast of *Once Upon a Mattress* performs their final number.

Jennifer Brown leads a group of students on stage to take part in a Native American dance



Little Miss Lumbee 2007-2008 Kendra Brooke sings her heart out while the crowd watches attentively

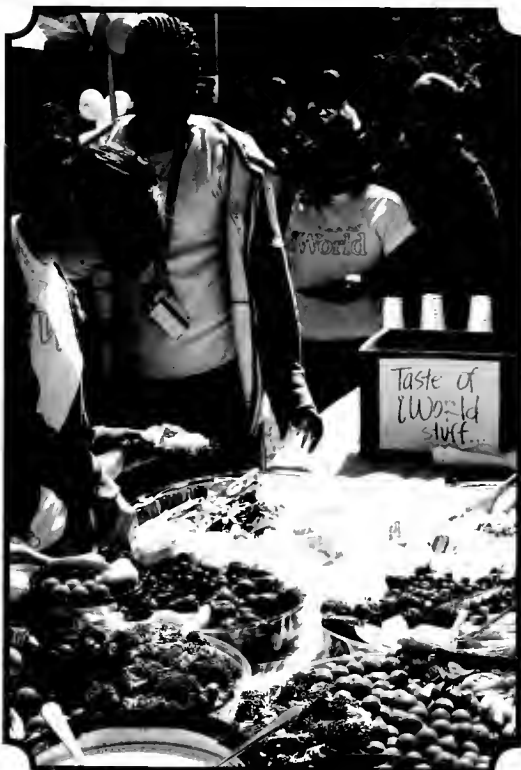
Joyn Attaochu, Tiffany Taylor, and friends dance in front of the University Center during A Taste of iWorld





iWorld One of a Kind

The Office of Multicultural and Minority Affairs, the Diversity Committee for Communities of Interest, the Asian Student Organization (ASO), and ACE sponsored *A Taste of iWorld* in the spring of 2008. The event previously called *A Taste of Culture* celebrated its eleventh year in embracing diversity. Booths were set up on the UC lawn representing the world's seven continents, except Antarctica. Students visited each booth to taste the food and to experience customs and traditions existing on each continent. The University's international students participate in this event every year, adding even more character and pizzazz to the festivities. Entertainment included culturally-based dancers, Lumbee Ambassadors, Miss UNCP, singers, and much more. Food, games, and other activities provided students and participants an opportunity to interact with one another and learn new things about different cultures. *A Taste of iWorld* is a great opportunity for the University to showcase its diverse community.



Along line forms as students pile their plates with foods from various cultures. **J**uan Carlos teaches this young lady how to Salsa.

Daniel Kelly gladly accepts his diploma from Chancellor Allen C. Meadows.

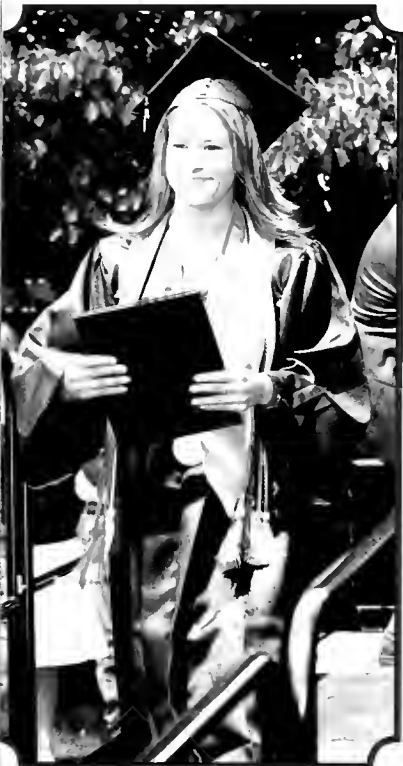
Martin "Tibby" Jacobs beams with pride as he receives his diploma.



Dean Kathleen Hilton, Dean of Graduate Studies, places a hood on this student receiving his Master's Degree.

This graduating senior makes graduation a family affair as he accepts his diploma from Chancellor Allen C. Meadows.





Amy Avirett, a member of the Honors College, walks off the stage with a sense of accomplishment after receiving her degree in Chemistry.

These students listen to commencement speaker and author Scott Turow's words with intensity as they reflect on their experiences at the University



Tassel Up

Commencement is the moment most every student anticipates the minute they step into their first class at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. On May 3, 475 students completed their academic journey at the University and received their degrees from Chancellor Allen C. Meadors. This was the Chancellor's 9th commencement ceremony.

"During your years here at UNCP, we have often spoken to you about leadership. We want each of you to take your place as leaders in your community, in your profession, and in society. You do not have to be born with characteristics or traits of a leader," Chancellor Meadors said. "You do not have to wait for a tap on the shoulder. You do not have to be at the top of the organizational chart. You can step up and lead at any point in your life."

Offering greetings to the graduates were Dr. Cheryl Locklear, a former UNCP trustee and current member of the UNC Board of Governors; Dr. Breedon Blackwell, chair of the UNCP Board of Trustees; Dr. David Zeigler, chair of the Faculty Senate; and Jason Bentzler (class of 1996), president of the Alumni Association. Dr. Mark Canada, English professor and winner of the 2008 UNC Board of Governors Teaching Excellence Award, was grand marshal.

The Big Finish

Commencement speaker Scott Turow, an attorney and author of seven best-selling novels, suggested graduates reject the famous words of poet Robert Frost, that there is "one road or the other." "We all took diverse routes to get here and we will all go different ways, but commencement is the one moment we all come together," he said. Everyone had come together, looking over a sea of graduates of one of America's most diverse universities; the black regalia was the same, but the people were not.

As a youthful idealist of the 1960s, Turow set out to become a great novelist but decided to go to law school instead. Looking back, Turow said he "met more great human beings in the law than I would have any where else." His two roads separated and came together again. Despite the fact that "fortune cannot be tamed," he said "remember who you are today; write your stories; and be loyal to yourselves."



Anxiously awaiting her turn to hold her degree, Samantha Garrison listens to graduation speaker Scott Turow.

These two graduates make last minute wardrobe adjustments before crossing the stage.



Courtney Boudousque raises her arms up in a sign of relief after receiving her diploma.

Marquita Malloy proudly represents Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



Seniors line the campus sidewalks as they make their way to the graduation ceremony.

Joshua Batchelor displays his custom-made graduation attire.



Graduation speaker Scott Turbow offers advice and praise to the class of 2008.

Kristin Lowery and Chris Williams cheer for a crowd



Teen Miss Lumbee Page Jones sings her heart out during the festivities at Pembroke Day



Community members and local school kids come out and visit the various booths set up on Pembroke Day

Annon Hollheld arrests Chon Director Dr. Gary Wright for a charity event at the BSI booth





Students line the sidewalk in front of the Mary Livermore Library and wait patiently for balloon creations like flowers, hearts, hats, and swords.

Cystal Bowen throws a ping-pong ball into a cup while friends Latonia Jacobs, Erica McGint, Crystal Chapman, Tamara Locklear, and Delora Oxendine look on.



A Community Celebration

For 20 years the University of North Carolina at Pembroke has devoted one day in the fall semester to the town of Pembroke, its residents, and various campus clubs, organizations, and local businesses. In the past, students, faculty, and community members have had to tough out the rain on Pembroke Day, but fortunately this year the skies were only slightly overcast. This day-long get-together gives students and faculty the opportunity to celebrate the town of Pembroke and the University with community members.

Pembroke Day, held on September 10, hosted various booths, events, and activities that gave new students at the University a chance to interact with Pembroke's organizations and also with local merchants. Cheerleaders chanted and showed their Pembroke spirit, performing tricks and dances in the University quad. The Marching Band, Color Guard, and Concert Choir also performed and helped keep people's Pembroke spirit up. Pulled pork sandwiches, grilled chicken, pasta and potato salads, vegetables, and desserts were available for guests under large black and gold striped tents. Hundreds sat at tables set up next to the library on the lawn or in the gazebo to talk and enjoy the food and music.

Junior Miss Lumbee Kayla Morgan performs for the crowd at Pembroke Day.



These community members are really enjoying their balloon hats on Pembroke Day.

Kelly Harris is handcuffed and put in jail as part of BSU's booth.



Bunches of Booths

Spectators strolled along the sidewalks between Old Main and the Mary Livermore Library and visited different campus and community booths. Most businesses and organizations set out promotional items such as hats, pens, or bags. Local businesses set up booths to showcase their products and sell small items such as handmade jewelry and handbags. Most students use Pembroke Day to promote their different clubs and organizations. Several Greek organizations showcased their Greek letters and colors while they passed out information on their fraternity or sorority. Many booths advertised upcoming events as they handed out flyers. The BSU booth is always a popular spectacle, where they hold designated people in jail in order to raise money for the Baptist Student Union House. Other fund-raisers took place as vendors sold cupcakes and drinks.

Pembroke Day festivities included face painting, caricatures, and a balloon twister. Mothers stood in line with their children to get balloon poodles, hats, and swords. Children from the community, as well as students, waited patiently in line to get their faces painted. Spectators gathered around a tree next to the water feature where they each got their own caricature portraits drawn. Miss UNCP Jamie Hunt, Teen Miss Lumbee Page Jones, and Junior Miss Lumbee Kayla Morgan were among a variety of singers and dancers who provided live entertainment.

Ashley Martin talks to Ryan Chavis of Phi Kappa Tau about her organization, Sigma Sigma Sigma.





Society of Physics students use their booth on Pembroke Day to demonstrate some physics principles to people walking by.



Even though Brandi Bullock is in BSU's jail, she still smiles for the camera.

The Concert Choir sings as part of the opening entertainment for the crowd on Pembroke Day.

Amber Summey, Brittany Brun, and Laura Haley smile while getting ready for the Homecoming parade.



Braves cheerleaders get the crowd pumped up at the Homecoming pep rally.

Members of the Braves football team exit the field after crushing Edward Waters, 43-8.





Phi Beta Sigma brothers Daniel Martin and Stan Williams enjoy a talk during the Homecoming parade.

The guys of the Hip-Hop Dance Team battle it out to see who is the best dancer at the Homecoming pep rally.



Steppin' Up

On Saturday, October 19, students all over campus celebrated as the University's football team won its fifth straight game of the season and the second Homecoming contest in the two-year history of the program. A record crowd of 4,334 students, faculty, and community members jammed into Grace P. Johnson Stadium to cheer on the Braves as the team thrashed Edward Waters College, 43-8. The Homecoming game brought the team's record to 7-1.

Many new traditions were established during UNCP's second year of football and 2008 Homecoming week. The crowd staged its first-ever "Back-in-Black" with almost every person in the entire stadium sporting black attire or body paint. The Class of 1958 became the first to hold its 50th reunion during a football game and contributed \$2,800 to the University's Golden Scholarship Endowment Fund. This year UNCP hosted its largest Homecoming parade ever. Each organization spent hours decorating and perfecting their floats for the event. The parade ended at the Irwin Belk Athletic Complex with the Spirit of the Carolinas Marching Band performing for about a thousand or more tailgaters.

Resident advisor Danny Williams Jr. is ready to lead the Homecoming parade with his staff in hand.

Homecoming King Trey O'Kimball and Homecoming Queen Yasmine Diaz pose for the camera after coronation



Bruce Bruce entertains the crowd with his slapstick humor at GPAC

Alex White, Scott Munizza, Deon Hamell, and Nate Hou take a break during the Homecoming dance.



Lights, Camera, Action

Comedians Bruce Bruce, DeRay Davis, and special guest Black Boy performed at GPAC on October 13 as part of Homecoming week. Over 400 students attended the event, hosted by ACE. The comedians interacted with the audience and even used some students as part of their act. Bruce Bruce, for example, nicknamed Demetruius James "Sweater," but that didn't bother him. "It was actually pretty cool. I mean I'm pretty popular now, plus it was all fun and games. It's comedy; it's supposed to be funny," James said.

"Lights, Camera, Action" was the theme of the annual Homecoming dance hosted by ACE on October 16 in the UC Annex from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. After paying a \$5 admission fee, students entered the Annex on a red carpet and had their picture taken like real celebrities. Red, white, and black balloons covered the floor, while camera-shaped balloons floated in the air.

Students ate fruits, vegetables, cookies, chicken wings, and meatballs served on tables scattered with star confetti. A live DJ took music requests from the more than 350 students who attended the dance. The wooden dance floor provided plenty of space to dance around. At the end of the night, students took home bubbles in miniature wine glasses as souvenirs.

The annual step show, held on October 18 at GPAC, capped off the University's week-long Homecoming celebration. All the participating Greek organizations practiced long and hard for this event. The Unanimous Hip Hop Dance Team kicked off the show with a bang, dancing to the song "Official Girl" by Cassie. The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha were the second group to perform and received a great audience response for their intricate moves. Zeta Phi Beta's choreography had a futuristic element to it and had the audience off their seats. The fourth performance was another routine by the Unanimous Hip Hop Dance Team, who ended up free styling for the crowd. Sigma Gamma Rho participated in their first step show this year and stunned the crowd with their moves

to Bell Biv Devoe. The final performance was by Phi Beta Sigma, who effectively used humor in their routine.

Comedian DeRay Davis raises the roof with his high brow comedy.



Alpha Kappa Alpha performs their flawless routine for the audience at the Homecoming Step Show.

These students pose for the camera as they enjoy the Homecoming dance and have a good time.



Ruth Ryan, Cheryl Hud-
leston, Chraine Allison,
and Allison Pillsbury are the roar-
ing stars of Halloween



This student smiles for the camera in the UNGI store during the Halloween Costume Contest.

An arts and crafts table provides students a creative outlet for their spooktacular sides on Halloween.



Sweets or Treats

The spirit of Halloween was in the air, as decorations and costumes were seen throughout the campus. Skeletons, spiderwebs, and pumpkins gave the cafeteria a seasonal feel, while orange and black streamers, candy dishes, and ghost decals kept residence halls spooky. Who says that older kids and grown-ups can't dress up for Halloween? Some students woke up at the crack of dawn to get their costumes and makeup just right. People remained in character all day and into the night. Students, faculty, and staff participated in the annual costume contest, hosted by the University Bookstore.

The UC Dining Hall also hosted carnival festivities allowing students to make cotton candy, candied apples, and other sweet treats. Students carved scary, funny, or silly faces into pumpkins during a jack-o-lantern workshop in the UC. The UC also had an arts and crafts table set up for students to paint, color, stencil, and create whatever they want.

Staff members like Penny Oxendine get dressed up to run the Halloween arts and craft table in the UC.

Various buildings on campus like the Hawk's Nest, decorate corners for Halloween.



Walking out the only way to get around campus on Halloween, Matthew Acker hit the parade bus, less on a flamingo. Jelena Shari and Chris Williams act out a "Where's Waldo?" scene outside the UC.

The Votes Are In!

Many students, faculty, and staff were excited about this year's presidential election. Both Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama made campaign appearances in nearby Fayetteville. On campus, over one hundred people anxiously awaited the arrival of Obama supporters Ellen Pompeo of *Grey's Anatomy* and Danielle Panabaker of *Shark* in the UC Annex on September 27. While sitting on the edge of the stage, the actresses encouraged the audience to register and get five other people to do so as well. Kal Penn of *House* talked with a smaller audience in Pine Hall in early November. Penn spoke about the importance of voting and how he came to support Barack Obama.

Before Election Day, students were busy registering people to vote and prompting those who were registered to go to the polls. Efforts ranged from word of mouth and the old-fashioned door-to-door technique to using Internet sites to reach out. "When knocking on doors, either people would come to the door and not answer it, or open it and then slam it. Some people had an attitude and were rude and just didn't want to vote," Katherine Davis said. "Others were happy to see us and were eager to register and learn more about the candidates." Students and community members visited the Pembroke Public Library for One-Stop Voting, registration, and absentee voting from October 16 to November 1. The SGA held an Election Night Bash in the UC lounge, where about 300 students watched Barack Obama win the presidential election.

Ellen Pompeo, Meredith from *Grey's Anatomy*, and Danielle Panabaker, from the new show *Shark*, come to UNCP to encourage students to vote.





Students cheer for their favorite presidential candidate and wait patiently in the VC Lounge to find out who would become our next president

Quennetta Johnson, Brittany Melvin, and Jackie McIntosh stand outside Pembroke Public Library after casting their votes in the 2008 presidential election.



During the campaign students come together to voice their opinions and try to make a difference.

Students sit outside and socialize during the Harmony Walk opening ceremony.



These young ladies hold the Chinese flag during the opening ceremony at Harmony Walk.

Gloria Attaochi proudly talks with the African Student Organization to promote diversity.

Come Together

On September 18, 2008, several organizations and students participated in the fifth annual Harmony Walk to support diversity. Students of all cultures, ethnicities, and ages came together and showed how diverse the University is and will continue to be. Student organizations created banners as part of the banner contest to celebrate diversity. This event allowed all students to come together as one and showcase the diversity on campus. Several changes around campus, such as a new Taco Bell and residence hall, helped to increase the student population and, in turn, its diversity. In fact, early in the fall semester Chancellor Allen C. Meadors announced that UNCP is the most diverse campus in the UNC system with students representing 28 different states and 21 different countries. Students gathered on the lawn in front of the water feature as keynote speaker Rosemarie Glenn opened her speech asking the audience, "What are you going to do today? Are you going to help someone or not? Are you going to choose to do the right thing or not?" Glenn

Miss Lumbee Taley Strickland, Junior Miss Lumbee, keynote speaker Rosemarie Glenn, Chancellor Allen C. Meadors, and Robert Canida walk together during the Harmony Walk.

spoke about the importance of helping people, of unity, of harmony, and of diversity. Also, Teen Miss Lumbee 2008 Ashley Haywood spoke about Lumbee culture.



Delta Sigma Theta sisters Sunni Stewart and Khjarra Caldwell pass the judges during the banner contest.

Keynote speaker Rosemarie Glenn talks about diversity.

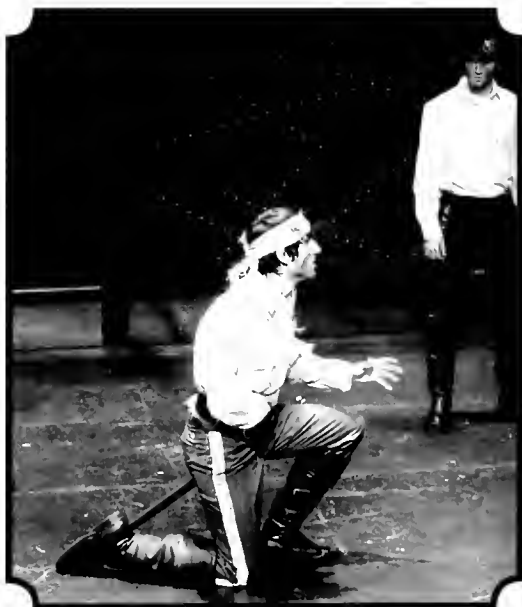
Something Wicked

The University Theatre's production of *Macbeth*, which ran from November 18 to 23, 2008, was a phenomenal success. Students fortunate enough to attend this sold-out show sat on the stage in the GPAC as they were treated to a post-apocalyptic view of Shakespeare's tale of ambition, betrayal, murder, and revenge. Playing the lead roles were Ryan Kelly as Macbeth, Charlotte Cassidy as Lady Macbeth, Elisha Lawson as Banquo, Alan Parsons as Malcolm, Wayne Malick as Macduff, and Marilyn Claire as Lady Macduff. Many in the cast were challenged by portraying several characters: Joey Sarno's multiple roles included Lenox, Lady Macduff's son, Seyton, and the second apparition, and Sean Jaenicke portrayed Fleance, Donalbaine, a witch, the third apparition, and Seyward's son. The talented student actors and actresses and the effectively-designed set brought a 21st-century look and feel to this classic Shakespearean tragedy directed by Assistant Professor Holden Hansen.



Sean Jaenicke holds a light for Elisha Layson (Banquo).

Sean Jaenicke appeals for mercy but does not receive it.





Ryan Kelly (*Macbeth*) is now king and reacts angrily to anyone, such as Joey Sarno, who questions his authority

Charlotte Cassidy as *Lady Macbeth* persuades her husband (Ryan Kelly) that the kingdom should be his



Emily Rasdorf, Jacquelyn Banks, Yanissa Perez de Leon, and Marilyn Claire portray the witches who lure *Macbeth* into his wicked activities.

Ryan Kelly celebrates his kingship at a banquet with his followers

Josie Torrence wraps a present for a local family in Scotland County as part of an Honors Council holiday activity.



Dr. Michael Spivey, George Johnson, and others in the band put everyone in the holiday spirit during the Holiday Social.



After getting their food, people socialize and appreciate the holiday decorations in the UC Annex.

Scott McNeil, JJ Davis, Jason Smith, and friends put students in the holiday spirit as they sing Christmas songs in the UC.



Spreading Holiday Cheer

December is the time of year when everyone expresses their gratitude, appreciation, and generosity toward each other. Students, faculty, and staff exchange gifts with one another and attend small holiday parties before exam week. The annual Holiday Social was held in the UC Annex this year. Students, faculty, and staff attended to celebrate the end of a great fall semester and bid farewell until the spring. The University's food service, Sodexo, hosted the Holiday Social and served chicken wings, meatballs, and other delicious foods, buffet style, to those who attended. The Holiday Social gave students, faculty, and staff a great opportunity to talk and bond over non-academic conversations. A band provided guests with live entertainment. And, of course, Santa Claus came down from the North Pole for a quick visit. Throughout the months of November and December, various campus clubs and organizations raised money and collected or bought toys, jackets, and other winter goodies for less fortunate families in the Robeson County area.

The holidays inspire people to give to others and spread cheer. As the semester came to a close, students could be heard singing holiday songs around campus and seen wearing Santa hats.

Santa Claus (Warren Love) takes a break during the Holiday Social in the UC Annex.



Jessica Bachovin brings her chihuahua, Emma, dressed in a Santa suit to her last class of the semester.

Faculty, staff, and students line the hallway in the UC Annex to pile their plates with heavy hors d'oeuvres during the Holiday Social.

Tophy McClean and friends
listen to students' presenta-
tions on their home countries.

A group of four students dem-
onstrates martial arts to the
audience.



Celebrate Culture

Showcasing the diversity at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, the fourth annual celebration of Asia Day was an event full of information, food, and entertainment. On November 19, Asian cultures from various countries such as China, South Korea, India, the Philippines, Singapore, and Japan each were each represented. "Asia Day is important to UNCP, as well as the Pembroke community, because it is a wonderful example of diversity on display," Dr. Dandan Liu said. Dr. Liu brought her daughter and parents, who still live in China, to Asia Day. With so many Asian instructors and students, Asia Day allowed these members of the University community to demonstrate their cultures' dances, arts, and cuisines. The programmed activities at the 2008 Asia Day included Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, and Martial Arts demonstrations, music performances, and a fashion show. The most popular attraction was the Chinese calligraphy. Students enjoyed having their names written in this ancient Chinese art form.

These two pose
for a picture dur-
ing the Asia Day fes-
tivities.



Several European international students participate in the festivities at Asia Day



Three students attend Asia Day in traditional dress from their country.

International student Yan "Vivian" Kong proudly represents China with her friend.

New Degrees

Over four hundred students received their bachelor's and master's degrees on Saturday, December 13, at the University's 2008 Winter Commencement. Family and friends filled the main gym to capacity to witness this milestone in their loved ones' lives.

After an invocation by Rev. Ron Sanders, the graduates received greetings from Dr. Cheryl Ransom Locklear of the UNC Board of Governors, Dr. Breeden Blackwell of the UNCP Board of Trustees, and Jason Bentzler of the Alumni Association. The audience was amused by Dr. Tony Curtis's remarks on behalf of the faculty, which were all tied to song lyrics, and the students welcomed the words of Hannah Simpson, president of the Student Government Association.

The main commencement address was given by Dr. Mark Canada, Professor of English and recipient of the Board of Governors' Excellence in Teaching Award. Dr. Canada urged the graduates to make their own marks on the pages of history.



David Parks is hoping for a job, as are many of his fellow graduates.

This graduate student's son is greeted by Chancellor Meadows after his mom receives her master's degree.





Barry Belles, a Special Education major, is congratulated by Dr. Leah Fiorentino

Sigma Alpha Iota sister Heath Ser Oliver is happy to get her turn to walk across the stage



Phi Beta Sigma brother Se-drick Lewis lifts his diploma up to signify his sense of accomplishment.

Balloons from family and friends add to the festive atmosphere in the gym

Valerie Buchite makes sure she gets a shot of her big moment by bringing her own camera on stage.



Cell phones are an essential part of students' lives, even on graduation day.

Music majors Matthew Blue and Kei in Bevoite celebrate together at the end of the ceremony.





Joseph Waring proudly accepts his degree from Chancellor Allen C. Meadors.

This graduate is so joyful to be receiving her hard-earned diploma.



Once all the speeches were concluded, it was time for the main event—the awarding of degrees. Members of the audience cheered as their graduates' names were announced, and students reacted with a variety of emotions as they accepted their long-awaited diplomas.

After the degrees were conferred, Chancellor Meadors acknowledged the faculty and the families who had helped make the graduates' accomplishments possible. "The thing that distinguishes most successful people is how hard they work," he said. "Work hard and be passionate about your work.... It's been our pleasure to have you here," he concluded.

The Chancellor then asked the audience to acknowledge those graduates who had served in the military, and this produced a long and heart-felt round of applause. Finally, the graduates walked out of the gym into the bright December sunshine as the newest holders of degrees from UNCP.

After many years of hard work on the yearbook, Jennifer Key is happy to be completing her Biology degree.

Finally . . .

Snow Day!

It all started on the cold morning of January 20, as snow covered the sidewalks, roads, and buildings of UNCP. A two-hour delayed opening was in effect, but as soon as large flurries of snow took over, classes were canceled. Students were excited as they rushed outside to play in the winter wonderland. Residents of all the apartment complexes and residence halls on campus got bundled up and made their way outside with snowballs in hand. Residents from West Hall and Wellons Hall had a snowball fight in the courtyard of West Hall and eventually merged in front of Taco Bell. Students all over campus built snowmen, made snow angels, and wrote their names in the snow. Some just walked around enjoying the lovely winter scenery and break from classes. Students took a break and got some warm food from the cafeteria. Some stopped by the UC to watch President Barack Obama get sworn into office. After President Obama was sworn in, students rushed outside and started a big snowball fight outside the UC. Snowballs were launched back and forth as residents from West, Pine, Wellons, and Oak Halls teamed up against residents from surrounding apartment complexes.



This student packs his snowball as he chases one of his friends.

Three inches of snow cover campus in a soft blanket of white.



Students all over campus break into teams and participate in snowball fights.

Kevin Speer aims a snowball at Kara Simpson.



Samantha Deese smiles next to a miniature snowman she found on the bridge.



Katy Thompson shows off her snow angel she made in the practice soccer field.

Tomika Brooks, Brea Hall, and Jessica Joyner pose during their Skate Night



Members of Lambda Theta Phi show their Latin side during a recruitment meeting



Greek Life

Fraternity and sorority life gives students an opportunity for lifetime membership in an organization committed to value-based leadership. The cornerstones of Greek life are academic excellence, leadership, community service and philanthropy, brotherhood, and sisterhood. Greek membership also provides resources for mentorship and career services. Many Greek organizations on campus host a number of fundraisers and social activities for students to participate in. For example, many Greek organizations volunteer in Relay For Life, and Zeta Tau Alpha raises money for breast cancer research year round. The University hosts a number of Greek chapters designed to provide a great fit for students. The following are the active Greek organizations at the University: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Pi Omega, Delta Sigma Theta, Epsilon Chi Nu, Zeta Tau Alpha, Zeta Phi, Beta, Theta Kappa, Theta Xi, Kappa Alpha Psi, Lambda Theta Alpha, Lambda Theta Phi, Sigma Gamma Rho, Sigma Omicron Epsilon, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Sigma Tau Gamma, Phi Beta Sigma, Phi Kappa Tau, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and Phi Sigma Nu. Kappa Delta and Pi Kappa Alpha joined the rest of the Greek organizations and opened new chapters this year at the University.

Members of ZTA and participants stand on top of the car they destroyed.



Yasmine Diaz and Jamal Whitted enjoy the simple things during Sleep for the Homeless.

Kappa Alpha Psi brother Crooke Davis recruits new members during Pembroke Day.



Alan Alcala and friend don't let the weather affect them as they Climb for Victory.

Members of Delta Sigma Theta and Kappa Alpha Psi enjoy a luncheon.



Ashlon Young smiles into the crowd in her purple evening gown.

Miss UNCP 2008 Jamee Hunt puts a terra on Miss UNCP 2009 Katy Locklear.



Manon Victoria Smith presents a bouquet of flowers and the Miss Congeniality Award from Miss UNCP 2008 Jamee Hunt.

Shalnee Hane performs a dance in the talent portion of the competition.

Aylin Nunez performs an interpretive dance as her talent for the Miss UNCP Scholarship Pageant



Arlene Grady impresses the crowd as she sings Leann Rimes's "How Do I Live?" during the talent portion



Presence & Poise

Sorority sisters packed the GPAC for the 57th annual Miss UNC Pembroke Scholarship Pageant on January 29, 2009. Zeta Tau Alpha sister Katy Locklear, 19, won the crown by the end of the night. Seven contestants vied for the title, performing in four categories: the on-stage question concerning their platform, swimsuit, talent, and evening-wear. Locklear's platform was breast cancer awareness: early detection is the best prevention. First runner up, Marion Victoria Smith, won a \$500 scholarship and a Miss America preliminary trophy. Smith also won Miss Congeniality and the Jessica Reed and Family Community Service Scholarship. Second runner up, Shahnee Haire, won a \$300 scholarship and a Miss America preliminary trophy. Third runner up, Ashton Young, won a \$200 and a Miss America Preliminary trophy. Contestants Arlene Grady, Aylin Nunez, and Alaina Bowden each won a \$100 scholarship.

Alaina Bowden performs a beautiful song on the flute.



Nikki Louken and Melinda Shipp walk through the cold wind around campus during a University snow day.

Although dorms and most apartments do not allow pets, students bring their furry companions for visits on campus.



Students take a break from school work during a game night at Village Apartments.

These two North Hall residents plant seeds in their newly decorated pots during an RA-sponsored activity.

Living Large

Apart from the activities on campus, which all students participate in outside of the classroom, is the daily life of dorm and apartment residents. This University provides a great place for students to learn in a safe environment while having fun at the same time. Students can go to the Hawk's Nest to play pool, go bowling, play table tennis, or play arcade games when they're taking a break from hitting the books. During exam week the library is always full of students studying. Oak and Pine Hall serve as the two co-ed dorms on campus, North and Belk Hall house only girls, and West and Wellons Hall house only boys. Village Apartments gives upperclassmen more independence and the opportunity to cook their own food while still being on campus. Many sororities and fraternities tend to live near one another at the surrounding apartments on campus. The first floor of Oak Hall is designated exclusively for Maynor Honors College students, while the second floor of Oak Hall is reserved for Teaching Fellows. These students have the unique opportunity to live closely with one another, which is very beneficial for the students. Dorm and apartment life gives students the opportunity to get to know their classmates better and puts them into real life situations where they learn how to get along with others. Whether you see students hanging out in their rooms, playing video games, watching TV, or studying, you'll be sure to see smiles on their faces.



Kat Thompson and Megan Maier take a break from studying to play a game of pool.

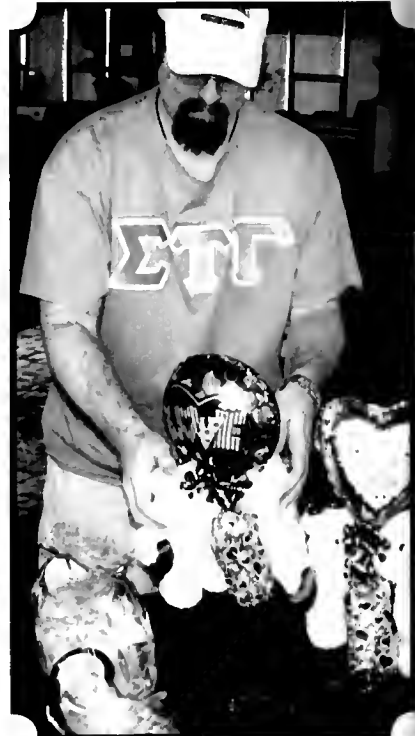
Sigma Sigma Sigma sisters hang out at their place in Pembroke Place.

Be My Valentine

It happens only once every year. The campus is filled with everything from balloons and stuffed animals to roses and candy. Student organizations set up tables in the UC Lounge to promote goodies to sell for people with loved ones. Most of them sold Valentine's Day goodies but a good portion of the money went toward Relay for Life. ZTA sold "Kiss Away Cancer" foam kisses to place on their Relay for Life banner. Sigma Gamma Rho let students make Valentine's Day cards for children who were sick in the hospital. The annual "Create A Plush" returned this year with a variety of stuffed animals to choose from, like dogs, raccoons, bears, and even foxes. Students waited and lined up by the UC door to get one. On February 12, the staff of the cafeteria catered and served everyone for the Valentine's dinner. Couples and friends came in and got seated as hot delicious food was prepared for them along with tasteful desserts. A.C.E. spiced things up this year with "The Art of Kissing." Host and author Michael Christian gave a funny and most comical performance as he used student couples to demonstrate over 30 kissing techniques.



Ben Williams and Amber Kempter help two others participate in an exercise on stage during "The Art of Kissing," hosted by ACE for Valentine's Day.



Glenn Goldbaugh of Sigma Tau Gamma sells gift baskets, balloons, teddy bears, roses, and candy to passersby on Valentine's Day in the UC.



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Johnna Williams and Kieyon Nash look into one another's eyes during "The Art of Kissing."

A Zeta Tau Alpha sister sells "Kiss Away Cancer" hearts to Brittany Davis in the UC.



Brittany Jernigan and Katie Hall sell Valentine's Day goodies for their sorority, Sigma Sigma, in the UC.

Nick Phillips and Samantha Deese stuff their plush animals at a table in WOW on Valentine's Day.

Ashley Mumb (Penny) welcomes Elisha Lauson (Kolenkhor) and Charlotte Cassidy (Olga) to stay and eat dinner with the family.



Ian Hunt (Paul) inspects a firecracker that he and Andrew Aaron (Mr. de Pinna) have been working on.

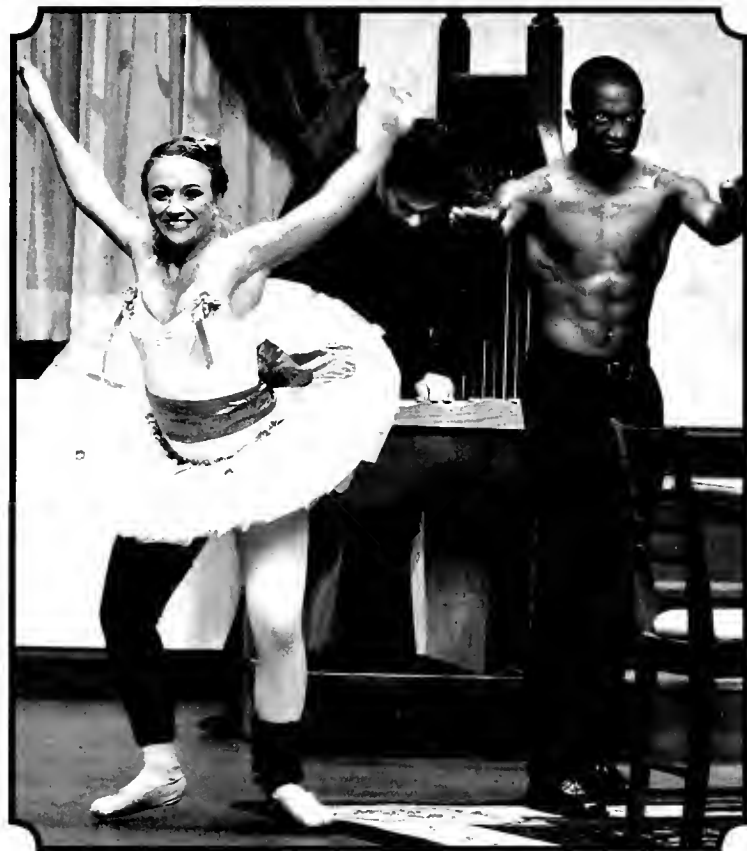
Mrs. Neely, who played one of the G-men, carries Taylor Falden (Gay Wellington) down the stairs as she drunkenly sings for her audition.





Elisha Lawson (*Kolenkhov*) spins Dexter Anderson (*Mr. Kirby*) around before flipping him to the ground, while Alan Parsons (*Grandpa*) watches.

Ruth Golsteyn (*Essie*) receives her daily dance lesson from Elisha Lawson, her Russian ballet instructor.



Family Affair



Under the direction of Chet Jordan, the University Players presented *You Can't Take it With You* Feb. 19 through the 21 at the GPAC. Written by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, the play starred 19 people. The story revolves around the relationship between Alice Sycamore, played by Yanissa Perez de Leon, and Tony Kirby, played by Joshua Posey. The two come from different families; the Sycamores are eccentric and poor, and the Kirbys are upper-class and snooty. Ashley McLamb, a Theatre Arts major, played Penny Sycamore and Ian Hunt made his debut on the GPAC stage as Paul Sycamore. Alan Christopher Parsons convincingly played the party of Grandpa, with slicked back white hair and a walking stick. Mr. Kirby, played by Dexter Anderson, and Mrs. Kirby, played by Emily Rasdorf, entertained the audience after they showed up at the Sycamores' house for dinner on the wrong day. Ruth Gostelynn, who played Essie Sycamore Carmichael, danced her way around the stage throughout the show, while her husband Ed Carmichael, played by Orin Bartlett, played the piano. Using a strong Russian accent, Elisha Lawson, who played Boris Kolenkhov, landed many laughs. Charlotte Cassidy, who played Olga, also got a few good laughs from the audience. Other performers included Andrew Aaron,

Joshua Posey (*Tony*) convinces Yanissa Perez de Leon (*Alice*) that despite their family differences, they can stay together.

Lenair Koonce, Jamaal Anthony, Taylor Folden, Jamel L. Dee, Annette Glen, Mac Nevels, and Stephanie Tillman.



NOW-Diversity is one of the many things you will find in the 61 organizations to join here at UNCP

THEN-Just nine years ago (far right) there were fewer organizations on campus but diversity was still evident

Experience of a Lifetime

Student organizations are always a central component to campus life. In 1973, only 36 student organizations were on the campus of Pembroke State University, ranging from SGA to the Karate Club. Now, there are over 61 student organizations available for students to join.

Greek Life has also changed drastically over the past three decades. In 1973, there were 9 Greek-lettered organizations. In 2006, an Office of Greek Life was formed, and it currently manages the 21 fraternities and sororities that UNCP has to offer. Both Greek and non-Greek lettered organizations provide students with experiences and opportunities that can only be received by becoming involved. Performing a routine in front of your peers, giving back to the community, addressing issues that affect the students of UNCP, and putting together the book you are reading are all examples of the opportunities that joining the various clubs and organizations have to offer.



Members of many of the organizations in the All Greek Council participate in Leadership in May 2008.

Members of Hok Nosai team up to get students to sign up for their annual Basketball Tournament.



All Greek Council—Front: Executive Officers Tomika Brooks, Danielle Williams, Ashley Bunnell, Yuasmine Dias; also pictured are representatives from each of the 21 fraternities and sororities that make up the All Greek Council.



National Pan-Hellenic Council—Front: Tomika Brooks, Shaniqua Moore, Almer Strong, Third: Brihany Ray, Stan Will, Khajarra Caldwell, Trevor Kimball; Back: Yetunde Akindabunsi.



UNITY

Unity is a major component of any organization on UNCP's campus. A prime example is seen in the many functioning councils of Greek-lettered organizations. The All Greek Council (AGC) is composed of all 21 fraternities and sororities active on campus. AGC sponsored Greek Week, IMPACT, and a variety of service activities for the local community. In 2008 the first AGC Executive Board was formed. The officers were President Danielle Williams, Vice President of Educational Programming Ashley Bunnell, Vice President of Communications Yuasmine Diaz, and Vice President of Service and Philanthropy Tomika Brooks.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council is composed of the six historically African American fraternities and sororities at UNCP. Led by President Tomika Brooks, NPHC hosted a variety of service-related and social activities. These programs included the Homecoming Stepshow, NPHC Rollout, and fundraisers for Relay for Life.

Hok Nosai consists of Phi Sigma Nu Fraternity and Alpha Pi Omega Sorority. It was formed on UNCP's campus in 1996.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated hosted their annual Skee-Week. Programs held during this week were related to non-

Brea Hall and Tomika Brooks collect money during the AKA Skate Night event.

traditional entrepreneurship, economics, technology, health, and the Black family.



EMPOWERING

Many of the Greek organizations on campus aim to empower the surrounding community and their peers through mentoring, educational programs, and community service.

Alpha Pi Omega was led by President Jennifer Brown and Vice President Lauren Locklear. They co-sponsored Hok Nosai Week and an Annual Spring Unity Pow Wow. Some of their community services included Adopt-a-Highway and Relay for Life.

The Omicron Nu chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was led this year by president Brittany Ray. They participated in a number of empowering activities and programs. During the Fall 2008 semester they donated over 50 books to local schools and held a canned food drive for the local homeless shelter. They also mentored the Scotland High School Steppers.

Epsilon Chi Nu Fraternity celebrated its second year on the campus of UNCP. They empowered the local community by holding a forum entitled "Being Native American Today." They brought in elders from the community and discussed issues that Native Americans are facing today. Epsilon Chi Nu also volunteered at the Boys & Girls Club of America.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated was led by Christopher Lynch, who has been president for the past 3 years. They focused on their national platforms, which consist of Empowerment of the Black Man, March of Dimes, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Locally, they continued a 3 year long program with CIS tutoring. In February 2009, the Nu Omicron chapter celebrated 20 years on the campus of UNCP.

The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. sell baked goods to students in the UC.



Alpha Pi Omega—Front: Jennifer Brown, Jansine Locklear; Back: Lauren Locklear, Ashley Mountain, Stefanie Anderson, Alex White



Delta Sigma Theta—Angel Johnson, Anitra Williams, Angela Harding, Tori Melvin, Nirva Mabautiere, Jessica Aury, Kajarra Caldwell, Brittany Ray



Kappas Lee Moore and DeWayne Spears show off their smooth moves during their coming-out show.

Alex White and Lauren Locklear of Alpha Pi Omega create beautiful dolls during Pembroke Day.



Chi Nu—Byron Umbrey, Aaron Locklear, Brian Norton, John Paul Jr., Caanan Worriax, Peter Kinto



Kappa Alpha Psi—Front: Cortez Brown, Crooke Davis, David Murray, Wayne Brown, Christopher Lynch, Back: Barry Burch Jr., AJ Kinsey, DeWayne "Weezie" Spears

Vanessa Diaz and Fantasy Lozada of Lambda Theta Alpha take time to pose for the camera at the Homecoming Greek Alumni Social.



Phi Beta Sigma member Jamal Whitted endures the cold night as he raises money for the homeless.



Kappa Delta—Front: Kaitlyn Monroe, Kandace Loar, Ashley Dellinger, Michelle Hammonds, Kasille Shelton, Illya Hunt, Alicia Ellis, Middle: Rhonda Curry, Jamie Gibson, Melissa Whit, Stacey Benson, Catherine Shermaker, Kristen Hendrix, Heather Godwin, Holly Petry; Back: Jessie Wente (Chapter Development Consultant), Erin Usrey, Emily Siddle, Robyn Bertolacci, Heather Jones, Cathy Knudson, Aubrie Jones, Krista Beasley



Lambda Theta Alpha—Vanessa Diaz

SERVICE

Kappa Delta Sorority returned to UNCP's campus in the Fall of 2008 with 33 young women. Nationally, the sorority supports "Prevent Child Abuse of America," Girl Scouts of America, and the Dove Beauty Campaign for women.

Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated was chartered on UNCP's campus in 2005. This year, LTA has continued to work with their philanthropy, Southeastern Regional Family Violence Center. The sorority earned many awards at the 2007 Club and Organizations Award Banquet.

Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Incorporated was led by President Brayam Pinilla. The fraternity celebrated 33 years in existence in December 2008. This year Lambda Theta Phi served communities both far and near. They tutored students at Hoke High School and cleaned a soccer field for underprivileged youth in Athens, Georgia. The fraternity also hosted a Latino Fest on campus and partnered with Residence Life to provide salsa-dancing lessons.

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated did not go unrecognized this year with their many deeds of service done for the local community. The Nu Iota Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma was the winner of the 2007-2008 Chancellor's Cup Competition. They were recognized by their national with the Sigma Wellness award for raising the most money for Relay for Life in the state of NC. Nu Iota also performed roadside clean-ups,

Brayam Pinilla shows off this Conquistador pride and colors during the annual Pembroke Day.

prostate and breast cancer awareness programs, and Sleep-out for the Homeless.



BROTHERHOOD

Phi Kappa Tau's mission is to champion a lifelong commitment to brotherhood, learning, ethical leadership, and exemplary character. The men of Phi Kappa Tau are committed to offering members leadership opportunities and an avenue to succeed in academic and philanthropic endeavors. UNCP's chapter of Phi Kappa Tau was led by Advisor Justin Winans, President David Amadi, and Vice President Eric Terwilliger.

UNCP's Eta Beta Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia was chartered on March 21, 1971, making it the oldest fraternity on campus. The fraternity was founded in the name of Music with the goal of uplifting mankind. Music majors, education majors, broadcasting majors, computer science majors, sociology majors, theatre majors, and biology majors are all brothers of the fraternity. They are each conductors, composers, band members, singers, listeners, concert-goers, fans and promoters. This fraternity runs under the advisement of Aubrey Swett.

Seven young men with a vision to bring cohesion and self-reliance to native men founded Phi Sigma Nu. On February 3, 1997, UNCP recognized Phi Sigma Nu as a Greek organization, making it the first American Indian fraternity in the nation. As Phi Sigma Nu continues to grow and foster the resiliency of native men, so will its commitment to make meaningful contributions to society. Reggie Lowery advises this fraternity.

Pi Kappa Alpha International Fraternity is composed of men who share similar ideals of friendship, truth, honor, and loyalty.

Advisor Glen Burnette helps run Pi Kappa Alpha.

Phi Kappa Tau members raise money during their annual Climbing for Victory Fundraiser.



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Phi Kappa Tau—Front: Matthew Miller, Barret Locklear, Steve Buchanan, Alan Abala, Zach Hodges, Ryan Chavis, Brett Druzak; Back: Dave Purks, David Amadi, Josh Posey, Daniel Perdue, Enoc Robledo



Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia—Front: Matt Dault, Jonathan Moore, Adam Jason Thiele; Back: Jaquabn Glover, Devin Neely, Jemal Miller



Members of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity show off their history and pride.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia members show off the banner they designed for Harmony Walk.



Sigma Nu—Front: Marcus Deese, Taylor Deese. Back: Tommie Locklear, Devan Locklear, Devan Flanagan, Kamron Locklear, William Oxendine, Josh Locklear.

Pi Kappa Alpha—Front: Candler Collins, Chris Durand, Matt Odell, Corey Evans, Chad Wilkins, Danny Jones, Daniel Ajure. Middle: Woody Wilson, Justin Osborne, Justin Jacobs, Jake Johnson, Daniel Shipp, Andrew Elliott, Mack Geary, Zac Van Horn. Back: Wayne Blevins, Owen Thomas, Timothy Jackson, Joey Buoniconti, Joel Morrison, Gerald Hughes, Chad Hurin.

Members of Sigma Gamma Rho participate in their first Pembroke Day.

Sisters and friends of Sigma Sigma Sigma stay warm during the early hours of tailgating before a home football game.



Sigma Alpha Iota—Front: Lora Pittman, Nikki Weaver, Sara Pingitore, Lauren Busch; Second Row: Emily Horton, Heather Oliver, Joycelyn Lighty, Jacqueline McIntosh, Stephanie Combs; Third Row: Shelly Dalziel, Brandi Bullock, Andrea McDowell, Jessica Horton, Carolina Choi; Back: Sunni Pagan, Alyssa Johnson, Markye Ray, Lena Guisewille, Beth Hoover

Sigma Gamma Rho—Tianna Scriven, Marschia Watson, LaSbonda

SISTERHOOD



The Eta Beta Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota had 25 active members on campus. Their officers included President Sally Pittman, Vice President Stephanie Combs, Secretary Andrea McDowell, Treasurer Sara Pingitore, and Advisor Denisha Sanders. The sisters of Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity encourage, nurture, and support the art of music.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was chartered on campus this year in the Spring of 2008. They were led by President Tianna Scriven and Vice President Lashonda Payne. The organization participated in the Day of Service, roadside clean-ups, and volunteered at local schools. The sorority also made history by holding their first-ever Sigma Gamma Rho new member presentation on UNCP's campus. The organization presented 3 new members to the campus.

Sigma Omicron Epsilon was also new to our campus this year. President Brittany Oxendine and Advisor Lawrence Locklear led UNCP's chapter of Sigma Omicron Epsilon.

President Nora Tyndall and Vice President Ashley Faircloth led UNCP's Delta Theta Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sorority. "Sigma Serves Children" through the Robbie Paige Memorial, which sponsors and offers support for play therapy for terminally ill children in the Chapel Hill Hospital and the Children's Medical Center in Dallas, TX. The organization held its annual "Rocking for Robbie" fundraiser, in which the sorority

withstood all types of weather in rocking chairs while collecting money for the Robbie Paige Foundation.

Kourtney Spaulding of SOE and members of Kappa Delta show Greek unity at the IMPACT Institute.



Chloe Collier, Mirel Smith, Jennifer Bailey Sherwood, Mandi Terry, Brittany Alicia Pyncheon, Brittany Jernigan, Hope Pynchall, Ashley Martin, Ashley Faircloth, Jordan Pyncheon

ACHIEVEMENT

Sigma Tau Gamma achieved a lot during its first year back on campus. Led by president Kerry Floyd, the organization worked with Habitat for Humanity, Books for Kids, Toys for Tots, and local schools. They also founded the first chapter of Student Veterans of America, an organization that will help veterans adjust to college life.

Theta Xi Fraternity, led by president Alex Hutchinson, achieved many things this year. The fraternity was ranked by their national office for having the 3rd best website in the nation and also ranked 2nd for highest GPA. The fraternity continued to sponsor programs with their national philanthropies, Habitat for Humanity and Multiple Sclerosis.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated focused this year on a series of programs that were aimed at helping other people achieve things in life. They hosted Women Against Rape (WAR); Zeta's Helping Other People Excel (Z HOPE), which they ranked 2nd place nationally; and *The Vagina Monologues*. Also, Jessica Hayes, a December graduate of the Pi Lambda chapter, was recognized as "Soror of the Year."

Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority has been a very visible part of UNCP's Greek Life since 1973. The sorority was led by president Ashley Bunnell this year. ZTA received many national awards, including the "Crown Chapter" Award, an Academic Achievement award for most improved GPA in the nation, and a "Helping Hands" award. The sorority also held its third Annual "Paint the Town Pink" event where they raised money for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure campaign.

Zeta Tau Alpha members are thrilled after a successful turnout for their Smash a Car event.



Sigma Tau Gamma—Glenn Goldbaugh (Vice President of Programs), Dwight Brewington (Vice President of Membership), John Lerma (Vice President of Finance), Kerry Floyd (President)



Theta Xi—Front: Don Maynor, Paul Alderman, Joshua Fields, John Medford, Stephen Lee, Thomas, Brian Plaster, Middle: Trey Archer, Nick Lassiter, Jerry Sogner, Rully Pommeroy, Rob, Mike Smith, Von Dues; Back: Jamie Bortz, Terrance McDurmid, Alex Hudson, Alex H, Tom Corti, Mike Mitchell, Ty Cecil, Adam Hughes, Andrew Reich



Sigma Tau Gamma brothers Ben Huddle and Clint Haywood spread Valentine's Day love as they sell balloons, stuffed animals, and candy.

New and old members of Zeta Phi Beta get the chance to reunite at the annual Greek Dinner.



Zeta Phi Beta—Krystal Hurbert, Estella Johnson, Tyneeka Anderson, Leida Davis, Yasmine Diaz, Bianca Harris

Zeta Tau Alpha—Front Brandy Nida, Danielle DePiano, Courtney Smith, Brittany Dupree, Heather Reed, Middle Gabrielle Lover, Suzie Burgess, Kerri White, Ashleigh Lynch, Savannah McEwan, Danielle Williams, Courtney Oxendine, Back Sunni Haralalka, Hannah Worax, Jessica Barnes, Emily Jarman, Erika Garner, Katie Larsen, Traci Jones

Debbie Jacobs of Disability Support Services, an office that works closely with the DSO, provides information at Pembroke Day.



Kayla Pearson staffs the SGA ACE booth at Pembroke Day.



SGA—Front: Bailey, Sherwood, Hannah Simpson, Bokedi "Candy" Pambu, Scott Muntizza, Middle: Rigoberto "Arjay" Quizon, Ashley Timmreck, Musbeerab Ali, Tiara Washington, Lamar Courmon, Kayla Pearson, Fadra McMillan, Wade Chavis, Back: David Amadi, Yetunde Akindabunsi, Ronnell Aderson, Efraim Colon, Ardi MuKenge



ACE—Front: Shenika Mitchell, Galistia Groves, Lasbanda Payne, Lamar Courmon, Vanessa Terond Row: Kayla Pearson, Kanisha Love, Katera Brammon, Kendra Galbreath, Vanessa Diaz, McKinney, Katherine Laws, Third Row: Sada Payne, Kiaru Garrett, Jermaris Genwright, Alex Babgi Solomon. Back: Duane Deberry, Britiany Raines, Sidney Thomas, Amber McNeill

Opportunity

The 2008-2009 Student Government Association was led by President Hannah Simpson. The position of the Vice-President began in 2008 with Candy Pambu. At the beginning of the Spring 2009 semester Jamel Porter filled this position. SGA also hosted Student Issues Forums.

The Association of Campus Entertainment (ACE) was led by Coordinator Jermaris Genwright. ACE is responsible for bringing entertaining events to UNCP's campus. This year ACE sponsored events such as open-mic nights, back-to-school dances, comedians, and game shows. The students who work on the ACE staff have the opportunity to work with a variety of people and develop their leadership skills through hands-on experience.

The Disabled Student Organization (DSO) provides opportunities to get to know and work with a diverse group of students. DSO volunteers with the Odum Home and the Boys and Girls Club. They also fundraise at GPAC during events, where they provide the concession stand for the people who come to see the show.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is a national organization that gives people the opportunity to work to protect the rights of all people. The NAACP at UNCP was led by President Anthony Bryant and Vice President Katri Benjamin. This year the organization marched in

Raleigh, NC, at HK on J, which is a march that focuses on anti-racism, anti-war, and anti-poverty.

ACE members Jermaris Genwright, Cassie Vinson, and Shenika Mitchell participate at Leadershape 2008.



Michelle, Jasmine Brown, B...ung, Alexandra Watson

Involved in Academics

The Criminal Justice Club provides a way for students to interact beyond the classroom and serve their fellow students and community. Community service projects and other activities that the club sponsors allow students to apply criminal justice principles in new and familiar situations.

The English Club was led by President Stephanie Starnes and advised by Dr. Melissa Schaub. It is open to all students and faculty who share a love of English and all its aspects, including creative writing, literature, and drama. This academic school year, the club sponsored a cook-out, a series of Scrabble tournaments, and an April Fool's Day poetry reading.

The UNCP Art Organization, better known as the Art Club, was founded in 1942. The Art Club seeks to bring art to the campus at UNCP and to the community at large. This year it was advised by Stephen Robison. Officers were President Kendall Etkorn, Vice President Kim Davis, Secretary Andre Eble, and Treasurer Cassandra Adams.

The goals of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) include enhancing their knowledge of public relations and working to serve the profession.

Alex Roth makes a purchase at the Art Club art sale.



Criminal Justice Club members visit the headquarters of the State Bureau of Investigation during the Fall 2008 semester.



English Club—Front: Stephanie Starnes, Brandi Kim, Rose Chavis, Candy Hudu; Back: Joel Mayo, Jacqueline Kerr, Dr. Melissa Schaub (Advisor), Dr. Scott Hicks (Advisor)



Criminal Justice Club members promote their organization at Pembroke Day

English Club members Wesley Inderbitzen, Brandi Kim, and Joel Mayo enjoy one of the group's Scrabble tournaments.



Carla Rose, Austin McRum, Kendall Etzkorn (President), Meghan Robinson (Advisor) Second Row: Carolina... Amanda Daniels, Jessica Mabe, Carla Davis, Cassandra Adams (Treasurer), Wanda Wiggins, Meryl Smith, Sydney Jackson, Jen Blalock, Deborah Watterson, Matt Davenport, Jade Suzuki, Raissa Jones, and Gary Back, Mallory McAden, Amber Hillbart, Jeff Dubney (Vice President), Joan Brudshaw, Andre Ehle (Secretary), Ryan Kelly, Jenny Collins

PRSSA—Front: Krystle Lyght, Rakesha Johnson, Staci Lambo, Jessica Bachavin, Garrett Locklear, Michael Georgiou; Middle: Jessica, Dowell, Octavia Hill, Chris Adams, Caroline Goins, Angelia Taylor; Back: Kalbryn Monroe, George Harrison

Aurochs editor Stephanie Hammond and advisor Dr. Karen Helgeson attend the 2009 NC CMA Conference at NC State.



WNCPTV's Toy Parsons covers a campus event.



The Aurochs—Front: Sabrina Taylor, Dr. Karen Helgeson, Stephanie Hammond; Back: Kimberly Swindell, Wesley Inderbitzen, Christopher Welch, Craig Wilson, Alicia Locklear



Indianbead—Front: Chantel Moore, Keith Townsend, Tomika [unclear]; Middle: [unclear], [unclear], [unclear], [unclear], [unclear]; Back: Sara Oswald, Sabrina Godwin, Danielle Powers; Middle: [unclear], [unclear], [unclear], [unclear], [unclear]; Back: David Torres II, Paela Pani.

Student Media

The *Aurochs* is UNCP's literary magazine. It provides an opportunity for students to share their works of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and photographs with the rest of the campus. The staff was led by Editor Stephanie Hammond and advised by Dr. Karen Helgeson.

The *Indianhead* yearbook was led by Editor-in-Chief David Torres. This is the 21st year under the advisement of faculty advisor Sara Oswald. The staff worked throughout the school year and summer to produce the book you see before you. This is the 64th year that UNCP's history was published in the format of a yearbook.

The Pine Needle is the bi-weekly student-published newspaper that was founded in 1947. This year the publication was led by Editor Christian Felkl. Other members of the editorial staff were Arlene Austin, Jon Baez, Wade Allen, Glenn Goldbaugh, Kayla Pearson, Michele Johnson, Tiffany Schmidt, Carine Francois, Rakesha Johnson, Hayley Burgess, Kayloni Wyatt, Matt Smith, Latavia Riggins, Glory Attaochu, and Jessica Knapton. *The Pine Needle* is advised by Dr. Judy Curtis.

WNCP-TV is a program that is a part of the Mass Communication Department. Television shows are produced by UNCP students and faculty. They produce

talk shows, sporting events coverage, and special interviews. All of these shows can be found on Channel 6 of Time Warner Cable.

PineNeedle staff members Kayloni Wyatt and Michele Johnson sport balloon hats at Pembroke Day.



Pride in School and Country

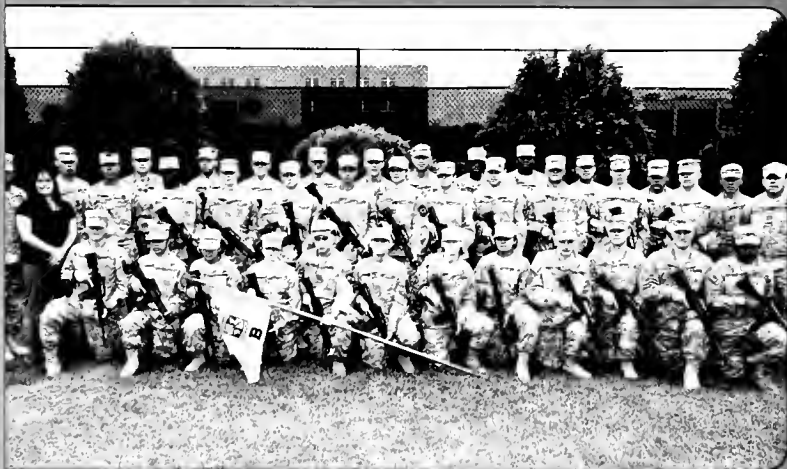
UNCP is home to many organizations that take pride in both our country and our school. The Army ROTC cadets participated in early morning physical training exercises. These future soldiers of the armed forces also volunteered in community service activities and could always be found showing patriotism during color guard ceremonies.

Air Force ROTC cadets got into formation every week during lab to review marching procedures. PT was held on Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Fayetteville State Detachment at 0800 hours.

UNCP Student Ambassadors are representatives of our school who work through the Office of Admissions. They assist with Freshman Orientation and give tours of our campus to prospective students. These students oftentimes make the first impression that prospective students receive about our school.

University Marshals always show their leadership and communication skills when helping with GPAC events. This group of students could be seen taking tickets and escorting audience members to their seats.

Armey ROTC cadets provide information to students at Pembroke Day.



Army ROTC—From: Stephen Bernasconi, Samantha Maraan, Bernice Stratton, Miranda Nolestine, David Protton, Courtney Oxendine, Kelly Peyer, Razia Bell, Stephen Lubeck, Andrew Blakeslee-Drain, Zachary Lovett, Bonita Grubam, Muddie—Mrs. Tori Nicolosi, Dimitrios Iliani, Marcus Mays, Joshua Pryce, Robert Curcio III, Brian Hauser, Mina Davis, Brunna Ortiz, Justin Holt, Maxim Kalkovkin, Aaron Ferguson, David Ennis, MAJ Dallas Hutchinson. Back—MSG John Torre, Nick Clemmer, Adam Brooks, William Oxendine, Nathaniel Renne, Matthew Vick, Benjamin Huddle, Anthony Miller, Michael Rowland, James Dingle, 2LT Adam Bryant, Luis Santana, Christopher Willard



Air Force ROTC members show their enthusiasm and camaraderie after participating in an early morning drill.



Marshal Tiffany Schmidt leads the faculty into the gym at December graduation.

Air Force ROTC members congratulate each other on finishing another grueling morning drill.



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...kams, Brittany Ray, Aaron Sherrill

University Marshals—Front: Ramon Ruiz, Emily Walter, Tiffany Schmidt; Back: Raissa Jones, Grant Merritt, Janet Campbell

A student gets a home-cooked meal at BSU's commuter lunch.

Association of Nursing Students have fun at the Club and Organization Fair at the start of the Fall semester.



Association



BSU members get together to celebrate the Christmas season at the end of the Fall 2007 semester.



Campus Crusade—Tim Carey, Jenny Powers, Miguel Ferrer, Kelsie Ferne Monroe, Not Pictured



Fellowship

The Baptist Student Union (BSU) was led this year by President Kyle Jacumin and advised by Ron Sanders. The mission of the BSU is to promote a Christian lifestyle while challenging students to grow in their relationship with God through fellowship, missions, and ministry. The BSU hosted Bible study every Wednesday and Tuesday Night Celebration (TNC) every Tuesday at the BSU House. The BSU also sponsors Commuter Lunches twice a month.

Campus Crusade for Christ is an interdenominational Christian organization. They have Bible Study every Wednesday night and also game nights, movie nights, and scavenger hunts. This year the organization was led by Tim Casey.

The Voices of Serenity Gospel Choir is an assembly of students that possess the capacity and talent to minister God's word and the gospel of Jesus Christ through song. The choir is led by President Joshua Matthews and Vice President P.J. Siler.

The Association of Nursing Students is designed for nursing students to come together and promote the career of nursing in the community. Some of the purposes of UNCP's ANS are to influence health care and nursing education and to promote and encourage participation in community

BSU raises funds by putting folks in "jail," an annual feature at Pembroke Day.

affairs and activities that are geared toward improving health care.



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Students Who Care

Resident Advisors (RAs) are students who are placed within the residence halls to provide a safe, community oriented environment. RAs also sponsor programs that are aimed at giving students the opportunity to meet and get to know the other students in their building.

The Association of Pembroke Peer Leaders and Educators (APPLE Corps) is run through the Counseling and Testing Center. They sponsor a Personal Development Series, themed Awareness Weeks, and Wellness Presentations, and give out many things that are free to the students.

The Leadership and Service Opportunities Program (LSOP) is a student-led organization that seeks to empower students to become engaged citizens who impact communities through service. The Executive Board was led this year by President Shahnee Haire, Vice President Rachelle Lucero, and Secretary Gertie Parker and was advised by Aubrey Swett.

The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) was led this year by President Carine Francois and Vice President Rakesha Johnson. The purpose of NCNW is to promote unity amongst women, and it accepts women and men of all races, creeds, and social status. Among the activities the club sponsored this year was the calendar of Brave Men, which consisted of men that attend UNCP who are positive role models in our community.

APPLE Corps members take a trip to a conference and workshop.



RAS - Front: Amanda Fialk, Rachelle Wilson, Shenika Mitchell, Jocelyn Roach, Da'Montique Coley, Marbica Watson, Leah Socco, Middle: Lucy Hammonds, David Torres II, Matthew Anglin, Brittany Hodgepeth, Bobby Cash, Brittany Milliken, Shaniqua Moore, Joey Kirk, Keisha Galberth, Terry Hayes, Ashley Mitchell, La'Sandra Holder, Andrea McDowell, Alayna Lee, Lindsay Green, Carla Parika, Nathan Braker, Lea Watson, Jenelle Grier, Daniry Williams Jr, Joshua Matthews, Edward Watenberg, Back: Jonny Parker, Matthew Quales, William Camrrell, Quinn Davis, Christina Grandt, Frank Speer, Kareem Strong, Raymond Pearson, Adam Hughes, Cory Darram, Davonne Gaultail



APPLE Corps—Front: Britney Melvin, Michelle Darby, Christine Bouncer, Mi Ernest Bethel, Antwan Swanson, Brooke Erwin, Brittany Poe, Nicole Ga Alyssa Johnson, Joseph Waring; Back: Beaulah Chanakira, Asleigh Har Mpemba Manels Mbula, Allison Ellis, Cheron McMullen



LSOP members participate in a Board Meeting with their advisor, Mr. Aubrey Swett.



NCNW members display their group's banner at Harmony Walk.



—Mabree Haire (Chair), Gertie Parker (Secretary), Rachelle Lucero, Garrett Locklear, Kalbryn Monroe, Back: Mr. Aubrey Swett, Jenette Thao (Board Member), Sedrick Lewis



NCNW— Front: Bianca Eddleman, Carine Francois, Crystal Nixon; Back: Kajarra Caldwell, Jessica Thomas, Charity Eddleman, Kimberly Carter

Rh English runs past opposing players and tries to score for the UNCP Rugby Club.



Rugby Club members form a scrum before putting the ball into play.



Gamma Beta Phi—Francina Abengoue, Brittany Dawson, Russell Liggon, Toni Strickland, Iesha Bell, Kristin Usrey



SAGA—Trez King, Vi



Awareness

Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society is an organization that recognizes and promotes academic excellence, leadership, and service to UNCP students and throughout the region. This year, the organization was led by President Kristin Ursey, Vice President Cassie Manis, Secretary Francina Abengowe, and Treasurer Brittany Hall. The organization is advised by Christie Poteet.

The Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA) aims to encourage the acceptance of all sexual orientations: gay, lesbian, bisexual, and straight. SAGA also aims to provide a safe and supportive environment to discuss issues of sexuality. This year, the organization was led by President Cheron McMullen and Vice President Vincent Stephens and was advised by Charles Beem.

The UNCP Rugby Club was founded in 2007, and this was its first official year sanctioned with USA Rugby. They went 0-3 in their first season, playing against Duke, UNC Charlotte, and Guilford College. The 25 member team is led by the Captain, Rich English. English plays on U21 All Stars representing North Carolina.

The Athletic Training Students Association (ATSA) was founded in 2006. Its purpose is to educate the UNCP campus and surrounding community about the field of athletic training and to enhance athletic training student education.

Athletic Training Students hold a chili sale outside the gym as a fundraiser in Fall 2008.

This year the organization was led by President Candy Mickey.



Photo by: Candace Mickey, Porcha Lockwood, Kaitlyn Williams, Mandez Foy, Dana Es-

Celebration of Culture

The Asian Student Association has been on the campus of UNCP for three years. They are aimed at teaching students and the community about Asian cultures and customs. They were led by President Wang Yao.

The purpose of the African Student Organization (ASO) at UNCP is to bring fellowship and unity amongst all cultures and nationalities. In doing that, ASO aims to promote the African culture on campus and in the surrounding community. The organization was created in the Spring of 2006. The organization has members from all four quadrants of Africa, plus students from Germany, Haiti, Jamaica, South America, and North America. ASO hosted African Night, which consisted of a fashion show representing styles found all around the world.

The International Student Organization (ISO) is designed to immerse international students in American culture and society while exposing American students to foreign students and their cultures.

The Native American Student Organization (NASO) aims to promote pride in Native American Heritage; explore economic, political, and educational opportunities of Native Americans, and promote the unification of Native students on the campus of UNCP.

Dancers prepare to enter the circle at the Spring 2008 NASO PowWow.



Asian Students Association— Front: Nina Tbao, Stan Yao, Amy Sun, Rachel Seifts. Back: Bryan Rountree, Jennifer Phan, Jaleesa Foxx



ASO—Front: Doris Momanyi, Mpenba Mamei Mula, Basukiya Dikaku, Latoya Matrigi, Tiffany Taylor, Francina Abengouwe, Musbeerah Ali, Mudiaki, Glory Altoochu, Helen Edem, Tim Rainbow, Kaleb Mersba, Antenb Kibret, Ali Osobon. Back: Ike Amach, neib Nguu, Yeunde Akindabunsi, Patience Kimpioke, Ian Davis



These students perform African dances during African Night, an ASO event in March 2009.

International students find their home countries on the globe at Taste of iWorld.



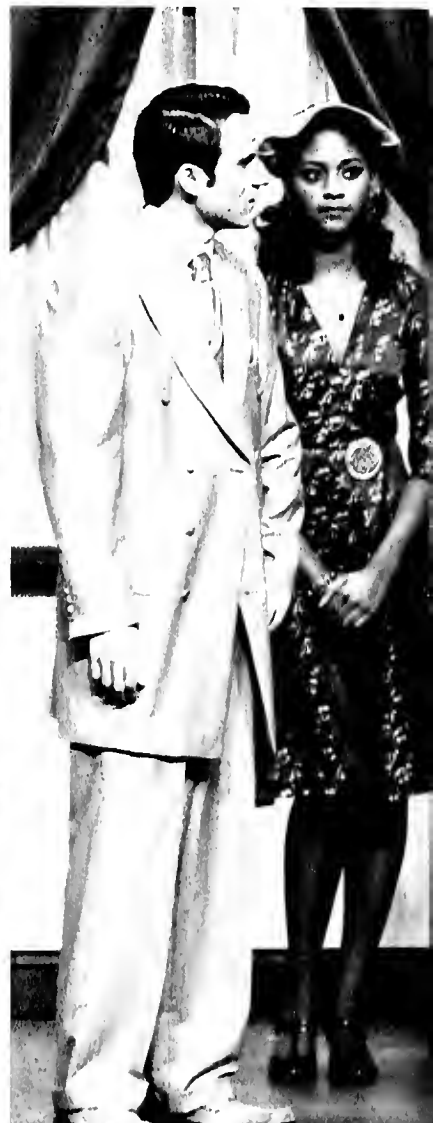
ASO—From left: Bryan Roarance, Janaya Westley, Jenelle Johnson, Sophie Al-Hall

NASO—From front: Mariella Cosanzo (President), Kayla Oxendine, Kristen Freeman, Alex White, Ashley Mantian, Ashley Mitchell, Tommy Locklear, Middle: Anthony Ballard, Nicholas Locklear, Josh Locklear, Dustin Southerland, Greg Locklear, Dr. Stan Knick (Advisor), Back: Becky Goins (Advisor), Stephanie Hammonds (Vice President), Ashley Leviner, Courtney Lewis

Hannah Simpson, Nate Howard, and Andre Hale work together on a program for WNCP—The Hawk radio.



Members of the Unanimous Dance Team perform for the crowd at the Homecoming pep rally.



Avant Garde Modeling Troupe—Front: Thomas Lucas, Cameron Mills, Daniel Williams, Abeerin Faison, Cliff White, Didier Douma, Wynne Brown. Middle: Spencer Hall, Quincey Corner, Angelo Harris, Bashard LaFleur, Keith Hayes, Devante Jones, Kevin London, Andrew Taylor, Derrick Glover, Arminius Hinnant, George Rowell, Jamaad Parker, Christian Woods-Starr, Joshua Lynch, Back: Brittany Morales, Talisha Brownson, Chomel Bile, Ynluckyah Mole, Rasheena Cobb, Katherine Luns, Felita Vasquez, Myrdia Wharton, Brooke Davis, Amber Jolly, Breanna Gill, Jalecia Fullwood. Standing: Myshwara Ali, CeCelia Iluku, Taneisha McKinney, Jose Torrence, Brittain Webber, Jerrian Hines, Kadrilanna Wigons, Jamie Thomas, Krishana Santiago



WNCP—The Hawk Radio—Front: Matt Kennedy, Aaron Varnam III, Director), Sean Ritter, DJ Mc Phaul; Middle: Jacqueline Mc Intosh, Burch Jr., Tatiana M. Corona, Jeanetta Dunn, Beibanie Bean, Roy Pa Sulton, Kayloni Wyatt, Michele Johnson, Rachelle Phelps, Jordan P

Entertainers

UNCP is home to a large number of talented students. There are many opportunities throughout the year that allow these students to share their talents with the campus and community.

This year, Avante-Garde, which stands for "unique," was led by President Kevin London and Vice President Rasheena Cobb. In the fall of 2008, the organization put on a fall fashion show called "Se7en." In the spring of 2009 the organization competed in a hair and fashion show in Fayetteville, NC. Members of the organization live by the motto: "AGMT: We all we got."

WNCP-The Hawk Radio is the school's online radio station. Directed by Andre Hale, Spring 2009 reports show some of the highest ratings since the station began a year and a half ago. This year, there were about sixteen student produced shows that were webcast on the station.

The Unanimous Hip-Hop Dance Team was led this year by Talisha Baskerville. They performed at the Homecoming 2008 Stepshow and Pep Rally, basketball games, and a competition held at NC Central University.

University Players provide an opportunity for persons to participate in the performing arts and to support and involve the community in the performing arts. Their Fall 2008 production was Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, followed in the spring by the 1930's comedy *You Can't*

University Players amuse the audience with their antics in *You Can't Take It with You*.

Take It With You and the musical *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*.



Jamal Lee, Joshua Perry, Mark A. ... Trevor Padden, John ...
 Andrew Aaron, Roy Sarno, Orin Barlick, Annette Glenn, Ruth ...
 Perez, Flasha Lawson, Jamaal Anibow, Ashley McLamb,

Scientifically Gifted

Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta) is a national honor society for students of biology, dedicated to improving the understanding and appreciation of biological study and extending the boundaries of human knowledge through scientific research. The president of the organization was Katie Montgomery.

The Chemistry Club was led by President Danielle Williams and Vice President Samantha Hutchinson. This year the organization helped the local community by judging science fairs at the local schools and bringing in guest speakers to talk to college students about careers that are science related.

The purpose of the Health Careers Club is to promote awareness and interest in all areas of the health professions and to promote campus and community service projects. The organization was led by President Lisa Walters, Vice President Randy Baxley, Secretary Erin Hunt, and Treasurer Terry Durham. It was advised by Sylvia Johnson.

Society of Physics Students
Get ready for a demonstration at Pembroke Day.



Beta Beta Beta—Front: Diana Gentry, Lena Leonard, Andrea Laza, Lisa Walters; Back: Rhonda McClure, William Randy Baxley, Rodney Lane Guyton, Dr. Dennis McCracken, Daniel Mendez



Chemistry Club—Danielle Williams, Rhonda McClure, Candice Young, Samantha Huicheson



HHealth Careers Club members donate toys and canned goods to the Robeson County Community and Church Association.

Randy Baxley instructs a RCPR Training Class in the UC



Careers Club—Brittany Nelson, Tameka Gayfield, Maria Canas, Michelle Hammonds, Erin Hunt, Melissa Gonzalea, Alanna Savidge, Ginny Holland, Cyndrea, Carmella Tucker, William Porter, Avon Banks III, Solita Jones, Ryan Maynor, Melissa Chavis, David Amadi, Sylvia Johnson (Advisor), Randy Baxley, Eric Kourtney Spaulding, Aaron Locklear, Justin Jones, Terry Durbam, and Jennelle Grier



NOW One sport that has made his
toy is football which was reintro-
duced in 2007

THEN - A PSU basketball athlete flies
through the air (far right) to make a
show stopping lay up

Time To Make History

Ln 2007, the fully loaded, hard-hitting sport of football came back to the newly-built Lumbee Guaranty Bank Field after five decades of its absence here at the University. Taking a look back, all of the sports teams have made a history not only for themselves but for the University as well.

As the University has grown over the last 122 years and changed the logo on the uniforms from Pembroke State University to UNCP Braves, so have the sports that we offer students to make a name for themselves. During the early 1970's, there were just 11 sports, 9 of them men's sports, including tennis; the remaining two sports were women's tennis and cheerleading. In the 1980's, more women's sports were added, including basketball, softball, and volleyball. Today's UNCP students have the opportunity to be a part of 16 NCAA Division II sports, 8 for men and 8 for women.

Since 1980 with the first five inductees, the University has honored 67 former athletes and administrators who have made history in the UNC Pembroke Athletic Hall of Fame.



Speed, Agility, and Strength

Starting off the 2008 season, both the men's and women's track and field teams worked hard in striving to run faster and place higher in the hands of head coach Larry Rodgers. Coach Rodgers considers this sport to allow students the opportunity to excel as individuals as well as make a positive contribution to the overall team goals. He has seen the change of this sport on campus, from just a men's track and field team to the arrival of the women's track and field team in 1996.

This season at the 2008 Dick Taylor UNC Relays, the Braves recorded 11 top-10 finishes on the men's side and 13 top-10 finishes on the women's team. UNCP hosted the 2008 Braves Track and Field Classic. The Braves ended the season strongly with a fifth-place ranking at the NCAA Regionals.

David Lynn throws the javelin with all his might for the distance.



2008 Women's Track & Field—Front: Candi Pambu, Amber Hayden, Ashley Pawlowski, Rachelle Wilson; Middle: Nicole Hill, Catherine Shoemaker, Courtney Owendine, Jessica McDowell, Adriane Easteppe, Crystal Nixon; Back: Brittany Anderson, Head Coach Larry Rodgers, Latasha Newby, Student Assistant Coach Marquita Walters, Tierra McIntosh, Michelle Krivonak, Jaclyn Sayer, Jamila Guy, Eman Al-Aswad, Katherine Davis



Michael Washington and Jake Johnson manage the handoff perfectly during a relay event.



Katherine Davis concentrates her energy to outthrow the competition.

Jessica McDowell clears the hurdles with height on the track.



2008 Track & Field
February
 Vince Brown Invitational
 Dick Taylor UNC Relays
March
 Savannah State Invitational
 Braves Track & Field Classic
 Seahawk Invitational
 Lynchburg Invitational
 Weems Baskins Invitational
April
 Murray Neely Invitational
 Penn Relays
May
 NCAA II South Regionals
 Taylor Cattle Farm Carolina Classic



2008 Men's Track & Field—Front: Mike Nash, Jernel Sanders, Maurice Eubanks, Bruce Strickland, Julian Stalling; Middle: Head Coach Perry Rodgers, Greg Byrd, Jake Johnson, Keon Pacheco, Michael Washington, Darius Chambers, Karlos Jordan, Terrell Partlow; Back: Adam Wade, Jesse McEntire, Seth West, Robert Lipscomb, John Green, Brandon Ashcraft, Savion Ashford, David Lynn, Mike Mitchell, Nick Bowles

Christian Minnick and Victoria Willis congratulate each other on a winning match, as Jenna McGary prepares for hers

Victoria Willis follows through perfectly in order to deliver a powerful serve

2008 Tennis

UNCP	Opp.
6	NC Central 1
5	Pfeiffer 4
0	Francis Marion 9
9	Johnson C. Smith 0
2	North Georgia 7
9	WV Wesleyan 0
0	Armstrong Atlantic 9
3	Western Carolina 4
8	Walsh 1
4	Slippery Rock 5
7	Wingate 2
0	USC Aiken 9
0	Augusta State 9
3	Lander 6
0	Clayton State 9
0	Columbus State 9
6	GA Southwestern 3
8	Fayetteville State 1
0	Georgia College 8
0	USC Aiken 5
5	North Georgia 2



Daniela Pereira uses all her might to send the ball back to her opponent



Janna Oxendine stretches great lengths to save the ball before it goes out of bounds

Linda Tatala-Colin, from France, focuses on the ball to return a power hit to her opponent

Match Point Braves



The Lady Braves tennis team began with a strong season-opening victory over North Carolina Central. In this match the UNCP tennis team faced little resistance in their 6-1 victory. Newcomers Jenna McGary and Linda Tatala-Colin were great team players in this season's victories. UNCP finished off visiting Johnson C. Smith with four straight-set singles victories, as well as a pair of hard-fought doubles wins, and defeated the Golden Bulls, 9-0, at our home court. A win for UNCP (4-2) successfully kicked off the annual Spring Break trip to coastal South Carolina for the Braves. UNCP captured all six singles matches to clinch the team victory heading into doubles play, then took two of three doubles matches to post an 8-1 win over Walsh at the Hilton Head Beach & Tennis Resort in Hilton Head Island, SC. UNCP (6-5) captured two of three doubles matches and five of six singles matchups to key the team win and their fifth-straight series win over Wingate (5-10). Linda Tatala-Colin walked away with the singles title after an unblemished run through the Flight 1 singles tournament with a win over Nathalia Rodrigues of Augusta State to highlight action for the Braves at the Chick-Fil-A Collegiate Championships.

UNCP Head Coach Robin Langley and the Braves tennis team held their ninth annual UNCP Tennis Doubles Fun Tournament on November 2 on the varsity tennis courts. Langley has seen this sport at this University progress and has remarked that tennis here has come a long way since she first began. "The program continues to get stronger, and the caliber of players continues to get better. Our resources are continuing to increase, which helps us to be more competitive both regionally and in our conference. Since I've been here we have resurfaced the courts, added lights and new windscreens. We receive a lot of support from our community, which helps," Langley said.



2008 Women's Tennis—Front: Janna Oxendine, Luciana Pereira, Linda Tatala-Colin, Darréla Pereira, Melissa Locklear; Back: Coach Robin Langley, Christian Minnick, Victoria Willis, Jenna McGary, Victoria Willis, Assistant Coach Ashleigh Wheeler

Masters on the Green

In Spring 2008, the UNC Pembroke men's golf team shot a combined 1611 to finish in eighth place at the Armstrong Atlantic/Southbridge Pirate Invitational in February in Savannah. They hosted the 2008 Carolina Sands Intercollegiate tournament featuring a field of 21 teams from five different states at the Carolina Sands Golf Club in White Lake, NC. New member of the team UNCP freshman Jordan Walor qualified for the 2008 U.S. Amateur Championship. The men's team earned a top-10 finish in its opening tournament of the season.

The Lady Braves began the 2008 spring season at the Tusculum College/Kiawah Island Women's Golf Intercollegiate on Saturday and Sunday, finishing the tournament in 18th place shooting a combined 759. UNCP sophomore golfer Christina Croveti earned all-tournament honors while recording a third place finish at the Chick-fil-A Intercollegiate at the Crescent Golf Club, carding rounds of 87 and 78 to finish with a 165, seven strokes off the lead. The Lady Braves shot a combined round of 321 to set a new school record beating the old one by 25 strokes in the opening round of the ASU/Draper Intercollegiate hosted by Appalachian State. In December, women's golf head coach David Synan announced the addition of prep standouts Jennifer Crow and Laura Kinsman to his 2009 recruiting class as the two golfers declared their intentions to continue their playing careers with the Black & Gold. "These two student-athletes will add depth to our program and both have the ability to travel in the top five from day one," said Synan.

Taylor Ferguson swings with determination in a chip shot.



2008 Men's & Women's Golf—Women's Team: Samantha Bonham, Kaitlin Payton, Katja Dammann, Kelci Walters, Alexa Mooney; Men's Team: Coach David Synan, Taylor Ferguson, Jordan Walor, Scott Lambert, Allen Rahman, Matt Morrison, Andy Case, Larry Adams, Luk Bohrowski, Jonathan McCurry, Sam Stephenson, Matthew Montford, Assistant Coach Brandon Miller



Kaitlin Payton lines up her putter to sink the ball into the hole.



2008 Golf

Men's Results

Johnny Palmer Invitational	10th
AASU/Southbridge Pirate Invit.	8th
Richard Rendleman Invitational	t-12th
Bobcat Invitational	16th
Carolina Sands Intercollegiate	12th
Peach Belt C. Championship	7th
Kiawah Island Invitational	10th
Elon/Sea Trail Intercollegiate	5th
Clayton State Laker Invitational	2nd
AFLAC/Cougar Invitational	15th

Women's Results

Kiawah Island Intercollegiate	18th
St Andrews Spring Invitational	t-10th
Chick-fil-A Intercollegiate	8th
Agnes McAmis Memorial	12th
ASU/Draper Intercollegiate	12th
Pfeiffer/Lady Falcon Invitational	t-7th
Myrtle Beach Intercollegiate	4th
Catawba/Patsy Rendleman Invit.	t-6th



Lost balls are easier to retrieve when they're adorned with the Braves logo.

Matthew Montford gives a Tiger Woods victory sign after a great putt.

Cristina Crovetti displays perfect form in her follow through.

Grand Slam Braves

The Braves baseball team was persistent for wins in 2008. In this season Jon-Jon Mirra led off the 10th inning with his fifth home run of the season to give visiting UNCP a 5-4 upset victory over ninth-ranked USC Aiken. Visiting UNCP regained an early lead with a pair of runs in the fourth and then held off a couple of late-inning rally attempts by No. 9 USC Aiken to post a series-clinching 3-2 victory over the Pacers in the front half of a series-closing doubleheader at Roberto Hernandez Stadium. The win gave UNCP (33-22, 14-12 PBC) its school record 33rd win of the campaign and clinched a winning season in Peach Belt Conference play for the Black & Gold for the first time in school history.

In a game that featured seven combined multi-run innings and three tie scores, Jamie Benjamin's RBI single with two outs in the bottom of the 12th inning helped ninth-ranked USC Aiken salvage its three-game series with visiting UNCP on a 12-11 win over the Braves. Having played key roles in helping UNCP record a school record 33 wins, as well as the program's first winning season in Peach Belt Conference play, senior shortstop Jason Morales and junior relief pitcher Ryan Kirkman were among 20 players named to the all-conference squad.

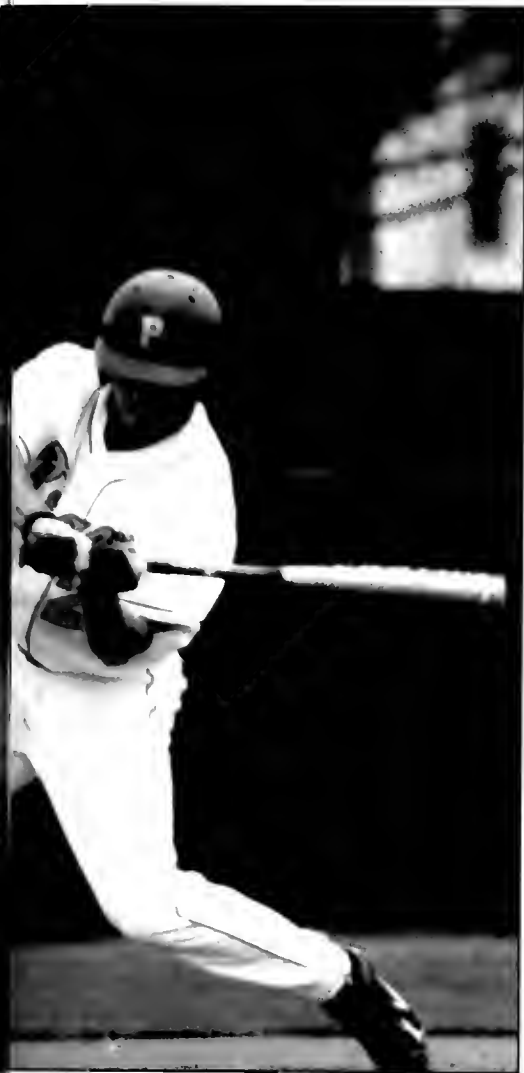
After the season ended, Jason Morales was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the 24th round of Major League Baseball's 2008 First-Year Player Draft. Morales, a Fayetteville native, was the only athlete to play in and start all 56 games for UNCP in the 2008 season and led the team in nine offensive statistical categories, including establishing new school records in at-bats (230), hits (85), home runs (15), runs batted in (78) and total bases (150). Morales twice strung together 11-game hitting streaks and tallied his third, fourth, and fifth career multi-home run games in 2008, including a trio of 3-run homers against St. Andrews in February. Morales, a .354 hitter over the last four seasons, is UNCP's career record holder in hits, doubles, triples, home runs, runs batted in, intentional walks, slugging percentage, runs scored and total bases. He compiled 92 multiple-hit and 57 multiple-RBI games during his career in the Black and Gold as well.

This Brave follows through with the bat as he knocks the ball out the ballpark.

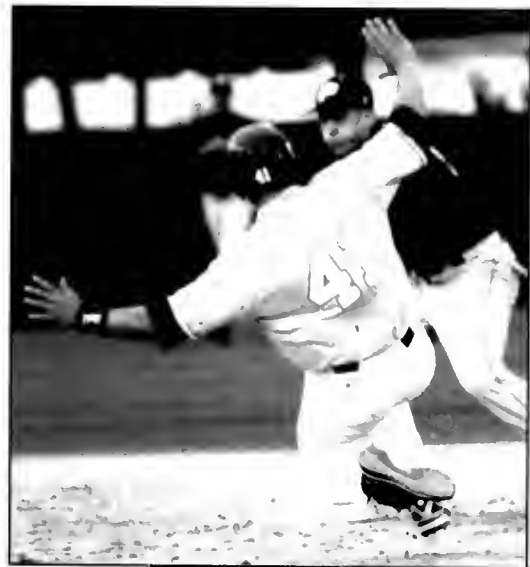


Joe Mangum, Jon-Jon Mira, and Josh **E**dmond Locklear throws the ball back to Bently raise their helmets after a great win in the final inning the pitcher.





Sean Bumgarner keeps the catcher's mitt in sight as he throws his curveball



Jason Morales slides in way too fast to get tagged by the opposing team for an out.



Keith Whitman keeps his eyes on home base after hitting a home run.

2008 Baseball

UNCP		Opp.
14	Anderson	7
11	Anderson	4
5	Anderson	3
14	St.Andrews	4
1	Coker	0
5	Anderson	12
4	St.Andrews	5
9	St.Augustine's	0
11	St.Augustine's	1
17	East Stroudsburg	8
9	East Stroudsburg	0
21	East Stroudsburg	6
4	Pfeiffer	9
6	Wingate	4
3	Francis Marion	4
5	Francis Marion	6
2	Francis Marion	8
1	Barton	2
6	Chowan	2
4	Chowan	3
13	Chowan	5
5	Barton	6
3	Barton	5
6	Augusta State	14
6	Augusta State	5
4	Augusta State	3
9	Millersville	10
0	Columbus State	7
5	Columbus State	4
1	Columbus State	16
12	Wingate	11
4	Pace	13
1	North Georgia	6
6	North Georgia	5
7	North Georgia	5
9	Coker	0
1	Armstrong Atlantic	5
5	Armstrong Atlantic	6
14	Armstrong Atlantic	7
10	St Andrews	3
2	Georgia Southwestern	1
2	Georgia Southwestern	5
4	Georgia Southwestern	5
4	Coker	2
5	Chowan	4
3	Lander	1
3	Lander	2
6	Lander	2
9	Pfeiffer	3
17	Georgia College	4
5	Georgia College	8
6	Georgia College	13
6	Catawba	9
5	USC Aiken	4
3	USC Aiken	2
11	USC Aiken	12

2008 Softball

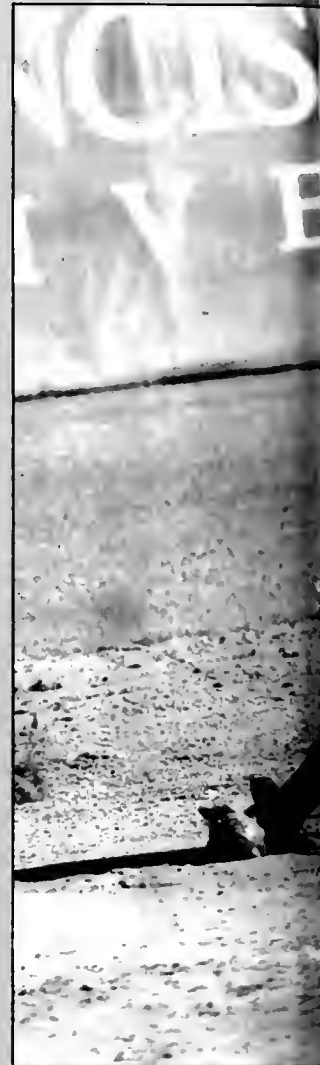
UNCP	Opp.
2	Newberry 4
7	Newberry 5
3	Kutztown 4
4	Charleston, WV 3
3	Aldersson-Broadus 1
7	WV Wesleyan 8
8	Pfeiffer 7
5	Pfeiffer 4
9	Queens 3
4	Queens 1
5	USC Aiken 3
8	USC Aiken 3
8	Francis Marion 6
5	Francis Marion 2
4	Wingate 2
4	Wingate 2
9	St. Andrews 0
7	Georgia Southwestern 1
8	Georgia Southwestern 0
5	Armstrong Atlantic 4
2	Armstrong Atlantic 6
3	Columbus State 1
9	Columbus State 1
2	Coker 6
12	Bluefield 4
3	Clarion 1
0	Lenoir Rhyne 8
0	Lenoir Rhyne 8
7	California, PA 1
3	California, PA 4
1	Limestone 3
3	Davis & Elkins 2
2	Adelphi 0
7	Fayetteville State 0
10	Fayetteville State 2
18	Glenville State 0
6	Glenville State 1
6	Augusta State 1
4	Augusta State 1
5	Mount Olive 0
2	Mount Olive 3
12	Chowan 0
4	Chowan 1
9	Belmont Abbey 0
8	Belmont Abbey 0
2	Georgia College 0
5	Georgia College 1
3	North Georgia 1
4	North Georgia 0
4	Lander 3
9	Lander 0
3	St. Andrews 0
5	St. Andrews 0
2	Augusta State 1
0	North Georgia 4
2	Francis Marion 3
0	Armstrong Atlantic 5
4	Lenoir Rhyne 0
6	Carson-Newman 3
1	Armstrong Atlantic 9

Catcher Randi Pruitt catches the ball before the opponent can make it to home base.



Jelena Shaw guides the ground ball into her mitt before the runner can make the base.

Outfielder, Morgan Patrick throws a long ball to reach the base in time.





Lady Braves Home Run

The Lady Braves softball team achieved many great plays this season and made remarkable contributions to the history of the University's softball team. The UNCP softball team began the 2008 season splitting a doubleheader with Newberry as the Lady Indians took game one, 4-2. For the first time since UNCP's inaugural season in the Peach Belt Conference in 2001, the Braves opened league play with a doubleheader sweep. The UNCP softball team celebrated the first two all-Americans in program history when senior center-fielder Brittany Berrier and sophomore infielder Jelena Shaw were named to one of three 2008 Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-America teams. Berrier earned first team honors and Shaw took home third team laurels. Berrier, Shaw, and Martika Elmore were among 11 players selected to the 2008 North Carolina Collegiate Sports Information College Division All-State Softball Team. UNCP's softball program added another accolade to its historical 2008 season as head coach Steve Johnson and assistant coach Theresa Walker were named the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Coaching Staff of the Year for the NCAA Division II South Atlantic Region. The duo took home the distinguished honor from the NFCA after leading the Lady Braves to a 46-14 overall record and a 17-1 mark in the Peach Belt Conference. The Braves of UNCP re-entered the NFCA Division II Top 25

Poll in the number five spot, the highest ranking in the program's history.

This Lady Brave begins to slide to third base and is safe.



2008 Softball—Front: Randi Pruitt, Anna Williamson, Amanda Santos, Carissa Dancer, Addie Caballero, Carissa Dancer; Back: Head Coach Steve Johnson, Lynn Grantham, Kelly Niccum, Brittney Berrier, Katie Linkous, Morgan Patrick, Martika Elmore, Jelena Shaw, Courtney Hill, Whitney Landwermeyer, Candace Evans, Paige Faircloth, Ashley Hardee, Samantha King, Loren Bartz, Lori Miklaszewski, Caroline Newman, Kelli Carr, Assistant Coach Theresa Walker

This Armstrong Atlantic player hits a bunt and rushes to first base as the seventh-seeded Pirates face the second-seeded Lady Braves in the opening round

A player from Lenoir-Rhyne prepares for a swing at the next pitch from UNCP's Whitney Landwermyer as the Bears face the Lady Braves in the second round



A League of Their Own

UNCP's LRA Field was one of eight host sites for the 2008 NCAA Division II Softball Regionals. Eight teams, including UNCP, competed in the double-elimination tournament on May 7-10, hoping to advance to the NCAA Division II Softball Championship in Houston, Texas. In Wednesday's opening round, Armstrong Atlantic's Jacquie Crane came one out away from a no-hitter in leading the seventh-seeded Pirates to a 5-0 victory over second-seeded UNCP. The next day, UNCP rallied behind five innings of scoreless pitching from Whitney Landwermyer to oust third-seeded Lenoir-Rhyne from the tournament with a 4-0 victory. The win kept the Lady Braves alive in the hunt for their first NCAA Regional Championship. On Friday, UNCP ousted top-seeded Carson-Newman in their first game, but that evening the Braves had their season come to a close by way of a 9-1 defeat at the hands of Armstrong Atlantic, their second loss to the Pirates in the tournament and the first time all season long that the Braves had allowed nine runs in a game.

On Saturday, AASU went on to face the Francis Marion Patriots for the right to play the Saints of North Georgia, who had yet to be beaten in the tournament. The Patriots ousted the Pirates 5-4 but would have to defeat the Saints twice to advance to Houston. Amazingly, they did just that, winning both of their games against North Georgia to become the 2008 Division II South Atlantic Region champions. Although the Lady Braves did not win the tournament, they did win increased respect and recognition throughout the region.



Pitcher Martika Elmore winds up and strives for a strike in the first round of the tournament. The win went to AASU's Jacquie Crane, who shut the Braves out.



This Lady Brave gets ready to bunt and make a run to first base in the win over Lenoir-Rhyne. The Patriots of Francis Marion (inset) did not face UNCP, but they won the tournament with three wins on the final day.

This Armstrong Atlantic batter is focused on the ball and is in running stance to move towards base.



Another Lenoir-Rhyne player dashes to run for second base. The Bears were eliminated from the tournament with their loss to UNCP on the second day.

In the end playing sports is about good sportsmanship and having fun.

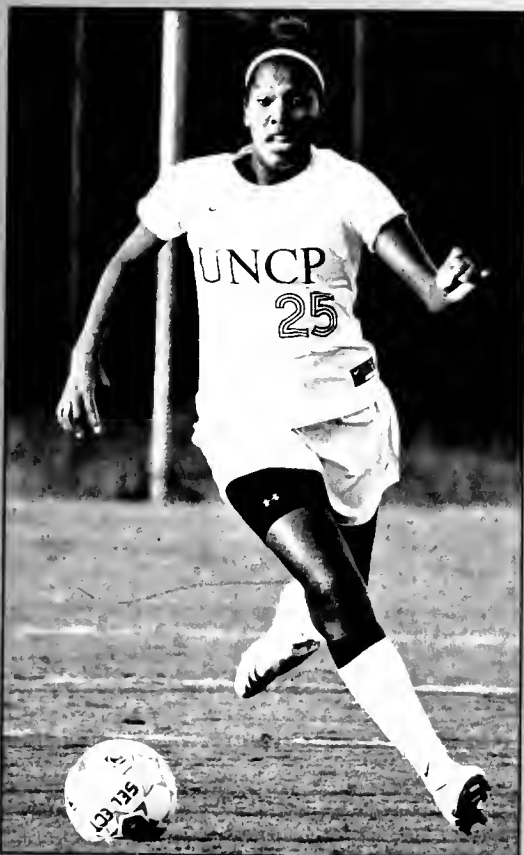
2008 Women's Soccer		
UNCP		Opp.
3	St. Andrews	0
3	Limestone	0
2	Pfeiffer	0
4	Queens	0
3	Lenoir-Rhyne	1
3	Wingate	1
1	Georgia College	0
0	Armstrong Atlantic	0
1	Columbus State	3
3	Catawba	2
3	Clayton State	0
5	Erskine	0
3	Lander	1
1	North Georgia	0
5	Barton	0
7	GA Southwestern	0
4	Chowan	0
2	USC Aiken	0
1	USC Aiken	0
2	Georgia State	1
1	Columbus State	2
2	Pfeiffer	1
0	Carson-Newman	1



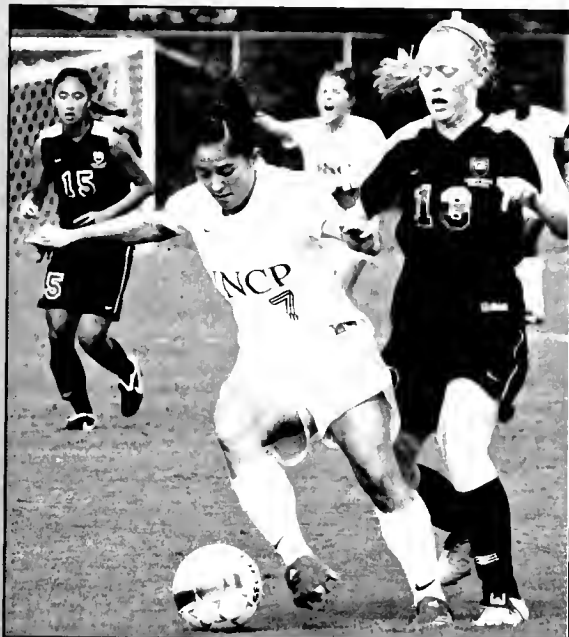
2008 Women's Soccer—Front: Lauren Townsend, Nisa Akins, Faye Corbett, Cassie Adams, Sheena Mature, Karmi Dagnachew, Jenny Irvine, Sam Dunn, Rebecca Womack, Melanie Kiser, Alisia Gustafson, Britney Joiner, Megan Garris; Back: Kayla Peevy, Hanna Pinnen, Jenny Irvine, Heather Jones, Melanie Cobb, Amber Fillhart, Whitney Beverly, Ashley McManus, Meredith Pierson, Brittany Greaves, Emily DesJarlais, Anna Wommack, Caroline Schmidt

Goalie and senior Whitney Beverly makes no room for a goal to be taken.

Brittany Greaves speeds past other opponents to pursue a great assist.



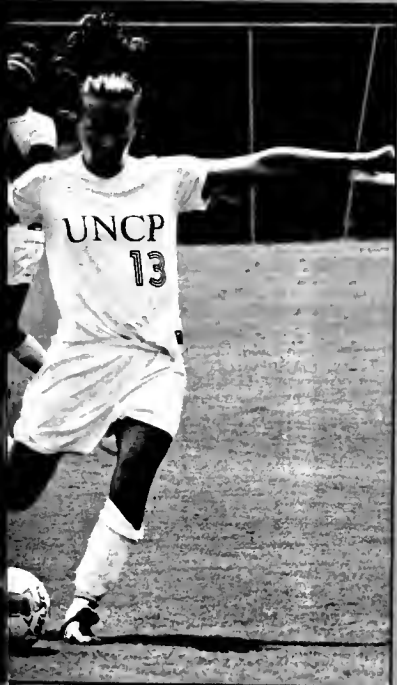
Sheena Mature defends and keeps the ball in play.



Lady Braves Dominate

The Lady Braves soccer team dominated the soccer field this season. They played remarkably, gaining their first NCAA Tournament bid and finishing the season 19-3-1. After their tough, overtime loss to Columbus State in the finals of the Peach Belt Conference tournament, they defeated Pfeiffer in the opening round of the NCAA Division II Regionals before ending the season with a loss to Carson-Newman in the second round. Five Lady Braves—Whitney Beverly, Lauren Townsend, Faye Corbett, Melanie Cobb, and Brittany Greaves—were named to the 2008 All-PBC Team, and the same five were named to the 2008 Daktronics Women's Soccer All-Southeast Region team; seniors Beverly and Townsend were named to the first team, while senior Cobb and sophomores Corbett and Greaves earned second-team status. 2008 marked the first time that more than two female UNCP players were named to the all-region team. The team placed as high as tenth in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America national rankings during their whirlwind season in which eight school records were broken or tied.

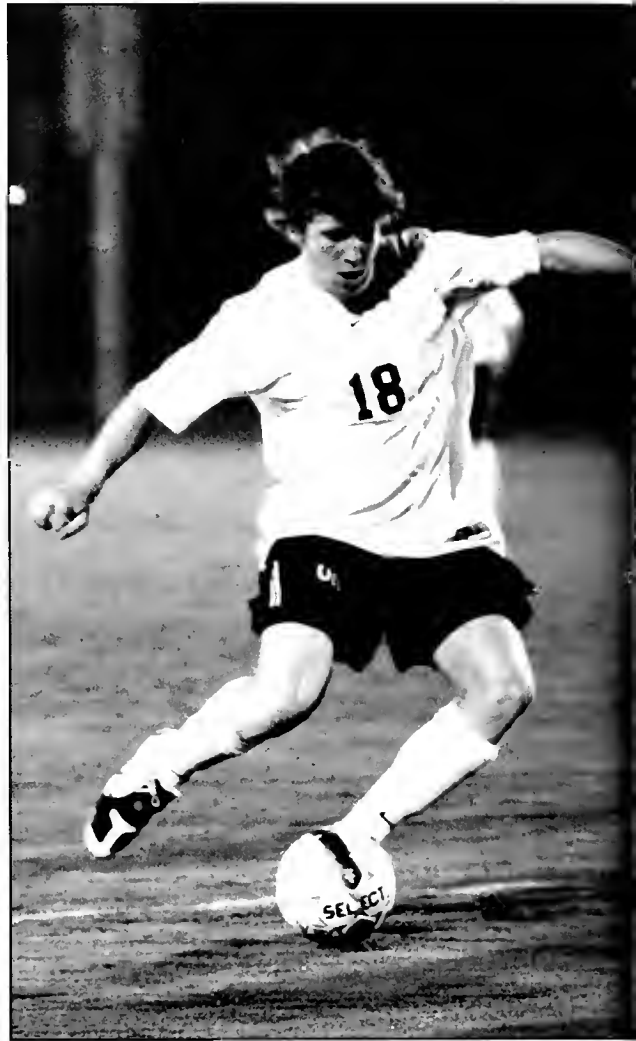
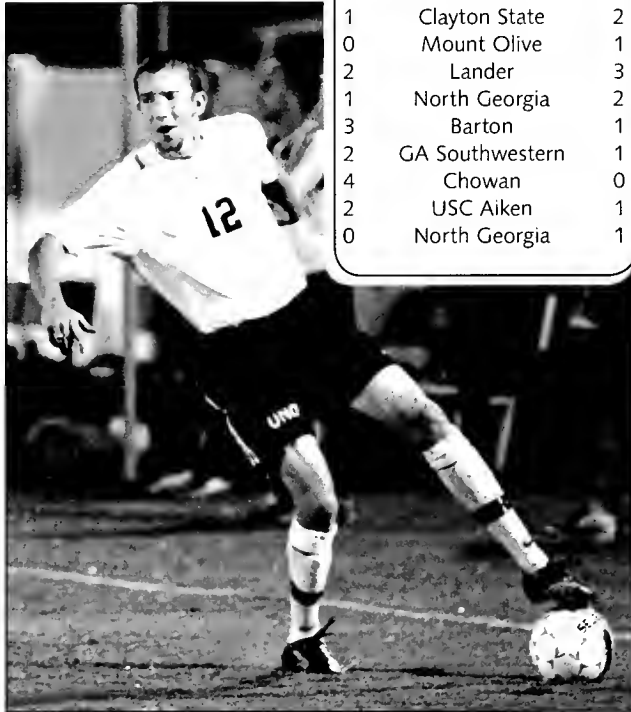
Hanna Pirinen plays a beautiful ball down the field.



2008 Men's Soccer

UNCP	Opp.	
1	Coker	2
2	Lees-McRae	1
3	Pfeiffer	0
3	Queens	4
0	Limestone	0
4	Lenoir-Rhyne	0
3	Belmont Abbey	0
2	Catawba	1
1	St. Andrews	1
0	Francis Marion	2
1	Clayton State	2
0	Mount Olive	1
2	Lander	3
1	North Georgia	2
3	Barton	1
2	GA Southwestern	1
4	Chowan	0
2	USC Aiken	1
0	North Georgia	1

Davis Stephenson stops the ball before it goes out of bounds



Michael Barnhorst splits and beats the defenders to the ball

Andrew Brown battles to keep the ball in at the side line





The Game of Their Lives

Prior to the men's soccer team's season, seniors Miguel Ferrer, Andrew Brown, and Michael Barnhorst were among 11 players named to the Peach Belt Conference men's soccer preseason all-conference team. The men's team debuted at No. 5 in the region listing of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Seniors Zach Rowell, Andrew Brown, Miguel Ferrer, Moses Dimmock, Michael Barnhorst, and Erik Hayworth were recognized prior to kickoff.

It was an uneasy season, ending with a 0-1 loss to North Georgia in the opening round of the PBC tournament after four straight wins at the end of the regular season, but the players were strong-willed, and their 9-9-1 final record marked the first time the men's soccer team had finished at or over .500 since 2005. Many athletes were honored for their great efforts and outstanding play on the field. For their efforts in a pair of victories for UNCP, men's soccer team newcomers Carlos Cipriano and Brendan Cook each earned a Peach Belt Conference weekly honor, as did goalkeeper Horatio Bynes and defender Michael Davis. Forward Carlos Cipriano, midfielder Miguel Ferrer, and defender Michael Davis were among 22 players named to the 2008 Daktronics All-Southeast Region men's soccer team. This was Head Coach Mike Schaeffer's 29th season at the helm of the UNCP men's soccer program. Although he did not achieve his pre-season goal of leading the Braves back to the NCAA

postseason for the fourth time in the last six years, he saw them finish strong, with the promise of continued success in the future.

Jason Chevalier beats the two defenders as he plays a through ball.

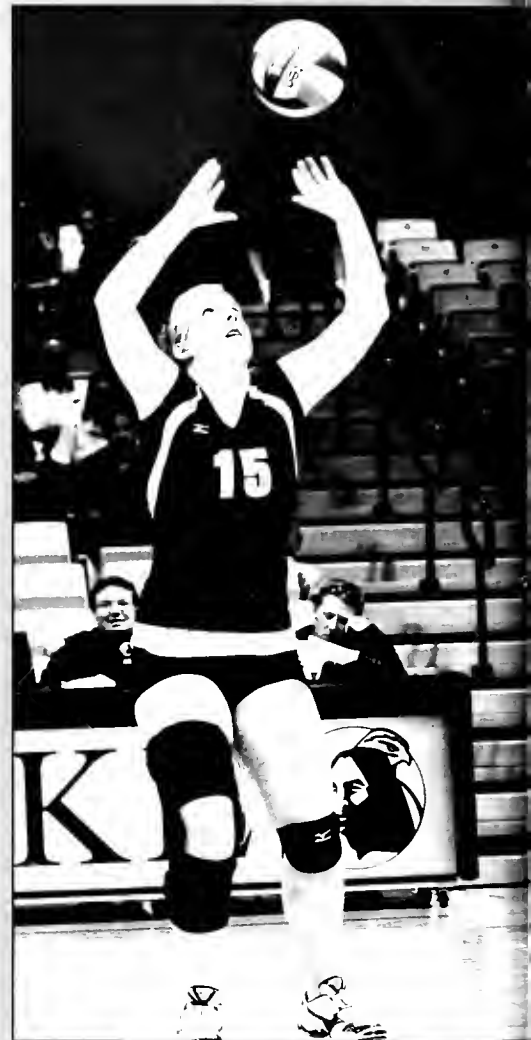


2008 Men's Soccer—Front: Miguel Ferrer, Jason Chevalier, Moses Dimmock, Paul Kiwanuka, Douglas Fernandez, Tito Vicente, Connor O'Boyle, Rondell Honora, Michael Davis; Middle: Adham Murry, Alex Allende, Phil Charles, Kyle Kenney, Andrew Brown, Tim Rainbow, Carlos Cipriano, Diego Castillo, Brendan Cook, Ian Wagner, Student Assistant Coach Steve Locker, Assistant Coach Chad Steuck; Back: A. Trainer Matt Lundin, Head Coach Mike Schaeffer, Dragon Lipovac, Zach Rowell, Ben Beal, Daylen Morrow, Tom Courtney, Dean Moore, Horatio Bynes, Erik Hayworth, Davis Stephenson, Michael Barnhorst

2008 Volleyball

UNCP	Opp.	
0	West Alabama	3
0	Saint Joseph's	3
0	Florida Tech	3
3	Ouachita Baptist	2
3	Fayetteville State	0
0	Flagler	3
0	Webber International	3
3	New York Tech	0
1	Rollins	3
3	Coker	0
3	Queens	0
3	Limestone	2
0	Wingate	3
2	Fayetteville State	3
0	Wingate	3
3	Augusta State	1
3	Chowan	0
2	Francis Marion	3
3	Fayetteville State	0
3	Queens	0
3	St. Andrews	0
0	Armstrong Atlantic	3
2	Augusta State	3
1	Lander	3
0	USC Aiken	3
0	Armstrong Atlantic	3
3	USC Aiken	0
0	Lander	3
0	Catawba	3
0	Francis Marion	3
3	Lander	2
0	Francis Marion	3

Annie Rotz prepares for a spike to send to the opposing team.



2008 Volleyball—Front: Kayla Marbert, Annie Rotz, Heidi Platow, Andrea Laza, Erica Mizur, Caitlin Haworth, Eman Al-Aswadi, Jeff Billington. Back: Kris Wojciek, Allie Schneider, Tacia Vamo, Whitney Hanlin, Rachel Young, Jessica Hartley, Lizzie O'Conner, Tiana Anderson

Key players—Whitney Hanlin prepares a great set for teammate Jessica Hartley to spike. Both players have helped the team set new records here at UNCP.



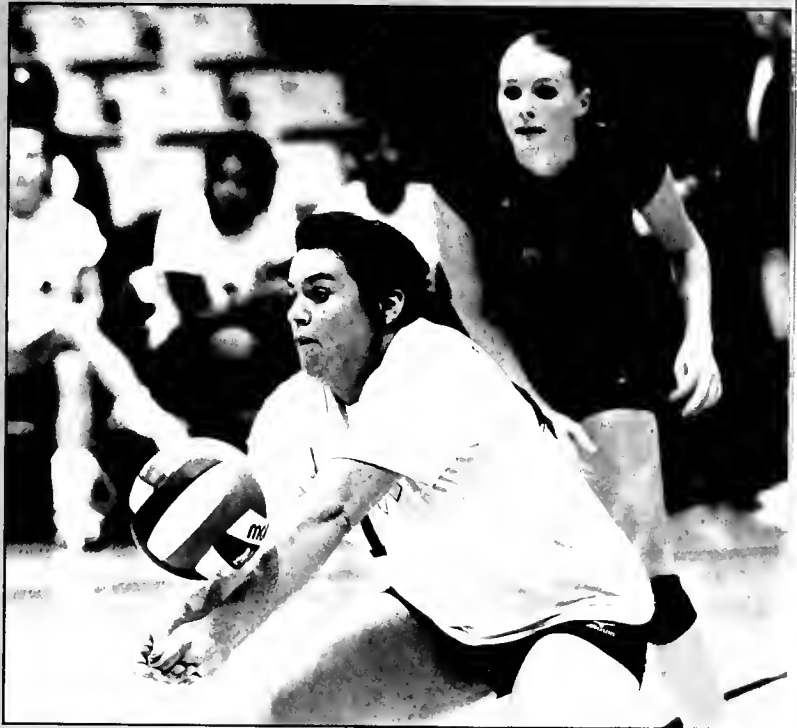
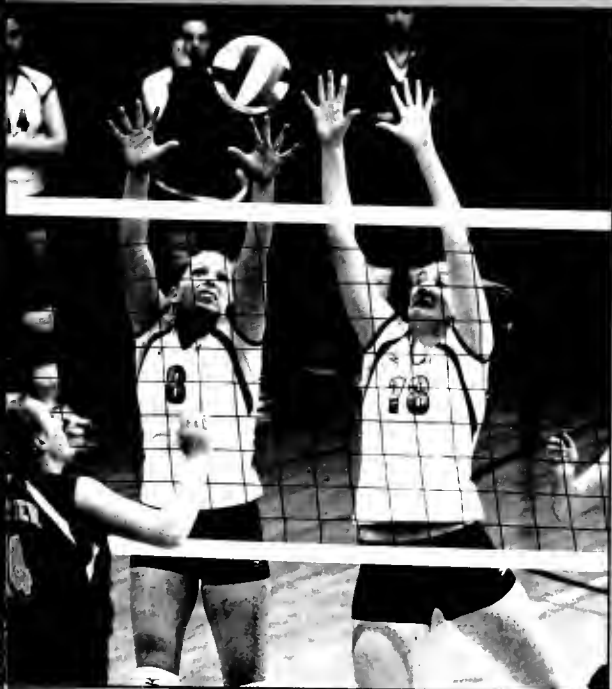
Set, Spike

The Braves volleyball team dived into the season with a win against Fayetteville State in their first home game after opening 1-3 on the road at the Comfort Inn-invitational. Freshmen Allie Schneider and Tricia Varno had each tallied a career-high in kills as the Braves defeated Ouchita Baptist in their final match after losing to their first three tournament opponents. The Lady Braves set themselves high expectations for the rest of the season and played hard against tough Peach Belt Conference (PBC) opponents.

Senior Heidi Platow was honored on Senior Night as the Lady Braves faced Francis Marion in the final regular-season home game. The University then hosted the 2008 PBC Volleyball Championship at the English E. Jones Center, and the Lady Braves opened the tournament with a bang as they upset the third-seeded Lander Bearcats 3-2. The homestanding Braves, seeded sixth, were down 2-1 before winning the final two sets to take the match 18-25, 29-27, 14-25, 25-23, 15-7, led by Allie Schneider's 28 kills and 24 digs.

In the next match, however, Francis Marion picked up a three-set sweep over UNCP to end the Lady Braves' season with an overall record of 13-19. Three Lady Braves were named to the 2008 PBC All-Academic Team as Andrea Laza earned first team honors and Whitney Hanlin and Rachel Young made the second team. Allie Schneider was named PBC Freshman of the Year, only the second UNCP player to earn that honor.

Kayla Marbert sets the ball for Jessica Hartley as she jumps to spike the ball across the net.



Rachel Young and Andrea Laza build a wall to block the ball from hitting the ground.

Allie Schneider dives for the ball during a Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser.

Ivy Ramsey and Tierra McIntosh lead the group running through puddles and support each other in the wet weather.

Kaleb Mersha keeps up his pace and moves with great speed in the sunny afternoon.

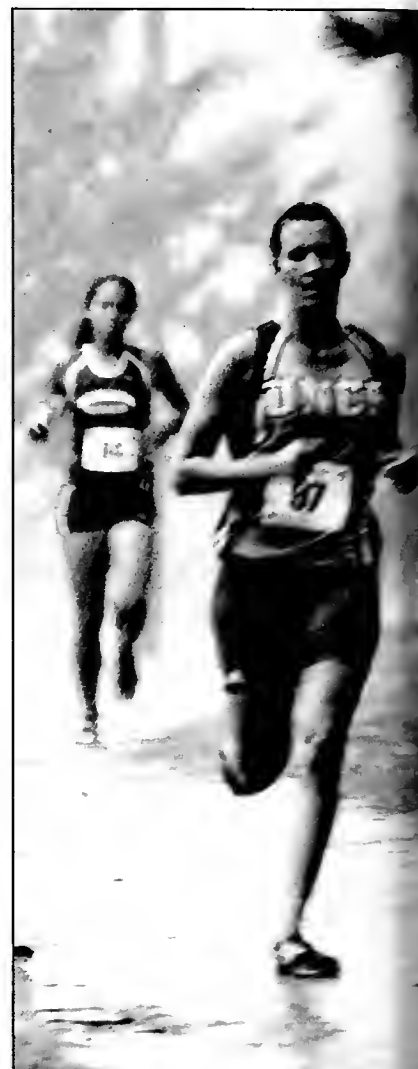
2008 Cross Country

Men

Gamecock Invitational	3rd
UNCP Invitational	4th
Wingate Invitational	6th
Citadel Invitational	7th
Fayetteville State	1st
Anderson Invitational	6th
PBC Championship	6th

Women

Gamecock Invitational	1st
UNCP Invitational	1st
Wingate Invitational	4th
Citadel Invitational	6th
Fayetteville State	1st
Anderson Invitational	6th
PBC Championship	6th



2008 Women's Cross Country—Front, Alexis Talob, Jazsmin Clifton, Brianna Talob; Back, Larry Rodgers, Catherine Shoemaker, Tierra McIntosh, Gary Aycock



2008 Men's Cross Country—Front Chris Midgette, Jake Johnson, Kaleb Mersha; Back: Gary Aycock, Dillon James, Seth West, Christian Wiscovitch, Larry Rodgers.

Running the Distance

UNCP's Cross Country team finished the race of this season with great endurance. The men's team finished 6th in the Trojan Invitational and Wingate Invitational, 4th at the UNCP Invitational, 3rd at the Gamecock Invitational and defeated Fayetteville State in a dual meet at Luther Britt Park in Lumberton. The women's team finished 6th in the Citadel Invitational, 4th in the Wingate Invitational, ranked 9th in the USTFCCA Region Poll, and defeated the ladies at Fayetteville State.

In the dual against Fayetteville State both the men's and women's team had a first-place finish. The winner for the men's team was Christian Wiscovoch and the winner for the women's team was Catherine Shoemaker. The match was definitely one to remember as Braves on both the men's and women's teams dominated over the top five spots. Ivy Ramsey, UNCP senior women's cross country runner, was named to the inaugural 2008 Peach Belt Conference All-Academic second team. In the 28th Annual Citadel Invitational, the women's team earned sixth place and the men's team placed in seventh. Throughout the season, our runners ran great distances and went to great lengths to bring the season to a strong finish. The UNCP men's and women's cross country teams each

placed sixth at the 2008 Peach Belt Conference Championships.

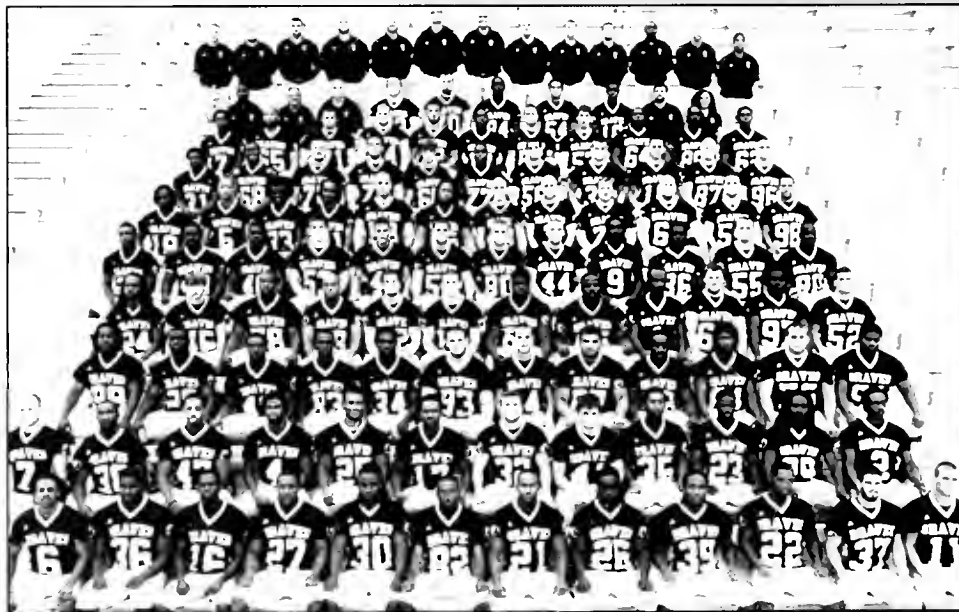
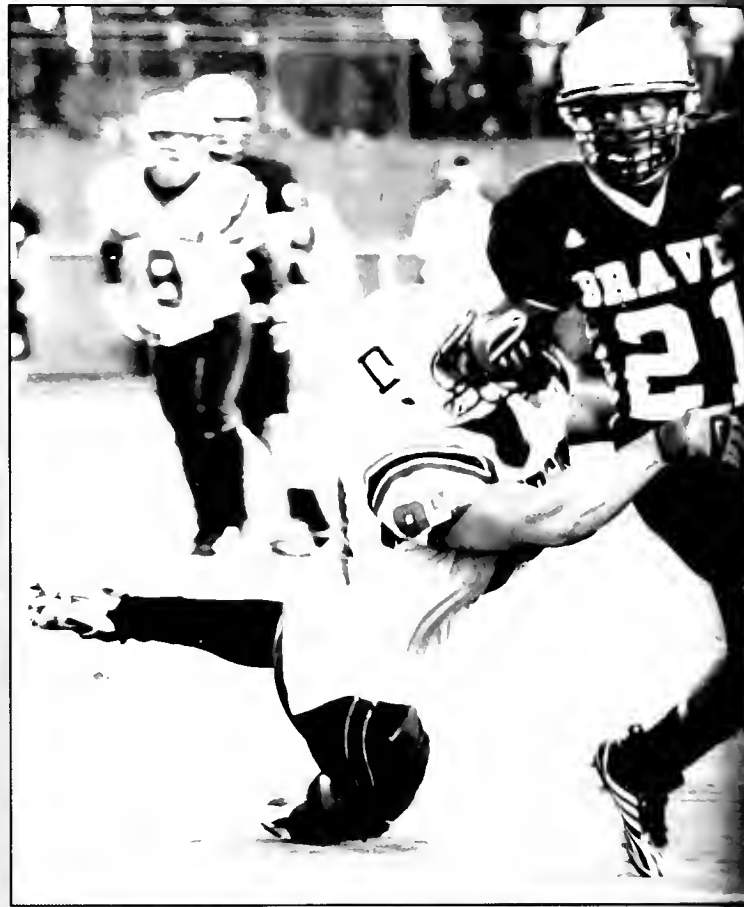
Jaszmin Clifton concentrates on the path that she is running and perseveres to the finish line.



Chris Midgette moves forward in running the race while looking to his left to scope out the rest of the field.

These Lady Braves run with strong endurance as they begin the race in the pouring rain.

The Braves receiver below keeps his eyes on the ball as he beats his opponent to the pass.



2008 Football - A.C. Boykin, Justin Hinson, Terrell Partlow, Jamal Williams, Bryce Ledford, Troy Russell, Garrett Sutphen, Matt Evans, Wayne Blevins, Taylor Baskett, Darnius, Phil Long, Rashon Kennedy, Tory Thornton, Justin Avery, Brandon Irwin, Duniel, Matthew Fortson, Keith Gore, Caylon Hann, Reggie Scott, Keith Farrington, Trent Caldwell, J.T. McCoy, Fred Bukhup, Thomas Dove, Cody Conn, Jamal Rush, Harry Davis, Justin Funderburk, Jordan Lilly, Adrain Williams, Patrick, Adrain Erise, Zack Oakley, Fred Williams, Mike Adams, Mic Godfrey, Jake Sanders, Josh Pless, Derek Davis, Keith Henrich, Keith Broderick, Zack Bohannon, David Melton, Justin Watts, Brandon Holland, Kenneth Ngwu, Jason Huggins, Ryan Bishop, Logan Hyatt, Joel Morrison, Robert Mitola, Brad Lewis, Blake Yarbrough, Erik Thompson, Brandon, Quinton Boswell, Andy Eldridge, Josh Humphries, L.J. Johnson, Saint Anthony Lloyd, Dom Whittington, Thomas Morton, Rangel Moore, Joseph Groves, Spencer Littlejohn, Ben Kurti, Morris McLaughlin, Dewayne Williams, Alexander Owen Thomas, Adrain Williams



Super Braves!

Touchdowns abounded and the defense shone as the UNCP Braves accelerated, winning nine games for the first time in a season under head coach Pete Shinnick, who was named Independents Coach of the Year by D2Football.com and Coach of the Year by the Independents Collegiate Athletic Association (ICAA). After losing just one close game to Wingate, the Braves put the cap on a perfect season at home with a 21-7 victory over North Greenville in their season closer at Grace P. Johnson Stadium. Matthew Fortson returned a third quarter interception 62 yards for a touchdown, and Jamal Williams added a 75-yard kickoff return nine minutes later to assure a victory for UNCP.

Following this year's break-out 9-1 campaign for the Black and Gold, 15 Braves players were sent to D2Football.com's All-Independent squads: senior center Kevin Inman joined teammates Adam Deese, Caylon Hann, and Jamal Williams on the first team, while six players graced the second team, and five others garnered third team status. Thirteen Braves garnered all-ICAA honors. Six Braves, including offensive freshman of the year Jamal Williams, earned first team status, while eight players were listed as a part of the second team. Sophomore safety Caylon Hann earned first team honors as a defensive back and second team accolades as a punt returner. Hann achieved yet another milestone for the UNCP football team when he was decorated with third team all-American honors by Don Hansen's Football Gazette. The honor marks the first all-American award in the short history of the UNCP football program, which began competing on the intercollegiate level during the 2007 season. Hann intercepted at least one pass in five different games this season for the Braves, including multiple picks at both Brevard and West Virginia Wesleyan. Hann also excelled on special teams, where he returned 11 kicks for 153 yards and a touchdown.

Packed crowds were present to capture the moments of victory. A record crowd was on hand for the home opener with Davidson on September 6, which marked the first night game in the team's

Rashon Kennedy receives a great pass and holds on and moves past the defender to endure his way to a first down.

history, and all five home games on this season's football schedule were sold out. The excitement will continue next season, as the football Braves will return with 21 starters, including all 11 on the defensive side of the ball, and this will be just the start for an incredible team that had been listed just outside of the top 25 in the final national polls.



Rangel Moore soars in the air to block the punt by the opposing team.

Garret Sutphen gets ready to take the snap from the center and set up another winning play.

2008 Football

UNCP		Opp.
28	Brevard	0
21	Davidson	9
16	Wingate	23
22	Jacksonville	21
47	Lane	28
	35 Webber Int.	
2		
	36VV Wesleyan	
14		
43	Edward Waters	8
57	Concord	

Go, Braves, Go!

The cheerleaders, dance team, pep band, marching band, and our Braves mascot Tommy Hawk have done a tremendous job pumping up the crowds at this year's basketball and football games and at other events. Their dedication and hard work have motivated our Braves players and helped bring victories to this University.

UNCP's Cheer Squad and Dance Team support our athletic teams by generating crowd enthusiasm. They can be seen—and heard—at football and basketball games, the Homecoming pep rally, Pembroke Day, and other campus events. UNCP cheerleaders and dancers also represent the University at a variety of alumni, civic, and charitable events.

The Spirit of the Carolinas Marching Band has brought exciting tunes for the crowds during football season. This season, the marching band also gave a performance at Disney World. The Spirit of the Carolinas hosted the 1st Annual UNCP Black and Gold Marching Band Competition. The band has made parade appearances in Pembroke, Lumberton, and Southern Pines.

After marching season ends, the UNCP marching band packs away their marching shoes and gears up for an exciting time serving as the official pep band of UNCP Basketball. The band consists of approximately 30 members who perform at men's and women's basketball games, as well as accompanying our teams to the Peach Belt Conference Tournament. The goal of the band is to provide an exciting atmosphere for the players and fans of UNCP basketball.

Matt Doult and Caleb Steele proudly play the trumpet as the Marching Band performs during a football game.



Pav Gajda and the Braves mascot display strong school spirit as they pump up the crowd during a football game.

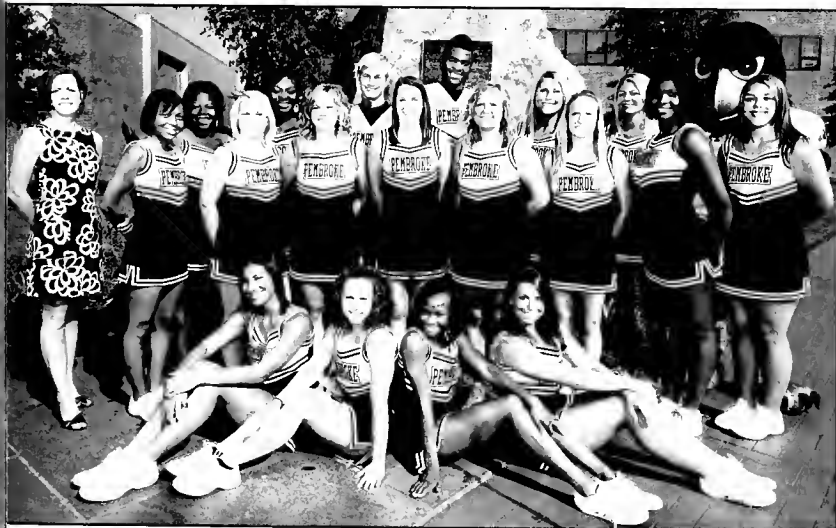
Aylin Nunez confidently shows her moves as she and other members of the dance team entertain basketball fans.





These Lady Braves cheerleaders build an arabesque as they cheer the basketball team on to victory.

These cheerleaders are full of Braves pride as they cheer the football team.

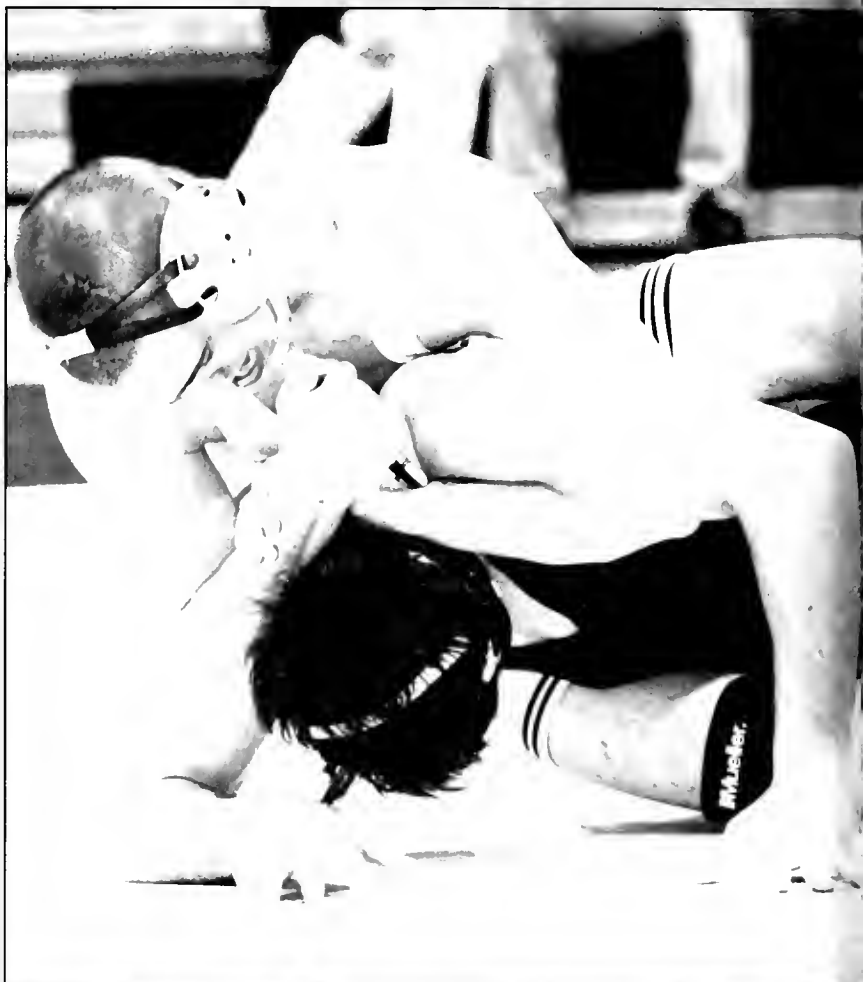


2008 Cheerleaders—Aseaba Ashford, Latia Brown, Brittany Davis, Ashley Dellinger, Kristen Freeman, Krystal Graham, Sunni Haralalka, Sean Michael Jaenicke, Kristin Lowery, Christian Mabe, Nikki Dom, Kelci Peterson, Cristy Rader, Rebecca Reid, Kaela Shelton, Chris Williams, Courtney Yarbrough



Amanda Roberge, woodwind leader for the Pep Band, plays the piccolo during a basketball game.

Trey Kirkland shows no mercy as he locks in a half-nelson with his opponent down.



**2008-9 Wrestling
Dual Meet Schedule**

UNCP		Opp.
23	at Belmont Abbey	14
37	Carson-Newman	0
16	Indianapolis	26
16	Ashland	26
12	Campbellsville	30
44	at Spartanburg Methodist	7
16	The Citadel	24
15	at Campbell	25
9	Mercyhurst	27
18	American International	13
9	Shippensburg	34
40	at St. Andrews	3
3	at Newberry	45
21	Anderson	19
35	Central Florida	3
19	Limestone	15



Mike Hall's reflexes kick in way too fast as his opponent doesn't see the reversal coming.



Mike Nash uses all his strength to hip toss his opponent to the mat.

Brave Wrestlers

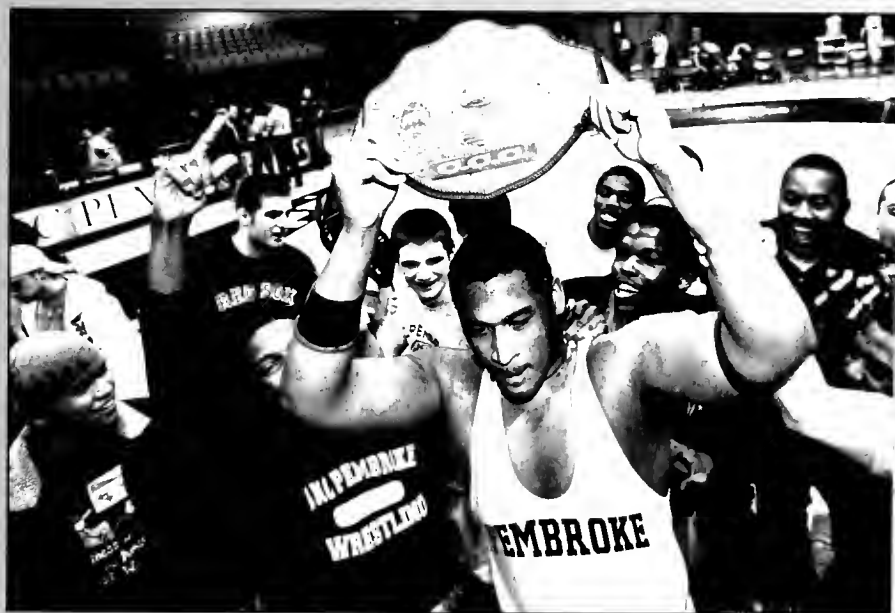
The Braves wrestling team wrestled hard against opponents pushing their strength to their limits. Riding a wave of success after capturing its last three dual meets of the season, the UNCP wrestling team took a rejuvenated lineup to Erie, Pa., at the end of February as they competed in the NCAA Super Region I Championships at Mercyhurst College. The event featured wrestlers for 18 different schools across the East region. Sophomore Russell Weakley used a late takedown to upend top-seeded and seventh-ranked C.J. Hamilton, thereby punching his ticket to the finals and a spot in the NCAA National Championship meet in March in Houston, Texas. Weakley reeled off his 18th-straight victory, using the late takedown to defeat Hamilton. The UNCP newcomer improved to a perfect 16-0 in tournament-style settings this season. Two other Braves advanced through to the consolation semifinal round. Mike Nash turned in a 10-8 decision over Carson-Newman's Leonard Drummond in the 133-pound bracket, while Bryan Miller advanced with a 12-2 major decision over Anderson's Ron Lofton. Erik Stancil avenged a loss to sixth-seeded Nathan Sharp earlier this season at the East Coast Duals with a 3-2 win over the Mercyhurst sophomore.



Earlier in the season, Mike Nash and Timmy Allen contributed with wins in their respective weight divisions. In this season Rashaad Saunders registered four takedowns in breezing past another opponent, and Trey Kirkland pushed UNCP's team lead out to 19-3 by posting three takedowns and a near fall in a 9-4 decision over his opponent. The Braves took on Anderson as the two battled for the Carolinas Belt at one of our longest home games ever. UNCP used key victories by Marcelus Perry and Mike Nash to set up a heavyweight match-up for all the marbles and newcomer Andrew Evans delivered with a major decision victory in the final bout of the night to give the Braves a 21-

Derek Garriss uses a classic takedown technique as his opponent struggles to break free.

19 come-from-behind victory for the belt. The Braves ended a surprising season with a total of 8 wins and 8 losses.



Dennis Fix moves too fast for his opponent as he shoots for the double leg take down.

Andrew Evans wins the major decision victory for the Braves to retain the Carolina Belt.

Shoots and Scores

It was a hard-working season for the men's basketball team. The Braves had a rare opportunity as they played the Tarheels in the opening exhibition game. Although it gave the Braves an upsetting loss, the experience was more than exciting in the season, freshman guard Marcus Heath scored a career high of 21 points in the Braves' game against No. 15 ranked Armstrong Atlantic State. Tyler Egli scored a career-high 27 points in a game for UNCP this season.

Cortez Brown, Demarcus Lyday, David Moore, and John Walters played their final game at the Jones Center against Georgia College, and the four seniors scored a combination of 54 points. Coach Ben Miller commented, "Our seniors played their hearts out." Unfortunately, the Bobcats hit a 3-pointer with 14 seconds to go, handing the Braves a 78-80 loss in their last home game of the season. UNCP finished the season with a huge win over Columbus State, scoring over 100 points in a game for the first time since the 1998 season as they defeated the Cougars 102-92. The 6-21 season had its ups and downs but ended on a high note with this victory.



No one can hold Demarcus Lyday back as he soars to the basket to make a amazing dunk.

John Walters moves quickly around his opponent as he goes for the lay up.

These two defenders can't reach Marcus Heath in time as he makes the game winning shot.

Mario Gagulic squeezes past two defenders during the opening UNCP vs Tarheel exhibition.





2008-9 Men's Basketball

UNCP	Opp.
78	Davis & Elkins 64
79	Mercyhurst 92
71	Coker 80
65	Savannah Art & Design 71
88	Armstrong Atlantic 96
72	Belmont Abbey 69
72	Clayton State 78
67	Campbell 91
76	Lees-Mcrae 74
69	Lander 71
46	Augusta State 81
67	North Georgia 81
52	Francis Marion 65
74	GA Southwestern 67
69	Lander 67
83	Columbus State 91
60	USC Aiken 87
48	Clayton State 74
70	Georgia College 91
69	Augusta State 74
63	Armstrong Atlantic 95
54	Francis Marion 59
79	North Georgia(OT) 81
72	USC Aiken 91
82	Georgia Southwestern 84
78	Georgia College 80
102	Columbus State 92



2008-9 Men's Basketball—Raphael Marable, John Walters, Bryant Edwards, Scott McNeil, Cortez Brown, Jason Smith, Tyler Egl, Marcus Heath, David Moore, Maurice Thorpe, Demarcus Lyday, Nate Priest, Mano Gagalic, Brandon Thomas, Ty Alston, Marcus Burnell, K.J. Cooper, Launce Ellison, Chris Hargrove, Taylor Hukill, Mike Robinson, Andrew Taylor Head Coach Ben Miller, Assistant Coach Corey Thompson, Assistant Coach Eldon Miller, Assistant Coach Jeremy Sampson, Student Assistant Carlos Vega, Student Assistant Jason Martin, Student Assistant Christopher Rodriguez

2008-9 Women's Basketball

UNCP	Opp.
75	St. Andrews 43
76	Fayetteville State 90
67	Armstrong Atlantic 72
62	Chowan 47
51	Northern Kentucky 62
68	Edinboro 59
68	Clayton State 76
65	Newberry 63
51	Wingate 60
60	Lander 67
68	Augusta State 61
71	North Georgia 59
59	Francis Marion 81
53	GA Southwestern 46
61	Lander 57
71	Columbus State (OT) 58
61	USC Aiken 66
80	Clayton State (2OT) 84
53	Georgia College 76
70	Augusta State 48
56	Armstrong Atlantic 58
58	Francis Marion 75
52	North Georgia 53
49	USC Aiken 55
68	GA Southwestern 66
64	Georgia College (OT) 61
63	Columbus State 70
50	North Georgia 55

Briana Stanton jumps too high for her opponents as she makes the lay up.

Natalie Ray is too fast for her opponent as she dribbles to the basket.



2008-9 Women's Basketball—Jasmyn Riggins, Braelinn Connor, Ashley Morales, Casey Siddens, Kristen Hobbs, JaToya Kemp, Ari Heron, Cheyenne Jackson, Talena Faison, Porcha Locklear, DeNeer Davis, Marquena Delk, Natalie Ray, Briana Stanton, DeDe Cotton, Lavonia Johnson, Jordi Zimmerman, Illya Hunt, Lauren Marshall; Head Coach John Haskins, Assistant Coach Kapica Davis, Assistant Coach Steffen, Student Assistant Latavia Brown



Defensive Lady Braves

The Lady Braves had a jump start into their season with a 75-43 win against St. Andrews. UNCP also dominated the court in their second PBC win, 71-59 against North Georgia, after a closer game against Augusta State, 68-61, for their first conference victory. In their second victory against Augusta State later in the season, 70-48, the Lady Braves took control over the game. UNCP exploded for 41 points on 60.5 percent shooting from the field in the second half en route to a huge victory. UNCP received double-figure point totals from three players in this game: Marquena Delk tallied 15 points and 8 rebounds, while JaToya Kemp and Natalie Ray registered 13 and 10 points, respectively. In mid-season, to culminate a three-game winning streak, UNCP dominated in overtime against Columbus State and scored 13 points to take a 71-58 victory following wins over Georgia Southwestern and Lander.

Senior Night's game against Georgia Southwestern saw three of the four seniors registering double-figure efforts. Ashley Morales led the Lady Braves by putting up a career-high 16 points on 6-of-12 shooting in the paint and 4-of-10 efficiency from 3-point range, while Natalie Ray and Lavontay Johnson tallied 15 and 13 points, respectively. The Lady Braves followed their 68-66 win in this game with another thrilling overtime victory, this time against Georgia College, in their final home game before closing out the season on the road with a disappointing loss to Columbus State. Their loss to North Georgia in the first round of the PBC tournament brought the season to an end with a 12-16 record overall, 8-12 in the conference. JaToya Kemp was among 16 players named to the Peach Belt's women's basketball all-conference team during this season.



JaToya Kemp doesn't let two defenders stop her from making the shot.

Casey Siddens keeps an eye on the clock as she makes the jumper before the buzzer.



NOW—Students like the ones in this Physical Science class benefit from the many new technologies available in our academic programs.

THEN—Professor Gilbert Sampson (far right) shows students how to use an earlier generation of computers.

Time Has Paid Off

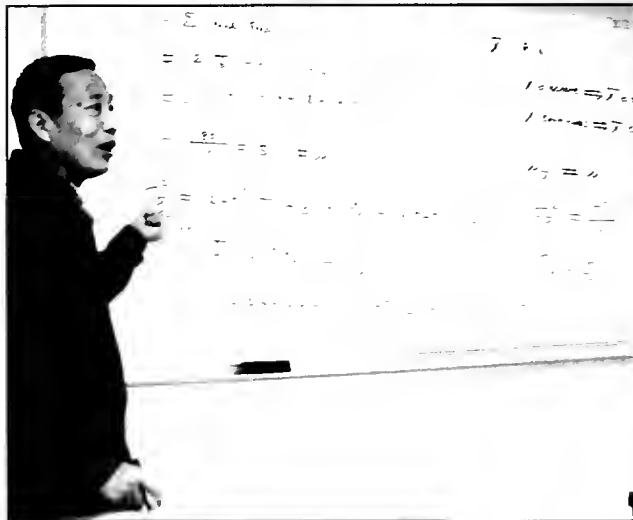
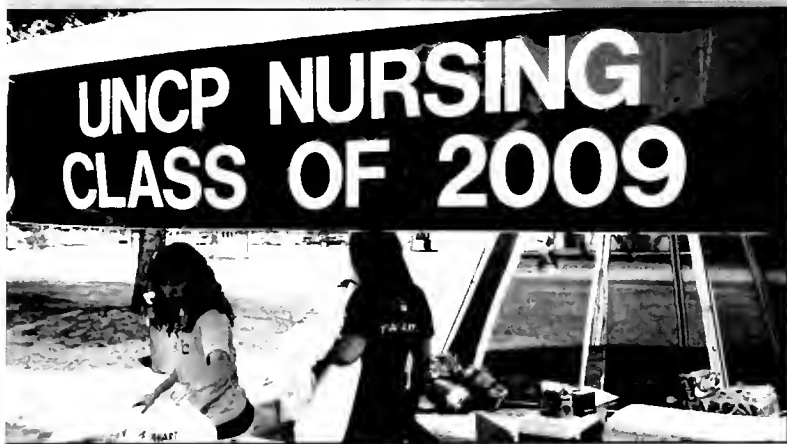
The academic offerings here at UNCP have been one of the major factors in attracting students from diverse backgrounds to enroll here at the university. The students engage so quickly in the environment where they come to get their education. With a faculty and staff of over 250 professors, learning does get personal for the students.

Students begin to change once they enter college from who they were into what they want to become in the near future. As their years in college go by, they spend endless and restless nights doing projects, writing papers, or just studying for that stressful mid-term. But they know that without time and sacrifice there will be no victory in the end. As the

challenges get harder and things start to pile up, the students never lose their focus on the finish line. They know they will do whatever it takes to walk across that stage and receive that diploma that will change their lives forever.

Nursing majors (bottom) raise money for cancer research during Relay for Life.

Dr. Lee Phillips (below) shows a country's location to his Geography class. Knowing locations was essential for his class.



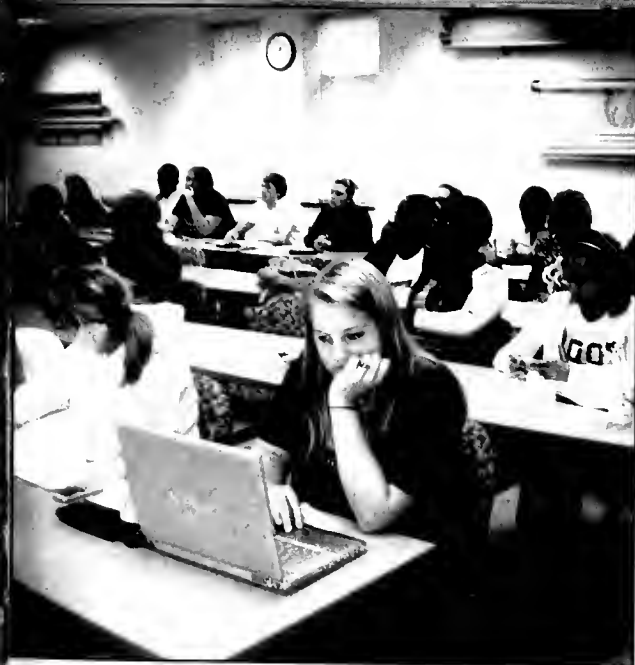
Professor Guo Wei goes over math equations with his students. This was a difficult course so reviewing was a must.

This student is working diligently taking good notes so she can have something to look back on.



Jessica Truitt Jones and Andy Gibson are mixing components necessary for their lab. Mixing correctly was a must because a fire could be a consequence of not doing so.

The Department of Nursing has an RN-BSN completion program and a BSN program. The Department of Nursing is committed to continued national specialized nursing accreditation that notes we are offering a program of quality, professional nursing education. The University of North Carolina at Pembroke Department of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.



Jessica Truitt brings her laptop to class to type her notes as her professor teaches. Some students did this because it was more convenient than carrying a book around.

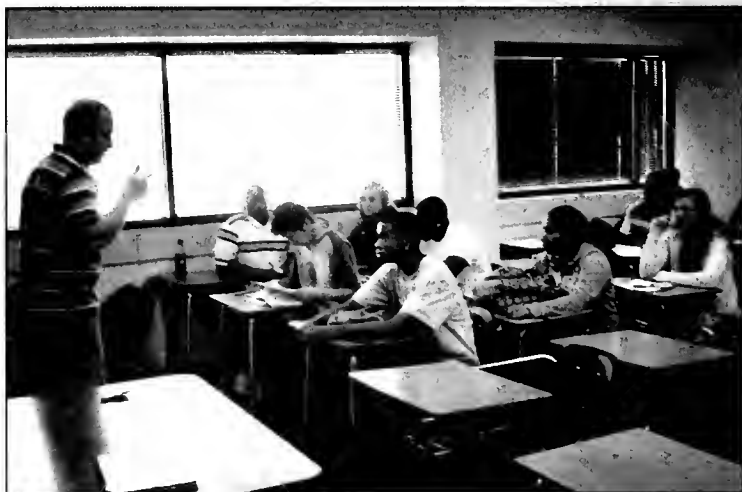
Students in this class work hard and make sure they pay attention in class so tests will not be an issue.

Fundamental Learning

The Dial Building is a place most common for underclassman to attend classes as they begin their higher education here at UNCP. In this building students take their freshman composition classes as well as a number of other English, foreign language, and history classes. As they continue to take on challenging classes, they know they have to write extensive papers, not only for English courses but other courses offered here at the University. Therefore, the Writing Center gives the opportunity to any student to come in and have staff and other students review, proofread, and help edit their papers. The Writing Center moved to a new, larger space in Dial this year to serve students more effectively.

As the years pass us on, the education and foundation of courses gets stronger here at UNCP. The foreign language department has reached new limits every year. This department works with the International Program office to coordinate trips which allow students chances to study languages in places like China, Spain, and other European countries.

History classes make sure the students of the University have a well defined background of the content of this nation and other events that have changed our lives to this day.



Professor Aaron Cengiz is briefly reviewing the contents of a quiz the students in his Spanish class are about to take.

Dr. Teagan Decker, Director of the University Writing Center, explains the importance of writing papers in college.



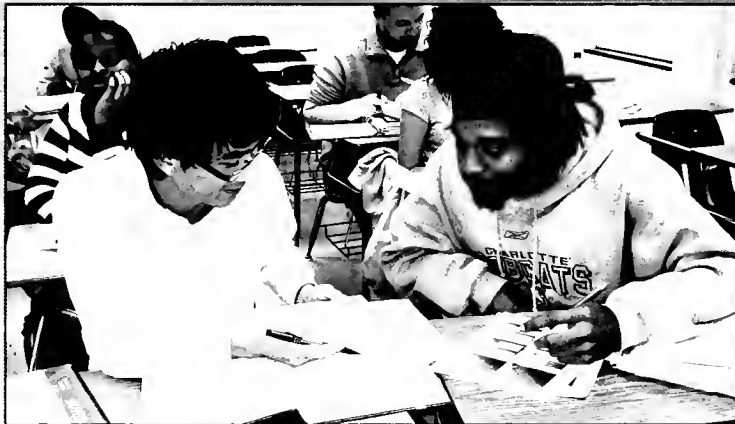


Ms. Marion Thompson shows her expressive side as she recites during her French class.

Students work together in groups to share their ideas in this English class.

Dr. Mohammed Ashraf is showing his economics class a presentation. Presentations were a creative way to lecture and keep everyone's attention.

Zhiyong Liao assists his classmate Preston Johnson in an assignment.



Members of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) sell merchandise to raise money for the Relay For Life program.

Cortez Brown and Brittany McLaughlin work on an assignment together in Decision Science class.





Dr. Don Soucy goes over a point with one of the students in his accounting class.

...and practical experience. They are also working hard on research projects, and participating in professional societies and conferences. The department's Master's Program in Public Administration is rapidly growing, and is offered on-campus, online, and on Ft. Bragg.



Dr. William Thomas explains an illustration on the board to help students understand an accounting concept.



These students follow along in a PowerPoint presentation in class, which made the professor's lecture more accessible.

Higher Education

In the Education Building you will find the aspiring teachers on this campus. A lot of students that have that desire and passion to teach young children have their classes in this building. The School of Education also prepares students for careers in secondary education, and it offers graduate programs in many areas. Students get the full hands-on experience as they learn great skills that will help them out in the future: everything from decorating bulletin boards to using advanced technology in the classroom.

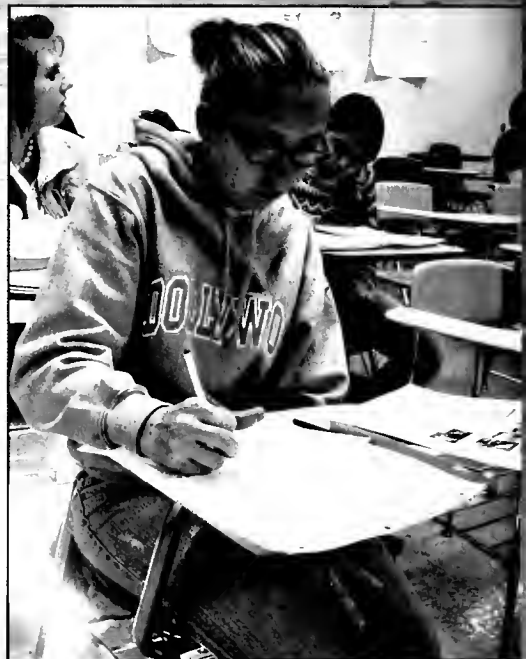
Aside from the programs offered by the School of Education, students also come to the Education Building for their Philosophy and Religion classes. More than any other discipline in the liberal arts, philosophy and religion consider questions about the meaning of human life. The philosophy and religion major is not only for those planning to go on to graduate study in these areas, nor is a religion major just for those contemplating a religious vocation. A philosophy and religion major is ideal for those interested in pursuing careers in business, management in the non-profit or public sectors, or law because it helps college graduates write and speak clearly.

This student learns to make attractive bulletin boards in her education class.



Dr. Swince Dicksen helps Launa Locklear and Tianna Serwen with an assignment.

Students have an in class discussion on the principles of mythology.





Sophomore Sam Deese is studying her notes for Dr. Jeff Geller's Logic class.

Tomika Brooks, Jenny Powers, and Sherry Burr all work together to complete a teaching assignment.

Dr. Jay Vest shows how 'learning gets personal' at UNCP as he helps this student get a better understanding of Indian culture.

Joey Locklear compares his notes to the powerpoint slides as the professor talks during the lecture.

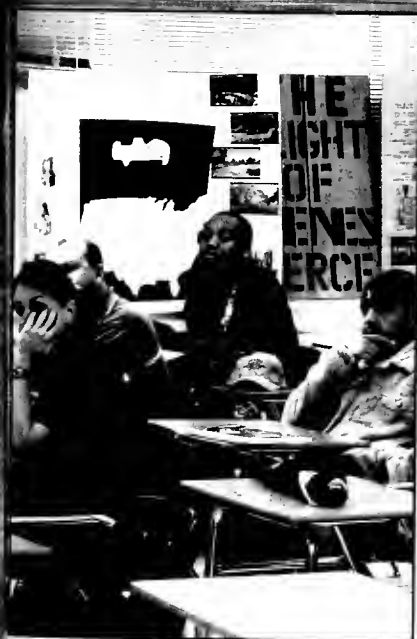


Semer Michele Johnson is filming Carolina News Today. **K**aylem Wyatt is working on the next issue of The Pine Needle.





Finally, the student body is well-served by the Carolina News Today, which provides a broad range of news and local relations for students. In addition, the student body experiences the Carolina News Today newspaper and WNCN-TV's Carolina News Today, both of which provide well-organized news coverage for the student body as a whole and valuable skills and insights for students who want to be reporters and/or pursue other careers. Other real world in mass media as they cover events that not only happen on campus but within the community as well.



These students take in a large amount of information in Dr. Vest's American Indian Studies class as they know mid-terms are approaching.

During Carolina News Today, anchors Jacqueline Banks, Garrett Locklear, and Aaron Varnam wait for a cue to begin the show.

Exploring Human Nature

People throughout history have been intrigued by the question, "What is human nature?" Psychology's approach to this topic is aimed at understanding basic patterns of thought, emotion, and behavior. It uses a variety of scientific methods, including interviews, case studies, field observations, neurophysiological recordings, and controlled experimentation. Psychology's fund of knowledge has grown very rapidly over the past century. We now have a much clearer understanding of how people learn, how childhood experiences affect adult personality, how people influence one another during normal social relations, how to treat emotional and behavioral problems, how the brain's biochemistry influences behavior, and many other significant topics.

The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice provides students with classroom and real-life experiences designed to stimulate critical thought about the social environment as they prepare for meaningful participation in society. The Department offers both a major and an academic concentration in Sociology and a major in Criminal Justice. In addition, minors are available in Sociology, Criminal Justice, Substance Abuse, Medical Sociology, and Community Development. Many courses within the department allow students to test classroom learning through real-life experience in the community. In addition to providing a rewarding learning opportunity, these experiences enhance employment opportunities following graduation.

The Social Work Department has been serving our community since 1982. The mission of the Social Work Program at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke seeks to prepare students for professional social work practice within a generalist (BSW) and advanced generalist (MSW) model and to become leaders in enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of this region. In keeping with its rural setting and needs of the region's populace, the program attempts to impart to and teach students the skills necessary for implementing solutions to rural problems. It is particularly concerned with the consequences of injustice, and thus focuses on the empowerment of populations-at-risk and the advancement of economic, political and social justice in all communities.



M William Collier is explaining a slide to students in his psychology class.

Freshman Destiny Rivera is following a slideshow for her class to keep up with notes.





This student pays close attention to his professor, while also being very interested in the topic being taught.

Freshman Sade' Deese is taking notes dilligently in her psychology class.

This student works out using some of the weight-training equipment available in the Jones PE Center.

Sophomore Andrew Moorehead is taking learning very serious by studying in the library.



This student is making studying fun by listening to music.



The Mary Livermore Library is dedicated to support the reading and research programs of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Resources enabling the Mary Livermore Library to fulfill its mission include over 800,000 catalogued volumes, over 13,000 subscriptions to print and electronic serials, access to more than 250 electronic databases, special collections that include the Charlie Rose Collection, government documents, and current reading and media materials. Facilities available include a computer lab, multimedia and study rooms, an electronic reference center, and a classroom for library use instruction. Wireless access provides for the in-house use of library laptops or the use of personal computing equipment. Electronic resources provided by the Mary Livermore Library are available 24/7. The library is open over 100 hours per week during the typical academic semester.

The bicycle machine is one of the most commonly used exercising devices in the gym.

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Heather Reed and friend are sitting in the library helping each other find the right book.

In the athletic training program, students learn to treat muscle injuries and other ailments.

Self-Expression

Art is a very diverse way of showing self-expression. Many different forms of art—including graphic design, painting, sculpture, theatre, and music—are offered here at UNCP. Students who have a true passion for art are easily spotted on campus, whether they are exhibiting or selling their artwork or performing in a play, concert, or senior recital.

The Theatre program, in addition to offering classes, produces several plays every year. After working with the Musical Theatre program to stage *Once Upon A Mattress* in Spring 2008, University Theatre produced *Macbeth* in the Fall of 2008 and *You Can't Take It With You* in Spring 2009.

The Art Department experienced changes in its faculty this year. Brandon Sanderson arrived as the new Printmaking professor, Dr. Richard Gay became the interim chair of the department, and Carla Rokes became Gallery Director. Seniors showed their work in the gallery, and student art was also exhibited in the new Writing Center space in the Dial Building. The Art Club held its annual sale of students' works, anything from ceramic bowls, cups, and pots to drawings, digital prints, and paintings.

The Music Department was also very active this year. Graduating students performed their senior recitals in Moore Hall, which was also the site for concerts by visiting artists. The Concert Band and Choir continued to perform at graduation, Pembroke Day, and other events. The Low Brass Ensemble held its second annual concert, *Octubafest*. The Brass Quintet, UNCP Singers, and the new Early Music performers all performed at the ninth annual Medieval Feast.



Macbeth (Ryan Kelly) has a dramatic duel with Macduff (Wayne Malick) at the climax of the play.

Jenny Powers concentrates on modeling clay into a beautiful pot during a ceramics class.





Art students concentrate on molding during a sculpture class in Locklear Hall.


Practice makes perfect, as students like those in Dr. Gary Wright's music class learn.




NOW—Students enjoy a nice cookout with close friends at the Apartments.

THEN—Another college experience you might have found even back in the 1980s (far right) is LOVE!

Where Did the Time Go?



The three important components of UNC Pembroke are the people: students, faculty and staff, and the community. All of them contribute to our campus on a daily basis. Some may be unaware of the changes in the prosperity of the school, but they definitely have occurred and are still continuing every year. So much has happened on this campus, whether we realize it or not. As Martha Grimes once said, "We don't know who we are until we see what we can do."



Students have been the main reason why this school has risen and grown to new heights beyond what anyone could have imagined, seeing as how it has increased in student size, publicity, and campus expansion. The People section editor in 2001 wondered, "What's in store for the future?" and predicted that "It will be exciting to see," and it truly has been. As we graduate and go our separate ways, we will look back and know that we, the students, are the future.

Members of Sigma Alpha Iota march in Harmony Walk to celebrate the diversity UNCP has to offer.



Graduating seniors hold flowers and balloons from friends and family at December 2008 commencement.



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Jeannette Garcia Aguilar

Nursing-BSN
Vale

Vetunde Olufunmibi Akindahunsi

Biology
Baltimore, MD



Musheerah Wala Ali

Biology/Health Promotion
Wilmington

Keisha Karanja Keenta Anderson

Elementary Education
St. Pauls

Krystal Marie Atkin

Forensic Chemistry
Harrells



DEFENDING UNCP



Michael Barnhorst was a senior from Charlotte, NC, where he has lived all his life. When asked about Charlotte, he said, "It's pretty busy and has tons of things to do,

so it's a fun place to live." This year, he lived at Pembroke Pointe, which he liked because "I have my own room and space to do whatever I want." He added that he has always had good roommates that he has gotten along with.

Michael's major was Business, which he chose in his junior year because you can do almost anything with it. When asked about the faculty, he stated that "the teachers are cool and help you out." He didn't have a job right now but hoped to work this summer at home with his friend's father.

In addition to his studies, Michael played defender for the soccer team at UNCP. This was a good experience for him because "I meet a lot more people this way and get to know the people

on my team much better." The people on the soccer team that he has gotten to know are the ones he will try and keep in touch with when he leaves UNCP.

Aside from his involvement with the soccer team, Michael also played indoor soccer and pick-up games with different people. In his free time, he liked "to just hang out with my friends and have fun."

When asked how he felt about finally being a senior, he said, "I'm looking forward to getting out of school and starting my life." After he graduates, he plans to go back to Charlotte and get a job in the city at a local bank and work his way up to manager. His advice for conducting a job search was, "Find a contact and talk to them as soon as you can."

What Michael liked best about UNCP were the small classes, because "they let me learn better." What he will miss about it most will be the people.

The advice he would like to give to entering freshmen: "Don't stress, just do work, chill, and have some fun."

BY JASON CHEVALIER



Desmond Lamarquise Batiste

Exercise and Sports Science
Fayetteville

Barry D. Belles

Special Education
Fairmont

Susan Jean Belles

Elementary Education
Fairmont



Katri E. Benjamin

Chemistry
West Orange, NJ

Julie Lynn Blackmon

English Education
Lumberton

Christine Vvonne Bouncer

Health Promotion
Raleigh

Crystal Lanova Bowen

Criminal Justice
Laurinburg

Kelli Marie Brayboy

Nursing
Shannon

Dwight M. Brewington

Business Administration
Raeford



Nathan Tyrone Bridges

Business Marketing
Fayetteville

Tonya Tamika Brown

Middle Grades Education
Lumberton

Megan Antionette Bryant

Psychology
Shalotte



CLOSE TO HOME

Laury Rose Chavis was an English major who has lived in this area for her entire life. Laury chose to be an English major because it was always a good subject for her, and she felt that writing is an art and is a part of history that combines many aspects of learning. Another part of her school experience that she enjoyed was Theatre. Laury hoped to complete her bachelor's in the subject. Her plans for the future included teaching and going back to UNCP to enroll in the Master of Arts in English Education program.

While at UNCP, Laury has enjoyed sorority and fraternity events, especially sponsoring and supporting them. She was also active in events sponsored by the English Club, including Scrabble tournaments and other social events. However, between her two young girls at home and the amount of English work she had to complete, she didn't have that much free time anymore. As an English major, she liked books, and her favorite book was *Night*, because it was an incredibly real book about the Holocaust.

While English was her favorite subject be-

cause of how it lets you be creative, math was her least favorite for pretty much the opposite reason. Laury said that it is too structured and set by a group of rules, while English gives you much more freedom than most subjects do.

One teacher that Laury was a fan of is Dr. Scott Hicks. She thinks that his class and style of teaching is the best in the school, and that he is just one of the nicer guys on campus.

Laury had a bit of advice for freshmen. They should enjoy every moment and take advantage of the professors, be active and take in everything that UNCP has to afford. But be careful, because she also says that studying is a must for new students. Without studying, no one will last more than a year.



BY WESLEY LEFEBURE



Sheryl Nicola Bryant
 Exercise and Sports Science
 Kingston, Jamaica, WI
James Markus Camp
 Nursing
 Raeford
Tomecca Natasha Campbell
 Social Work
 Gresham, SC



Maria Ann Canas
 Biology
 Hope Mills
Jim Dave Capps
 Exercise, Sports Science, and Recreation
 Hope Mills
Victoria Shantel Carter
 Social Work
 Red Springs



Chancellor Meadors and Miss UNCP Jamee Hunt show their support for the Braves at Pembroke Day. **T**his graduate doesn't let anything hold him back from getting his diploma.

"2-TONE" TONY

Dennis Paul "2-Tone Tony" Douglas Jr. was a senior at UNCP, a Mass Communication-Broadcasting major who was born in Warner Robins, GA. But being a military kid, Dennis started school in Misawa, Japan, then moved to Grand Forks, ND, and started going back and forth between New York City and ND. Finally Dennis moved to Gastonia, NC, in 1997 where he graduated from high school, although this wouldn't be the last time Dennis would move back and forth again. When Dennis arrived at UNCP he lived on and off campus starting from West to Pine and three different apartment complexes; this year he lived in the Commons. Douglas stated that throughout this experience, "I have gotten used to living with all sorts of people."

Douglas was a brother of the Theta Xi Fraternity. Douglas stated that "I love it, and my brothers in my fraternity will always be a part of my life." In addition to his fraternity life, Douglas was also involved in our school news show, *CNT*, as a Technical Director, Videographer and, an Associate Producer. Douglas commented that these extra curricular activities "have made a great part of my UNCP experience." When Douglas was a freshman he was in University Theatre productions such as *Music Man* and three other summer productions.

Also for this school he co-produced his own show, *One-Mic*, which lasted a season and also helped one of his friends show a sitcom, *Broadcast Now!*

Douglas even had hands-on experiences in his field by volunteering to intern at Kiss 95.1 in Charlotte where he was on-air with *The Night DJ Otis*, which aired Mondays from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

When asked how did it feel to be a senior, Douglas mentioned that "I felt kind of scared because the real world is getting closer." But after graduation he planned to move to Charlotte and work part-time back at Kiss 95.1 until he got a news job and eventually to start his own production company and hopefully move to Hollywood. He also stated that after he graduates he will miss his advisor and teacher Dr. Jamie Litty for helping him express his creativity and the Mass Communication Department, specifically Broadcasting.

BY KADEEM GENWRIGHT



R. Beaulah Chanakira

Biology and Health Promotion
Durham

Alan Anthony Chase

Special Education
Ocean Isle Beach

Debra O. Chavis

Social Work
Red Springs

Deidre Kelli Chavis

Nursing
Pembroke

Kandra Oxendine Chavis

Business Administration
Rowland

Laury Rose Chavis

English
Pembroke





SGA President Hannah Simpson address the student body at graduation.

Nick Faulker decides on what artwork he wants to purchase from the Art Sale.



Porthia Chavis

Health Promotion
Pembroke

Susan Rae Clark

Nursing
Madisonville, TX

Chalonda Michelle Coleman

Social Work
Washington, DC



Tiffany Antoinette Corley

Nursing
Havelock

Maggie Elizabeth Cox

Philosophy
Raeford

Bradley Herman Crawford

Journalism
Charleston, SC

Lynn Marie Cummings

Sociology
St Pauls

Brandon Foster Davis

Criminal Justice
Charlotte

Cassidy Nicole Davis

Health Promotion
Chapel Hill



Tonya M. DeBerry

Social Work
Laurinburg

Chenoa Chavis Deese

Health Promotion
Pembroke

Wen Deng

Accounting
Guang Zhou, China



Jay Sibbett looks back one last time to fellow classmates as he walks across the stage in May 2008.

Senior Caroline Goins spends time in the library studying as graduation approaches.





Purlie Dial-Deese

Sociology
Pembroke

Rachel Lynn Dial

Social Work
Lumberton

James Dingle

Biology
Sanford



Dennis Paul Douglas Jr.

Mass Communication
Warner Robbins, GA

Paul Ebohon

Biology
Miami, FL

Quinta Shamale Ellis

History
Salisbury



MOE MOE

Monique Korbel, better known as Moe Moe to her friends, was born in a small town in the Czech Republic. She lived there until she was 8 and then moved to Ger-

many with her mom. She was a senior this year at UNCP, commuting from Fayetteville.

Monique was an Environmental Science major with a minor in Geology. When asked what she thought about the course offerings in this department, she said, "They should offer more courses on the real world, and you should be able to take the courses that interest you." She did an internship at Oak Ridge National Lab in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. At the reservation she took inventory on the reptiles and amphibians.

Monique worked about 12 hours a week at a chiropractor's office. Previously she had worked a full-time job, but she had to quit to keep her grades up. She was also a part of the Biology Club and Tri-Beta honors society, and she said she

liked the Biology Club better. Monique was also nominated for Who's Who.

Some of the professors and students that Monique has met, she said, she will continue to stay in contact with after she graduates. Some professors that have been significant to Monique were Dr. Andy Ash, who got her started with her internship in Tennessee; Dr. Leon Jernigan, her advisor; and Dr. Bruce Ezzell. "Sydney Post and Kathy Trotter were the two most influential students to me," said Monique.

"Thank God," was Monique's reaction when asked how she felt about finally being a senior. After she graduates Monique said she would be going into the Air Force as an officer, and she said she might go on to graduate school after about two years. She said one day she might like to move to Australia, but she said she is undecided—as long as she gets out of Fayetteville. Some of the few things Monique said that she will miss about UNCP are the small classes and all of the personal attention that the professors give you. She said all of her instructors were helpful and she will miss the "family" she has been a part of while at UNCP.

BY STEVE HARRIS

Seniors wait patiently in the gym until it is time to line up and receive their diplomas in December 2008.



Students enjoy the halftime show put on by the marching band during a home football game.



Susan Davis Evans
Business Administration
Lumberton
Savannah Featherston
Biology
Raleigh
Andrea Pearl Ford
Criminal Justice
Fairmont



Gwendolyn Thomas Gilchrist
Social Work
Laurinburg
Alicia Ratley Goodman
Social Work
Lumberton
Nikki Grandt
Elementary Education
Landis



COMING TO AMERICA



Coming to America from Africa isn't what you would call a short trip, but this is what Paul Ebohon did with his life: he chose to come to America and learn more about what he desired to learn.

Paul was raised in Benin City, Nigeria, and moved to the United States in 2000. He attended Miami Dade Community College where his educational goal was Pharmacy. After 9 months in Florida, he joined the Army and worked at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland and then came to Fort Bragg in North Carolina as an Environmental Health Specialist and Supervisor. During his time in the Army, he got a chance to experience life in the Middle East. He was deployed to Kuwait in 2003, Afghanistan in 2004, and Iraq in 2006. After these deployments, he decided that it was time to leave the Army and complete his education.

When he went back to school, his major was Biology, and he planned to graduate in December 2008. He chose the Environmental track

because of the environmental health and science experience that he had from serving in the Army. When he was not studying, he enjoyed watching movies, listening to music, bowling and shopping. After graduation, he intended to get an environmental health/science job, after which he planned on going to graduate school to get a degree in Environmental Science. His graduate school of choice was UNC Chapel Hill and he planned to get started with his master's degree in fall 2009 or spring 2010.

One of his major decisions was he didn't know if UNCP was the place to get his bachelor's degree, but he was happy he chose this University. He said, "I was a little bit skeptical about this institution because it was in a small town, but it actually turned out to be a great place to learn." He said he was really thankful to all the professors who instructed him and even those who provided him with guidance because without their help, some of his courses would have been a lot harder. The only regret that he had while attending this institution was that he never got a chance to play on the soccer team; soccer is a sport which he was really good at and played for most of his life.

BY KEVIN SANDERSON



Malinda Christina Green

Birth-Kindergarten Education
Raleigh



Derrick Anthony Guderian

Computer Science
Wilmington



Lena Marie Guisewite

Biology
Vista, CA



Rodney Lane Guyton Jr.

Biology
Bladenboro



Brittany Beryl Hall

Criminal Justice
Shalotte



Josie Anne Hammonds

Sociology
Red Springs

Adam Lee Hamrick

Physical Education
Garner

Jessica Kristian Hayes

Birth-Kindergarten Education
Rockingham

Brittany Dawn Hedgepeth

Elementary Education
Henderson



Elizabeth Herrera

Elementary Education
Louisburg

Colbert Tremayne Hill

Exercise and Sports Science
Wilson

Nakea Rashaun Hill

Biology
Fairmont



TIGER LADY

Angeleen Leonard, known to everybody as Angel, was from a small town called Franklinton, North Carolina. In this town everybody knows everybody. She has lived there for four years. Before that she lived in Oxford, NC. This year she lived in Village Apartments. She liked living in Village because she didn't have to share the bathroom with a lot of girls, and also she can cook. The only thing that she didn't like was that there can be a lot of parties and you can't study because of the noise.

Here at Pembroke she was graduating with a Biology degree with a Zoology concentration, specializing in big cats like tigers, lions, etc. She picked Pembroke because we have a really good program and are the only school in North Carolina that offers it, and also she feels the faculty is very helpful. She has had hands-on experience with exotic animals because she has a flying squirrel. She has not done any volunteer work yet but plans to work at Disney World as an intern after she graduates. She has never changed her major; she always wanted to work with exotic animals.

When she was not in school, she worked for the *Indianhead* yearbook as an administrative assistant. Her job has not affected her studies: when

all her work is done at the yearbook office she can study because it is a quiet environment. In her spare time she likes to read about exotic animals so she will know about them when she goes into the field.

She was really happy to be a senior; she said, "Thank God I am almost finished." She was thinking about getting a master's degree in Biology in the future. It depends on where she is working. Advice that she gave freshmen was to make sure you meet all of the requirements for the general education and major classes and be close with your professors.

After graduating, Angel planned to leave North Carolina and move to Florida. The things she is going to miss about Pembroke are how small it is and the hands-on learning. She is also going to miss the teachers and how helpful they have been.



BY LAFAYETTE WILLIAMS



Dora Lena Hinds

Health Promotion
Lumberton

Elizabeth Sue Hoover

Music
Proctorville

Emily Marie Horton

Elementary Education
Morehead City



Henry Nathan Howard

Biology
Charleston, SC

Bobbie Jo Hunt

Sociology

Clarice Stewart Hunt

Birth-Kindergarten Education
Lumberton



ZTA sister Stacy Bartlett gives Chancellor Meadors a big smile as she receives her diploma at the May 2008 commencement.

Students and staff from the Bookstore show off different items to raise money for Relay for Life.

DIGITAL VISION

David Torres II, also known as Torres, was born in Germany. As an Army brat, he moved around a lot. From 1987 to 1992 he lived in Massachusetts, next moving to Belgium from 1992 to 1995; then David moved to England from 1995 to 1998, and finally to Fayetteville, NC, where he moved in 1998 and still lives.

On campus David lived at the Village Apartments. He said that the advantages of living on campus were having more direct involvement with the school and being more convenient for walking to classes; the disadvantage was not being able to see your family every day. David has lived on campus for four years and has had nine different roommates, which allowed him to experience new and enjoyable things in college life.

David's major was Digital Arts. He started out with a passion for Computer Science, but two art classes inspired him to move on to Digital Arts. He gained experience in his field designing flyers and T-shirts for different groups on campus and working on the yearbook. David believed that his courses offered everything he needed and that the faculty was of good assistance.

David had two jobs this year, as the editor in chief of the yearbook and an RA for the Village Apartments. This has affected his studies to a

certain extent. He had to deal with late nights and his schedule constantly being thrown off track. Aside from work, David enjoys playing soccer with his friends, spending time with his older brother working on cars, and spending time with his nieces and younger brother, who is in the army.

David has met many friends while at UNCP, such as his buddies on the soccer team and friends from Charlotte; he met most of his friends playing on the soccer team his freshman year and being an RA. David said, "It feels great to be a senior, but you soon will have to face the true reality of being out there in the world on your own." David's plans after college were to continue to work in Fayetteville, where he hoped to find a job in a graphic shop. David recommended that any upcoming freshmen should try to stay on track with their classes and focus on their future after college.

BY CHRISTOPHER RICHARDSON



Joshua Davis Hunt

Music Education
Rowland

William Christopher Ivey

Studio Art
Lumberton

Shaneque Sade Jenkins

Exercise and Sports Science
Bolton



Demario Antione Jones

Broadcasting
Atlanta, GA

Eun Ae (Grace) Jo

Marketing
Daejeon, South Korea

Roselyn McMillian Jones

Health Promotion
Lumberton



Barry Burch gives a speech in the UC Annex during the Fall 2008 election campaigning on campus.

Nirva Mahautiere learns about teamwork during the summer 2008 Leadershape conference.



Ashley Dawn Justice

International Business
Denton

Sean Matthew Kelly

Political Science

Matthew Clay Kennedy

Mass Communications
Wilson



Allison Marie Kerr

Sociology
Branchburge, NJ

Jennifer Diana Key

Biology
Raeford

Young Hoon Kim

Marketing
South Korea

Valerie Geneva King

Sociology
Tabor City

Natasha Jones Kinto

Psychology
Pembroke

Joey Lamar Kirk

Business Administration
Whiteville



Jamie Michelle Knox

Nursing
Troutman

Monique Korbek

Environmental Science
Czech Republic

Fallon Phynesse Kornegay

Psychology
Goldsboro



Carlyse Jordan and PJ Siler take a break from class during the activity period in the UC Lounge.



It's a proud moment for D'Arcee Neal as he accepts his diploma from Chancellor Meadors.



Nartrish Lashon Lance

Business
Atlanta, GA

Katuska Francheska Laureano

Political Science
Hope Mills

Angeleen Raquel Leonard

Zoology
Franklinton



Tammy T. Lewis

Elementary Education
Orrum

Joycelyn Lighty

Criminal Justice
Harlem, New York City, NY

Leann Little

Criminal Justice
Lumberton



BIG CITY DREAMS

Lakisha Williams was a senior at UNCP. Most of her friends would know her as Kisha. She is from a small town outside of Pinehurst called Taylortown, NC.

Lakisha was staying in the Commons with very cool and respectful roommates. She liked living in an apartment because she has her privacy and it makes her feel independent. She previously was going to UNCG and had a two and a half hour drive every day. So she liked the apartment because she's close enough to school but not on campus.

Lakisha originally wanted to be a disk jockey but found that it was not her. So her major now was Recreation Administration Management; she chose this because she likes to help people and provide youth and community activities. She has volunteered with the 4-H groups and Americorps. She has also helped adults learn how to read and learn English. She was involved with LSOP and University Marshals. Both clubs are based on vol-

unteering. Lakisha said, "At student orientation the LSOP organization just found my eye." When she has free time she likes to spend it hanging out with friends or going to see her family. She also likes to spend her free time reading about the Holocaust and educating people about it.

Lakisha had a very good adviser who passed away last fall and was remembered through a scholarship program for students. Lakisha is very proud of the fact that she was the first recipient of that scholarship. Lakisha planned to graduate in December of 2008. Once she graduates she would like to work for the YMCA. She really wants to move to Chicago or Texas because she has always been in North Carolina. Once she has worked at the YMCA for about ten years, she would like to move back to her home town and help with the community activities. Now that she was a senior and could see graduation ahead, it was constantly on her mind, and she was excited and scared about moving on with life. But she gave some advice to incoming freshmen. "If you conquer college than you can win life. Make sure you get involved and step outside of your comfort zone so you can grow," she said.

BY ZACHARY BARTHEL

Graduates take in words of wisdom from Dr. Mark Canada's speech.

Snow falls in January 2009. Cancelling classes and providing a day full of endless amounts of fun with friends.



Henika DeVar Lloyd

Social Work
Ayden

Jessica Lynn Locklear

Health Promotion
Rowland

Kevin Alex Locklear

Art Education
Rennert



Lena Brayboy Locklear

Nursing
Red Springs

Priscilla Arlene Locklear

Health Promotion
Pembroke

Rocky Alexander Locklear

Elementary Education
Maxton





FULL-TIME LIFE

Joshua David Hunt was a senior music education major. Josh was a full-time husband, father, third shift supervisor, and a full-time student. In addition to all these major responsibilities,

Josh was also an active member of Epsilon Chi Nu Native American Fraternity Inc., Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Master Mason Lodge 305, the UNCP Spirit of the Carolinas Marching Band, and the UNCP Brass Quintet created by Dr. Timothy Altman. Josh has still managed to be a successful trumpet player.

The small, rural town of Rowland, North Carolina is where Josh grew up and resided with his wife and their two children. Josh felt that commuting to school allowed privacy, quiet areas to study, the ability to work, and a sense of comfort from spending time with his family. However, commuting had its disadvantages as well, such as rising gas prices and having to keep a job in order to commute.

As a music education major, Josh was full-

filling a life long dream. He has spent his spare time volunteering to play in churches and teaching students at all school levels. These activities were all centered toward his passion for music and teaching. Josh believed the faculty of the music department is dedicated to their courses and students. Josh considered Dr. Timothy Altman as a friend who has gone beyond the call of duty to help him in his musical growth. Josh's willingness to be active on the UNCP campus has given him "a network of lifelong friends."

In the future, Josh would like to attend Marine Officer Training and become a member of the most elite band in the world or teach in the public school system and hopefully receive his master's and Ph.D. Becoming a senior was a dream come true for Josh, a hurdle he thought he could never jump over. Josh would like to tell entering freshmen, "establish goals that you would like to achieve and stick to one major," along with staying focused and managing your time. Josh had this final statement about his time spent at UNCP: "This has been one of the greatest experiences of my life, and I will carry with me many memories from my alma mater."

BY BENJAMIN C. MITCHELL



Ronda Gale Locklear

Biology
Pembroke

Casey Marie Long

Nursing
Raeford

Grace Lee Vusckat Louis

Biology
Fayetteville



Zachary Lynn Lovett

History
Kill Devil Hills

Aaron Edward Lynch

Physical Education
Goldsboro

Nirva Mahautiere

Criminal Justice
Queens, NY

Janet Colleen Maitlen

History
Hope Mills

Danyelle Dattryce Malloy

Sociology
Pineville

Earlicia Quensetta McBride

Criminal Justice
Red Springs



Rhonda Galbreath McBryde

Sociology
Red Springs

Steven Michael McCausley

Criminal Justice
Swansboro

Andrea Nicole McDowell

Music Education
Fayetteville



WORKING HARD

Megan Bryant was a senior and happy she chose to come to UNCP. She is from Shallotte, North Carolina, which is a small town between Wilmington and Myrtle Beach. It is always a challenge living with three individuals, learning their habits, but still not changing who you are to enjoy the thought of living on your own. Being a part of the little community in The Commons Apartments was a good way to meet new people and be responsible with property.

Megan was majoring in psychology and has loved every part of the study, Megan said. "Everyone knows everyone in the department; it's as if it is a tightly knit family." Being in the Psychology Club kept her involved and intertwined with the University. Another feature she liked about UNC Pembroke is the one-on-one a student receives with her professors; she also liked the diversity all around campus.

Working hard in school was not the only job she had. She also put in 35- 40 hours a week doing secretarial work for a packaging company. This job kept her mind focused on what she really wants in life. She also did volunteer work for Hospice a couple hours a week. With the heavy work load from school and her company, she could not afford to wait until the last second to do what

needed to be done.

Her secret for making it this far through college was to have a positive lifestyle. Two of her closest friends that have had the most impact on her life are Tierra McIntosh, whom she met her freshman year through other friends, and Candise Lewis, who was, by chance, her roommate sophomore year at the housing off-campus called The Pointe.

After graduation Megan planned on attending the University of North Carolina at Greensboro to get her master's in Clinical Psychology. While doing this, she was hoping to work for the Clinical Center in the Guilford County area. The advice she can give to underclassmen is not to jump right into a major until you're definitely sure it's what you want to do. It is good to have a plan on what it is you want, and to have a back-up plan in case it's not what you expected. Also, do not wait for handouts; seize the moment and go for your dreams.



BY BRYAN MAXFIELD



Jacqueline Elizabeth McIntosh

American History
Charlotte

Tierra Cheyenne McIntosh

Sociology
Chicago, IL

Vernessa Gaile McLaughlin

Social Work
North Carolina



Jamesia Danielle McLean

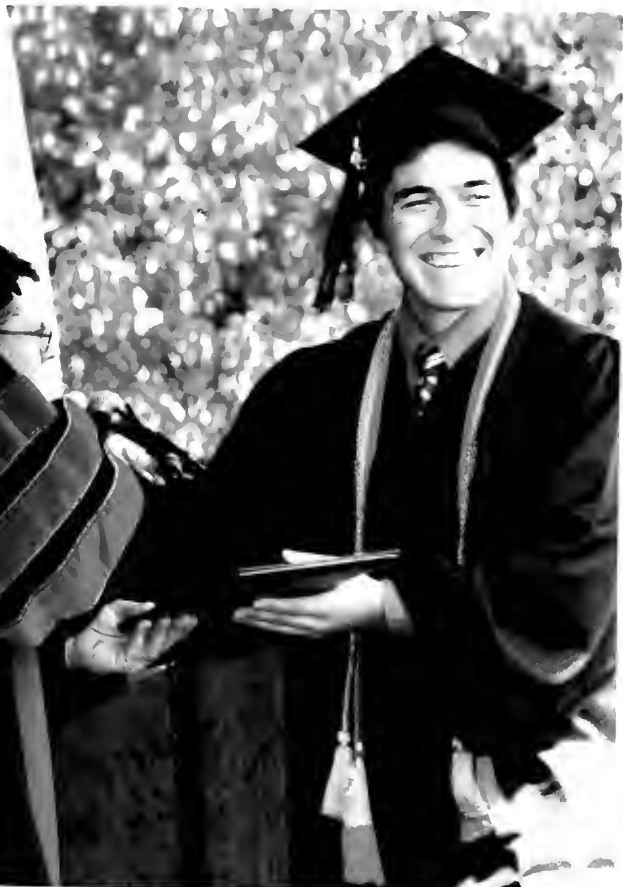
Business Management
Wagram

Korma McLean

Social Work
Laurinburg

Angela Renea McMillian

Biology
Fairmont



Ramon Zepeda gladly accepts his diploma from Chancellor Meadors.

David Parks's cap and gown make a unique fashion statement.

STARTING YOUNG

Henika DeVar Lloyd is from Kinston, North Carolina. It is a very small town and everyone is really close in the community. He has lived there now for six years. He was raised as an Air Force brat living everywhere from overseas to here in the U.S. He does remember living in Japan, and he describes it as "just beautiful."

When Henkia first got to UNCP he lived in West Hall and had only one roommate, but this year he lived off-campus at Pointe Apartments. Henika believed that one big advantage of living off-campus is that it is more secluded, but on the other hand, you have to drive to campus. Henika said that "living off campus is a reason why I am less involved with campus activities."

Henika was majoring in Social Work, and his major had really started back in high school. He did intern jobs under the therapist there and realized his passion for social work. The faculty was very helpful here at UNCP and the course of study provided him not only the information but the skills he would need in his field when he graduates. Henika had two jobs, one working at Life Opportunites, Inc. and the other in the US Air Force Reserves. Although he worked about 30 hours a week, his work has not affected his

studies. Over the years he has been here, Henika has been a part of NASW and CASW, and he crossed Phi Beta Sigma Inc. in the Spring of 2006. His involvement in these organizations placed him in environments to utilize his skills that he learned from class. In his spare time he was busy spending time with his family, working, or being involved in the Adopt-a-Highway program. His fraternity brothers, close friends, and Professor Georgianna Mack will still be a big part of his life in the future.

Henika said it felt great to be a senior. He planned to go to graduate school in Miami and then planned to work in the field of psychotherapy. He has spent most of this year applying and doing several internships at different agencies. As he leaves UNCP, he is going to remember the relationships he built with his professors, but he will mostly miss the people he has met.

BY HALEY BLEVINS



Terica Nochelle McNair

Social Work
Raleigh

Esperanza Melendez

Social Work
Bladen

Britney Shanté Melvin

Health Promotion
Louisburg



Kimberly Melvin-Swindell

English
Lumberton

Daniel James Mercer

Health Promotion
Hamlet

Sandra Meza

Health Promotion
Rocky Point





This new graduate is ecstatic after receiving her diploma in May 2008.

Kappas Lee Moore and DeWayne "Weezie" Spears chat at Pembroke Day.



Matthew Rhyon Miller

Biology
Lenoir

Dorothy Louise Moore

Criminal Justice
Red Springs

Markisha Moore

Social Work
Proctorville



Tania Sarai Morales

Health Promotion
Cherryville

Jennifer Lee Mosley

Health Promotion
Fayetteville

Kimberly Moseley

Chemistry
New Bern

Scott Michael Munizza

Mathematics
Pittsburgh, PA

Patricia Myers

Social Work
Southern Pines

Heather Marie Nance

Spanish
Whiteville



Noemi Navarrete

English Education
Canover

Vitha Denise Nemeroff

Middle Grades Education
Elizabethtown

Dominique Demetria Newkirk

Special Education
Wallace



Andre Eble chooses what artwork he wants from the annual Art Sale.



Enrico Warren happily embraces his mother after receiving his diploma.

**Kyle Thomas Newton**Environmental Science
St. Pauls**Marcus Gene Oxendine**Chemistry
Rowland**Myra Michelle Oxendine**Criminal Justice
Pembroke**Paola Pani**International Business
Raleigh**David Michael Parks**Biology and Spanish
Charlotte**Toy Mennet Parson**Mass Communication
Asheboro

BETTER LIVING

Yuan Wei, better known as Iris, is originally from a small city in Southeast China called Chuzhou. She lived there for 20 years before coming to UNCP.

Yuan lived off campus at the University Courtyard apartment complex and said that she enjoyed living there as she had roommates who shared the same culture as she did. They bonded well as they were from a similar area as her own, and this made cooking and eating together easy. The rooming assignments are more comfortable here than in China, and she said that sharing a place with 4 people compared to 7 was a very good advantage. One disadvantage at first was when she was rooming with American students who liked to party a lot, which made it hard for her to study due to the disturbances.

Yuan was an Accounting major, and she chose this because her parents work in banks and they believe that accounting is the foundation for any field that she would want to work in. As an

international student she was unable to work but was part of the International Student Organization and did volunteer work.

As part of being in the International Student Organization, she helped organize Asia Day on campus. She also spent a majority of her time in the library studying and preparing herself for her exams and classes and said that the professors provided a lot of help to her as she was not very proficient in speaking English.

When asked if she was ready to graduate she said at first she was very excited about graduating. But as the days were closing in on graduation, she was getting sad as she will have to go back to China, leaving her friends here that she has made. She planned to apply for graduate school in 2010 when she will be eligible to come back to America. She plans to attend grad school in the North-East and has plans to take her CPA exam so she will be able to get a job in her field of study.

She enjoyed the small classroom environment here at UNCP and is going to miss everything about it here, like her friends, professors, and the environment. She gave some parting advice to future UNCP students, saying "Enjoy the life here and the activities that UNCP offers."

BY CARMIN TRASENTE

The annual Homecoming Block Party lets friends hang out and have fun.



Jose Garcia's excitement about graduating in May 2008 is priceless.



Kapri Pennington

Biology
Portland, OR

Heidi Cynthia Platow

Business Management
Wilmington

Jennifer M. Plummer

Birth-Kindergarten Education
Camp Lejeune



Danielle Michelle Powers

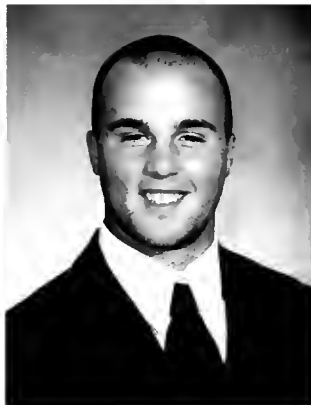
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Bobby Jarrett Prite

Social Studies Education
Tabor City

Megan Brigid Quinlan

Mass Communication
Fayetteville





AGENT 'BERYL'

Brittany Beryl Hall, known to friends and family as Beryl, is from Shallotte, NC, a small town near the beach. At UNCP she lived in a home off campus, which gave her a lot more

freedom and personal space. She had one roommate; they got along very well. She also has two dogs, Jasmine and Hannah, who just turned 3. She was a Criminal Justice major and a Psychology minor. "I have no idea why I chose it," she said when asked about her major. "It's just something I have always wanted to do." She did her internship at the Lumberton Police Department and was secretary dispatcher for the Shallotte Police Department. After graduating, she wanted to be a sworn agent for ALE (Alcohol Law Enforcement). She loved her department; the professors talk to you in the hallway, are always willing to meet with you, and care about your education.

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She was very active outside the classroom. After playing tennis for UNCP in 2006, she became president of the Criminal Justice Club and of the

lota Delta chapter of the Alpha Phi Sigma honor society and treasurer of the Gamma Beta Phi society, and she was also active in LSOP. These organizations have enhanced her career at UNCP because she is way more in tune with campus life and she has met and become very close with numerous people through her leadership roles. She will mostly miss her Vice President, Justin Holt, who will be taking over the CJ Club when she graduates.

Beryl loved to go home to the beach and spend time with her family; she loves hunting and fishing and of course "Splashin' around in the mud with my truck," said Beryl. She hates to be inside. She would much rather be mowing the grass. She also likes to cook.

Finally being a senior was both terrifying and exciting. One piece of advice she had for freshmen was to go to the Career Center; she said her resumé is splendid and her interviewing skills have been enhanced.

Recalling her days at Pembroke, she said she liked the environment of small classrooms and experienced professors. It has been an enlightening experience compared to a larger school that doesn't have a lot of one-on-one time.

BY CHASITY CLABO



Sandra E. Roberts

Elementary Education
Saint Pauls

Angela Marie Rodgers

English Education
Hope Mills

Jader Ulises Rodriguez

Molecular Biology
Charlotte



Karen Mary Rosciano

English
Brooklyn, NY

Charles W. Sanders

Nursing
Lumberton

Mary Blue Savage

Elementary Education
Cerro Gordo

John Raymond Schrenker

Elementary Education
Ellerbe

Eliza Locklear Scott

Elementary Education
Pembroke

Sandra Woods Scott

Health Promotion
Maxton



Baha S. Shehadeh

Sociology
Rocky Mount

Sharita Latrice Shepherd

Accounting
Raleigh

Kara Marie Simpson

Sociology
Matthews



READY TO WORK

Christian Robert Felkl, originally from Rutland, VT, moved to Raleigh in his 8th grade year. This year, he lived on campus in Oak Hall, where he was also the Resident Director. "Being on campus," he said, "can be better for a person who likes being around other people." Christian was majoring in Mass Communication with concentrations in Broadcasting and Journalism. "I have always like working with cameras and being in front of them," he said. "I also liked what this school had to offer. I talked with professors and they introduced me into journalism and I fell in love with both." Christian said he loved "everything about the department and everybody in it." He got hands-on experience doing an internship after his sophomore year at Genesis Marketing in Cary, NC, and he interned last summer at News 14 Carolina, a statewide 24-hour news channel. "I really enjoyed working there," Christian said.

This year, in addition to his Resident Director position, Christian was working part-time for News 14, and he was also Editor-in-Chief of *The Pine Needle*. "I don't think any of this has affected my studies," he said, "just enhanced them." He has been on several University Committees and Boards, which, he said, "has helped me love his school even more. It has helped me with

networking and getting to know some great people that I might not have ever met." When not involved in extracurricular activities, Christian liked playing tennis racquetball or basketball, racing, golf, or just hanging out with friends and watching their sports teams play.

After leaving UNCP, he hoped to keep in touch with professors such as Dr. Judy and Dr. Anthony Curtis "because they are two great advisors" and with Joyce Chavis, the receptionist of Pine Hall, because "She was there my freshman year when I had problems with my roommate and I have always been friends ever since."

Christian said he was "really excited" to be done with school and ready to do some work in his field. His plans after he graduates are to get a job. "I have ideas of what I would like to do," he said, "but I am always open for new experiences and will work wherever I can." He would like to stay in Raleigh, but he will go wherever he has to as long as he has a job.





Willie D. Slaughter

Exercise and Sports Science
Fayetteville

Veronica Lee Solares

Criminal Justice
Garner

Frank Christopher Speer

Chemistry
Monroe



Lorene Jenkins Stephens

Exercise and Sports Science
Fairmont

Helen Maske Streeter

Social Work
Laurinburg

Bradley David Strickland

Physical Education
Tabor City



Samantha Garrison knows that the all the hard work she has done has finally paid off as she gets her dipolma.

Derving Rios, Edgar Mendoza, and Brayam Pinilla joke around outside the UC.

WHAT EXCUSE?

"No matter what the situation is, overcome it. Never show people you're down," said Nirva Mahautiere. Nirva, a senior at UNCP, was one of the lucky college students that could actually say this and live by it. A newcomer to North Carolina, Nirva had to adjust to Pembroke after living in Queens, New York, for the past twenty years. "Living in New York was exciting," Nirva said. Now that she was in North Carolina, she lived by herself in her own home in Fayetteville. She liked the fact that she had no rules since she was living alone.

Nirva's chosen major was Criminal Justice, and she had high hopes of being a public relations representative after graduating from UNCP. She also planned to move to Georgia after graduation to attend law school to become an attorney. She worked twenty hours a week at Woolbridge Alternative, where she was a mentor and worked with juvenile delinquents.

Aside from work, Nirva was a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta, which she said helped her expand her communication with fellow students. She was also a flag girl, a member of ACE, and she did volunteer work for her church, Saint Patrick's in Fayetteville. She did not allow any of

these extracurricular activities to interfere with her studies.

Nirva is a fighter and will not allow anything to get in her way. At age sixteen, she was diagnosed with sickle cell anemia. She did not let it get in the way of her ability to succeed. "I look at myself as the ruler of my life. Whatever I do, it happens," Nirva said. She wanted to be able to finish school and be successful. What she liked about UNCP were the one-on-one teaching and how professors know your name. She will miss her sorority sisters, friends, and the entire undergraduate experience.

As advice for incoming students, Nirva encouraged new freshmen to "know you are in a new world. Respect yourself, and know what you do as a freshman can affect you as a senior." She also encouraged freshmen to keep their grades up and take full advantage of the services the school has to offer.

BY CHANTEL MOORE



Dana Strickland

Mathematics Education
Lumberton

Amanda Jo Swinton

History
Waverly Hall, GA

Brittany Alexandra Taylor

Special Education
Fayetteville



Valarie Vernita Carol Thomas

Recreation Management
Lumberton

Priscilla Monek Thompson

Exercise Science
Purvis

David Torres II

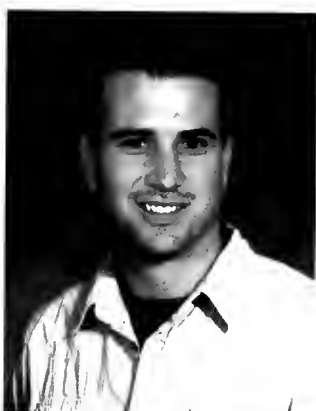
Digital Studio Art
Fayetteville





Marquita Malloy is all smiles as she receives her diploma in May 2008, the 100th anniversary of her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Ryan Kelly and Charlotte Cassidy are Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, Kelly's last performance with University Players before graduating.



Lyndsey Daniels Torres

History

Raleigh

Michael E. Torres

Computer Science

Fayetteville

David Paul Troskey

Business Marketing

Raleigh



Monica Locklear Velazquez

Sociology

Pembroke

Jessita Ryan Villarreal

History

Hope Mills

Ashely Diane Walker

Criminal Justice

Hillsborough

Emily Kay Walter

Criminal Justice
Matthews

Lisa Marie Walters

Biology and Chemistry
Polkton

Joseph Michael Waring

Health Promotion
Wadesboro



Kendra Washington

Health Promotion
Winston-Salem

Nancy Tant Watson

Elementary Education
Lilesville

Yuan Wei

Accounting
Chuzhou, Anhui Province, China



Graduates are all smiles as they leave the University, knowing their future was worth all their effort.

Nick Dial, Jennifer Brown, and Lauren Locklear spend time talking about upcoming Hok-Nosai events.





Rosaline Relena Whittington

Nursing
Lumberton

Danielle Nicole Williams

Forensic Chemistry
Gastonia

LaKisha Danay Williams

Recreation Administration
Taylortown



Randall Keith Williams

Political Science
Fayetteville

Craig Lavon Wilson

Social Work
Rowland

Rachelle Leann Wilson

Psychology
Hickory



SHE IS MARSHAL

Emily Kay Walter was a senior here at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. She was born in Pontiac, MI, but lived in Matthews, North Carolina since she was

three years old. She lived on campus throughout the years she attended UNCP and liked the fact that "there was no need to have to drive to classes and have to worry about buying gas."

Emily was planning on majoring in Criminal Justice. She loved to watch *CSI* and it gave her the idea of doing something in the Criminal Justice area. While she was in high school and searching for a college, Emily wanted a college that had many options for either forensics or something related to it. She felt the classes at UNCP came in a great variety and were very interesting.

Emily was also a member of the University Marshals, this year as the Chief Marshal. Being a part of the organization helped her with communication skills and she was able to greet people, assist people if they needed help, and re-

solve problems if any were to arise. Along with being a member of the University Marshals, outside of school she made it a habit to help out in the cancer community. In the summer of 2008, her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, but because of early detection, her mother was a survivor. Since her mother was diagnosed, they both became more interested in finding a cure for breast cancer. Emily also loved to scrapbook because she liked to "savor the memories that could be cherished for years to come."

When asked how it felt to be a senior, Emily said it was hard to believe. She felt she just got to Pembroke and it was already time for her to move on. She also said how "it gives me the feeling that I am one step closer to the real world and getting into a career." Although she was not one hundred percent sure of what she wanted to do after she graduated, she definitely wanted to find a job and have a chance to establish herself in a career.

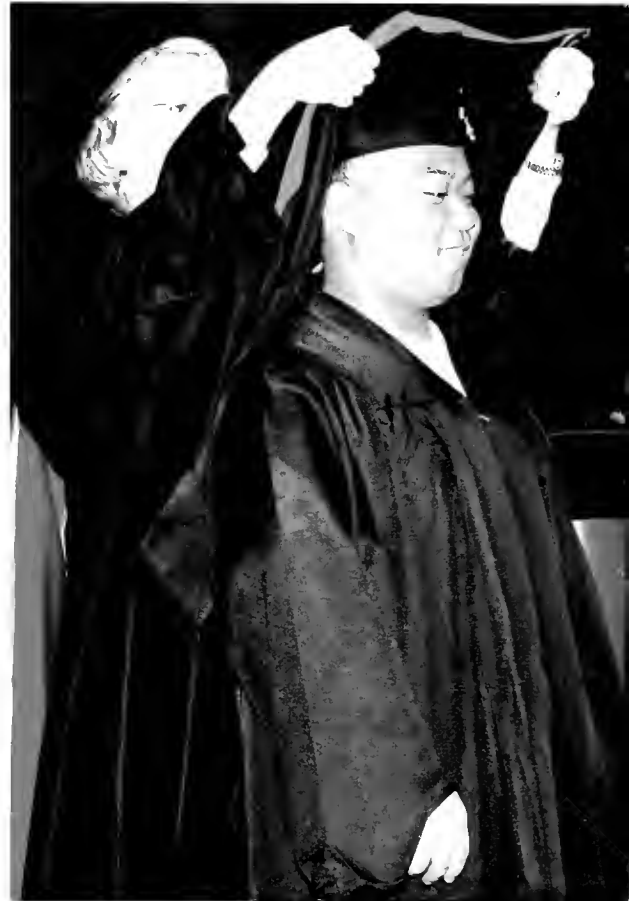
Emily enjoyed attending UNCP, and when she was asked what advice she had for entering freshmen, she said, "Party as much as you like, but in the end make sure your school work gets done. Don't procrastinate; it will catch up to you."

BY BETHANY GARDNER

This graduate student receives her hood from Graduate Dean Kathleen Hilton at the May 2008 commencement.



This graduate student receives his hood from Acting Dean Sara Simmons at the December 2008 commencement.



Nicole Denise Winston

Psychology
Shannon

Dottie Ruth Woods

Psychology
Pembroke

Charity Ann Worley

Elementary Education
Cerro Gordo



Seniors celebrate with family and friends after receiving their degrees at the December 2008 commencement.





MISS A.

Am a n d a Faulk, or "Miss A" as many call her, happens to be from Laurinburg and has lived there most of her life. She loves it there, saying, "It has that small town

feel in which everyone knows everyone, which is harder and harder to come by these days. It was a great place to grow up at, and I still visit from time to time since it is so close." When she was 18 years old she moved to Raleigh and attended NC State University. After she graduated, she decided to move back and pursue a Master of Arts in Service Agency Counseling here at UNCP.

As she pursues her dream of becoming a college counselor, she is also the Resident Administrator of North Hall here on campus. "Although I have my spacious apartment, office, and private room, it feels like I have 200 roommates," she said. Because of her work as a Resident Administrator, she feels that she been has given the experience that will prove to be very useful to her

future career as a counselor. Apart from her work in Residence Life, she is also the advisor for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. as well as the Unanimous Hip-Hop Dance Team.

When she isn't trying to help the students of tomorrow, she enjoys a rich home life among her friends and family right down the road. There, they enjoy cooking and eating those fine family meals that America is so famous for; in fact, I am getting hungry just thinking about it. When asked what else she enjoys, she suggested shopping, traveling, and meeting new people and going to watch movies. And when pressed for details, she replied that *Fire Proof*, *Sex In the City*, and *Express* were some of her favorite movie choices of the year.

As our time grew short, she also said that if she could let all her fellow students know one thing, it would be: "You can do it, despite the obstacles and hardships in your path. You can do it." And to the freshmen reading this, she also added, "You should be open minded." All in all, Miss Amanda will be missed when she moves on after completing her graduate studies at UNCP.

BY JOHN SCHALTON



Khaled Al-Masaeed

English
Rowland

Katina Michelle Blue

Public Administration-Emergency
Management
Garner

Emanuel R. Davis

Social Studies Education
Hamlet



Graduate students also celebrate with family and friends after receiving their master's degrees in December 2008.

A member of Sigma Gamma Rho is selling cookies to raise money for Relay for Life.



Jamaisha Ward, Jarred Boyce, and Okoye Gorden enjoy a little break at the exam breakfast in the cafeteria.



Francina Nancy Abengewe
Wade Justice Allen
David Chimchi Amadi
Cecilia Bailey



Kajarra LA Caldwell
Susan Nicele Carter-Hunt
Jamie Renee Marie Cesare
Wade Chavis





NO TIME TO PLAY

Sabrina Godwin is a junior majoring in middle grades language arts and social studies education with a minor in philosophy and religion. "I chose grades seventh through ninth to make a difference before they reach high school so that they would be more likely to go to college," she said.

Sabrina is also hero. She was diagnosed with throat/neck cancer five days before her 30th birthday, resulting from a combination of heredity and second hand smoke. Her ability to come back to school after not being able to talk or eat for two months while receiving treatment at Chapel Hill was amazing. As soon as she returned to school she successfully received all A's and B's.

Being sick and out of school for a year was no walk in the park for the single mom with two kids. From January to July of the year she got di-

agnosed, Sabrina was sick and the doctor thought that she had strep throat. At first she didn't really think anything of it because she had gotten her first teaching position and was ignoring her health. "If I didn't have private insurance, I would have to wait a month later to see a specialist," she said.

Luckily the TRIO program here on campus assisted with studying since the tumor affected the back of her head which interfered with the part of the brain that deals with memory. It was great that Sabrina had received a disability scholarship to assist her in her education, especially with all the money she had to pay for the intense chemo and radiation she had to endure while she caught pneumonia.

Sabrina now knows her health comes first before a career. "In order to overcome obstacles you need to have strong determination to meet goals and overcome many battles," she said.

By Yvonne Johnson



Angelica Lea Collins
Kendra Quanshelle Daniels
Michelle Darby
Brittany Nicole Dawson



Vanessa L. Diaz
Yuasmine Shauntel Diaz
Allison Rebecca Ellis
Roberta Lynn Giles

Sabrina Godwin
 Glenn Daniel Geldbaugh, Jr.
 Matthew Kyle Greene
 Stacy Leigh Hand



Chante Zenell Hargreave
 Octavia W. Hill
 Maria Beth Heckaday
 Barbara Michelle Hunter



ON THE ROAD

Jordan Pittman, a junior with a major in broadcasting, is from Lumberton, NC, and finds commuting to UNCP a simple way to both be a student and work at the same time. While working in a restaurant in Lumberton and currently interning at a radio station in Fayetteville, Jordan kept his schedule busy.

"The internship that I have been working at this semester has really given me a lot of ideas about what it takes to work in the radio business," said Jordan. "I feel like I have learned so much from the experience that can really help me out once I have graduated and landed a job."

Jordan also has his own radio show on campus, The Weekly Hot 10 with Jordan and K.Rocka. On the show, Jordan and sophomore Kiara Garrett count down the top 10 songs on campus each week.

"The Weekly Hot 10 helped me realize that radio was something I wanted to pursue without a doubt," said Jordan. "I have always been interested in radio, but having my own show on campus really solidified it and made me feel like it actually is possible."

Jordan said that he had never even

thought of broadcasting as his major until he took a broadcasting class during the second semester of his freshman year.

"When I took the broadcasting class, I felt like I had finally found something that interests me," said Jordan. "I don't want to be stuck doing something that I find boring for the rest of my life."

So far, Jordan says that all of his professors have been helpful to his experience.

"I don't think I have had one professor that I dislike," says Jordan. "The professors in the Mass Communication department really have helped me out a lot, especially Dr. Litty."

Jordan said that his experience at UNCP will definitely help him in the long run, and he feels like he made the right choice in colleges after all.



BY [Name]



Paula Jacobs
Terra T. Jacobs
Quenetta Michelle Johnson
Raisa Reheljah Jones



Ashton Faith Jordan
Brandi Leeanne Kim
Jessica Ann Knapton
Sang Li



Members of the Concert Band entertain the audience with a rousing number on Pembroke Day.

DaMonique Coley takes herself back to childhood toys such as Play-Doh to relieve stress during exam week.

BIG CITY DREAMS

Brittney Racquel Burt is from Butner, NC, a little town right outside of the capital, Raleigh. Brittney was a junior majoring in Mass Communication, focusing on broadcasting and public relations. Brittney's plans after graduation were to work at a public relations firm in New York City and later take on event planning.

Brittney enjoys reading in her spare time as well as planning get-togethers with her friends. When Brittney doesn't have her nose in a book she has her foot in a store doing what she loves, shopping till she drops. Brittney is known among her peers as the classy yet sassy girl with style! Her secret, she says to all those wondering, is that her fashion insights are to be original and not to over do it.

Brittney was an off-campus resident at Pembroke Pointe, "The Gated Community." Though she may be only a block away, that doesn't hold Brittney back from campus involvement. Brittney was a member of the Association for Campus Entertainment (ACE) board, Career Peers, and Student Ambassadors. Brittney was also a member of the *Indianhead* yearbook staff and a member of The Hawk radio station staff.

Brittney chose UNCP to gain some distance away from home and become independent. Brittney enjoyed the warm home feeling that Pembroke's campus embraced her with. Learning really got personal with Brittney here at the "Broke"! Brittney loves how every professor knows her name and is always willing to help. Being so involved and making connections throughout the campus has been an asset in her life allowing her to meet people like Lou Gossett, Bill Bradley, Patch Adams, Bruce Bruce, and DeRay Davis.

The campus is small, and Brittney likes the idea that she can get to both ends of campus within a reasonable time frame without having to drive or take a bus. If she could change one thing about the campus it would be to offer a fashion marketing and merchandising program. Going into her senior year she planned to continue her on campus activities and make the Dean's List.



By **Karen Johnson**

Qi Liu
St. Anthony Miguel Lloyd
Samantha N. Lowery
Cassie Savanna Manis



Kelly Mansaray
Paul Certe'z Marsh
Tyrone Rudolph McClean
Carin Jazmiya McLaughlin





This student is enjoying himself at the cafeteria during the exam "breakfast" at the end of the Fall semester.

Several students come out to support a band on the rise as they performed for our campus.



Fadra Shanese McMillan
Michael Wayne McQueen
Christian Elaine Medlin
Brittany Nicole Milliken



Ashley Jean Mitchell
Theresa Anone Nzege
Wanda Denise Oxendine
Bukedi Candida Panzo-Pambu

Kayla Marie Pearsen
Nadia Dawn Magali Perez
Shaqwana Trimilla Petersen
Carlena C. Platt



Jecielyn Reach
Jillian Marie Rescee
Tiffany Jean Schmidt
Samantha Schreck



Students take a relaxing break from exams to do stress relieving activities such as painting and karaoke.



Tiffany Tyner Schwab
 Jelena Shaw
 Chequieta Sharren Slean
 LaMorris Nahjita Smith



Jacob A. St. Laurent
 Jianbo Su
 Michael Joseph Swallow
 Aaron Taylor



These Sigma Sigma Sigma girls have fun while tailgating before the Homecoming football game

These students enjoy the fellowship and fun of working together for a good cause during Relay for Life.

Alex Hatchison hangs out in the UC lounge waiting for his fraternity meeting to start.



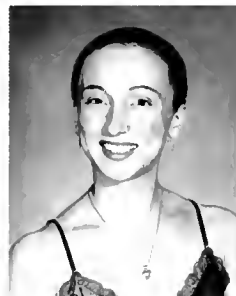
Alicia Villapando smiles after receiving the best dressed female award at the Homecoming Semi-Formal.



Tiffany Alexandra Taylor
Joshua Clayton Tew
Patricia M. Thompson
Brian Thomas Treskey



Kristin Brooke Usrey
Elizabeth Rose Workman
Kayleni I. Wyatt





VALUE YOUR TIME

Yamil Arce is a sophomore who has lived in several places such as Korea, Texas, and Georgia but currently resides in Fayetteville and is a commuter.

When asked about where he is from, he likes to say Puerto Rico because of his roots but, being the adventurous type, likes to express the adventure of his various residences. When I asked about the advantages and disadvantages of being a commuter, Yamil said, "It's not such a bad thing, but sometimes I just want to be able to chill and not have to drive back and forth like I do everyday - especially when I'm tired. But it's a way to save on college expenses."

Yamil does not have a job but spends the majority of his time on his major, psychology. He says he decided on that because of the subject's personal significance to him, saying "I chose psychology as the job for me because I'm very good at talking to people and discussing issues and solutions where they exist in people's lives. It's something I love to do." He lauds the UNCP staff as being very pro-active and definitely knowing how to do their job and he likes the balance between

business and pleasure.

Yamil says that being a sophomore has definitely taught him one thing, and it's that "Time is a valuable thing and every moment is important," and he advises that everyone recognize that statement and prioritize, as that itself is 90% of your success.

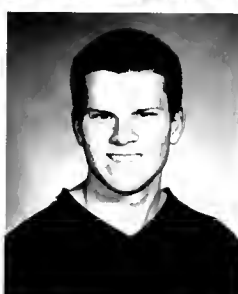
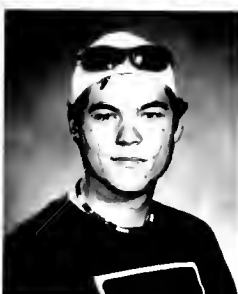
After graduation Yamil does not know what he will do. Considering that graduation is still sometime ahead of him, he says he cannot make a prediction considering that the life around us is always changing and it is not uncommon that we would most likely go off the beaten path into our own astounding side ventures.

I asked him exactly what he liked about his college experience and he told me, "I like the campus of UNCP. I actually do take time to relax near the fountain or under the Clock Tower. But to me, it's mostly about the people you meet and the friends you've made rather than where you are." When asked about what advice he would give to entering freshmen, he says this: "Success isn't about burning yourself out with hard work; it's about getting that hard work taken care of, and having a great time along the way. Success is a balance in your lifestyle that gets you where you want to be."

By Romeo Quintano



Curtis Lee Adams, Jr.
John A. Albree
Kimilka T. Barnett
Wayne Vincent Brown II

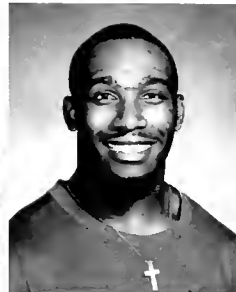


Gregory Kevin Byrd
Triston C. Burch
William Henry Cantrell III
Philip Robert Cole

Richard Avery Crowder
 Katja Dammann
 Matthew Evan Davenport
 Bianca Faith Edelleman



Regina Fairley
 Kayla Beth Fewler
 Titius Funderburk
 Lateya Aleisha Goodwin



RADIO PRODIGY

Sophomore Kiara Garrett, also known as K.Rocka from The Weekly Hot 10 with Jordan and K.Rocka, looked at her broadcasting major as a way of helping her stretch her comfort zone.

"I am a naturally shy person," said Kiara. "This is the major I considered to help me get out of that shy quiet person."

The Weekly Hot 10 with Jordan and K.Rocka was the campus's weekly countdown show on the school's Internet radio station. This was only one of the many things that Kiara enjoyed about campus life. She also enjoys hanging out with her roommates who have become her best friends, shopping, training for cross country, and concentrating on her studies.

Kiara is from Charlotte, North Carolina.

"My hometown is very big to outsiders, but it's very small to me. I actually love living in Charlotte. I've lived there all my life," said Kiara.

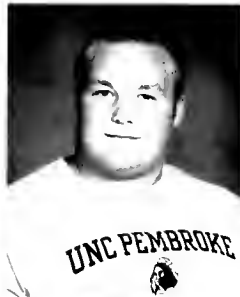
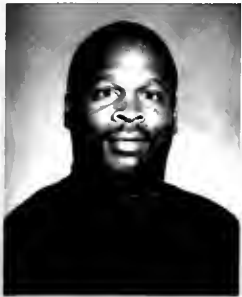
Kiara enjoyed her Television Production class and said that Professor Terence Dollard is her favorite professor that she has had so far in college. She loves his sense of humor and how he can tie in jokes with his lessons.

The main reason that Kiara attended UNCP was to join her cousin but the year that she got here her friend actually transferred. She says that she is still happy with her decision, though, because she enjoys the small campus and the relationships that you can form with your professors because of the small class size.

After graduation, Kiara hoped to land a job in either television or radio.



By Jordan Funderburk



James Andrew Hampton Sr.
 Brittany Sherrice Hardin
 Jonathan Melvin Hartley
 Lashonda Denise Holder



Corey Howard
 Elliott Leon Hunt
 Jonathan Ernest Scott Lightfoot
 Marsha Annette Loftin



Anthony McDonald catches up on his reading and enjoys the sunny weather outside the UC.

Participating in a stress relief activity on exam week, this student takes a break from her own studies.

RAZOR SHARP

Keith Edward Townsend is a sophomore from the small country filled Richmond County. An only child, he was born and raised in the small town where everyone knows everyone. Keith currently lives on campus and is employed by the Residence Life office as a Resident Advisor. However his job has not affected his studies. He explains that living on campus allows him to meet new people and be in "the know," but he doesn't like that his closest friends Brittney and Cassi live off campus. Once a business major, mass communications is what Keith is pursuing here at UNCP. He chose his major because he wants to become an anchor and work for Good Morning America.

Keith volunteers with ACE helping out with school dances and providing entertainment for the students. In his free time he enjoys going to church, going out to eat, and playing TABOO with his friends.

After long hours and days of decision making he chose not to attend Howard University in Washington D.C. and Morehouse University

in Atlanta G.A. to stay closer to home. UNCP was his third choice and after being here for almost two years he has no regrets. If he could change one thing about the school he would want to have studio apartments for all of the resident advisors to give the residence life an incentive.

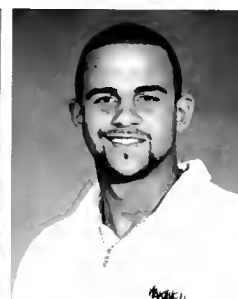
By Keith being an only child he became very family oriented over the years. When he grows up he wants to have a big family but not too soon. The wife and kids aren't in his "10 year plan" as he often refers too but someday.

If his friends could describe Keith he said they would say he's dependable, truthful, give the shirt off his back, loves to dress, and high maintenance but he says that he wouldn't trade his life with anyone else.



By Brittney Bust

Megan Marie Maier
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This student enjoys himself on campus playing with water guns to beat the heat.

Sunni Haralalka and her friends are participating in the block party on campus.

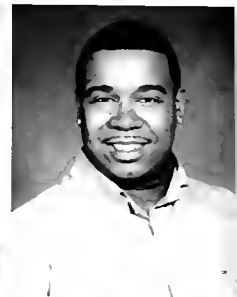


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David Murray represents Kappa Alpha Psi at Pembroke Day.

Miss UNCP Katie Locklear shows off her elegant evening gown.

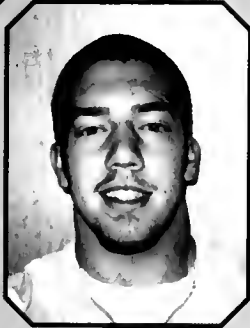




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AMAZING YEAR

Adam Ryan Palma doesn't have a nickname; all of his buddies just call him Adam. He is from Hope Mills, and he says that his home town is small but big enough not to

know everybody. Adam says that it has plenty of activities for him to do, and he has lived there his whole life so he wouldn't know anything different.

This year he lived in a dormitory called Pine Hall. When Adam discussed the advantages of living in a dorm, he said, "The advantage of staying in a dorm is that you get to know people on a more personal level, the disadvantage is that you have no room to breathe. The dorms are much smaller than I imagined." Adams seemed to like his roommate and told me that he is a pretty cool guy; he also said that his roommate has made his college experience so far much more memorable and fun. He has not declared a major yet and does not have any hands-on experience in any field, but Adam told me that when he does choose a major he can hopefully find all the class-

es that he needs and have other opportunities to do volunteer programs.

Adam did not currently have a job; he was still searching for jobs near school in Pembroke. He does like to do community service projects on the weekends to help out his town and anyone in need of extra help. He loves football. You can ask him anything about it and he will probably know it. He could have played for Pembroke but he had a bad knee injury and the coach told me that he couldn't play anymore.

Adam had one significant person this year who has influenced his college experience, that person is me, Mary Ann McGirt. Adam said, "I met her in my Composition 1 class. She means everything to me and I plan on spending the rest of my life with her. I don't know where I'd be if we weren't together." Adam said that his freshman year has been amazing but also confusing, he said he was excited about having to start a new stage in his life.

His favorite part about UNCP so far is that everyone is so friendly, especially the teachers. He has enjoyed spending time at the gym, and said that "we have awesome food in the cafeteria." His overall college experience so far has been great.

By Mary Ann McGirt

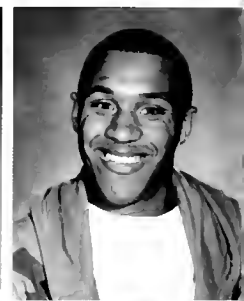
This student is working to better her paper for English by taking notes on what the professor is saying.



Dion Nixon gets ready to take his break from studying and have some breakfast at the exam breakfast in the cafeteria.



Kristen Faye Chason
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Jessica Lea Crawford
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Jennifer Lynn Delgado
Christa Charlette Ferguson
Christopher Michael Guy





FUTURE LAWYER

Chelsie Danielle Strickland, known to some people as just "Chel," was a freshman from the small town of Maxton and had lived there for 18 years. She lived this year in Pembroke at the Pembroke Place apartments and commuted to UNCP. Since she just lived right across the street from the school, burning gas was not a problem for her, but she said "I do wish that my apartment complex had two-bedroom apartments so that me and my best friend could live alone." This, however, did not affect her experience at UNCP.

Chelsie started with political science as her major, but she planned to change it to criminal justice because, she said, "I am really interested in how the justice system works." She felt sure the courses and the professors will be a great help to her when she gets to that level. She wanted to

use her major to help her on her way to becoming a lawyer.

Chelsie had a "wonderful job" at Wal-Mart, where she was a cashier in the Garden Center. She works about 33 hours a week, and that caused her to have less time to study or write papers. She was not currently involved in any extracurricular activities, but she said that "maybe further on into my college years I will get to join some clubs."

Between school and work she didn't get much time to do a lot of stuff, but she does love to hang out with my friends. She chose to go to UNCP because it is close to home and there is a better teacher/student relationship. "I think it is a wonderful school," she said. Her favorite teacher was Ms. Sara Oswald because, Chelsie said, "She really shows a lot of patience as we are doing our papers and gives us great advice on how to improve our writing." Chelsie also commented that the campus police "make us students feel very safe." In closing, she said, "I cannot think of anything that I would change about UNCP."

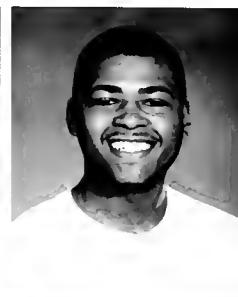


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Iva Victoria Keenig
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OFFICER & CPA



Samuel Locklear was a first-time freshman at UNCP this year. He was born in Shannon, North Carolina, and he has been living there for 19 years. His hometown is a small town that is very calm. He still lives with his parents in Shannon. His parents' house is only twenty minutes away from UNCP, so he commutes to school. Commuting to UNCP hasn't changed his perception about anything. The only thing that he does mind about commuting is there aren't enough parking spaces.

Even though Sam was only a freshman he had a plan for his life. He wants to major in accounting because he knows he can live a stable life with that career. He also is involved in ROTC. The propose of being in ROTC is to graduate as an officer and join the U.S. Army. He hopes to become an accountant in the Army.

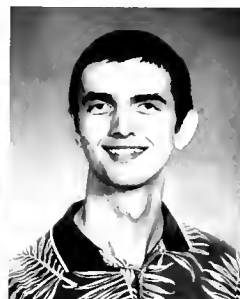
This year Sam worked at a Hardees in Raeford. He works on a average of twenty hours per week but he usually changes when people decided not to come. His boss calls him first because she knows he will take the hours. His responsibilities there are to cook the food and clean the mess. Working has affected his school life

tremendously. He has many classes in the morning and right after that he has to drive to Raeford to get to work. Since he works in the afternoons he usually closes. After a long day in school and work he comes back home to do his work.

At first Sam wanted to go to FSU but later on changed his mind and decided to go to UNCP. The reason for the change is because it would be more convenient for him to be in UNCP. His overall thoughts on the students on campus is that they are very laid back, and it is a diverse campus. He loves the fact that the professors see each student as a person, not a number. The only thing that he would like to change is the commuters' parking spaces. There need to be more parking spots for the commuters. He likes the fact that there are several tutoring programs. He also thinks that the campus police are very reliable and professional.

BY CRISTINA CORREA





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 Joshua Edwin Rimes



Debra Joyce Sampson
 Katlyne Jean Thompson
 Bridget Michelle Ward
 Tiara Sherrell Washington



Ashley Marie Williams



Mahogany Woods

Jamie Cesaro and
 Christy McInnis look
 for Vera Bradley bar-
 gains at the bookstore.

Dr. Diane Jones chats with speaker Andrea Mosby-Jones before the start of Fall Convocation.



Chancellor Meadors and Athletic Director Dan Kenney welcome the new Braves men's basketball coach.



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SPECIAL PROJECTS

Dr. Kathleen Hilton, who has served as dean of the School of Graduate Studies for the past seven years, has been

named associate vice chancellor for academic planning and special projects at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

In her new role, she will work with academic deans and faculty on the development of new undergraduate and graduate programs and on accreditation of existing and new programs. She will be involved in forging agreements and developing exchange programs with international universities. Dr. Charles Harrington, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said Dr. Hilton's tremendous knowledge and experience base make her the ideal person to assume the responsibilities of this new position. "She will be a valuable asset to us as we continue to move forward with changes in the University system's new academic planning processes," Dr. Harrington said. "Her understanding of academic planning at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, her great relationships

with our academic deans and department chairs, and her work ethic are ingredients for success. "I am looking forward to her guidance and counsel in the Provost's Office," Dr. Harrington said.

Dr. Hilton is excited about working with academic programs of all academic disciplines. "In my current role, I worked with many departments, and I am looking forward to working across campus," she said. "Right now, I am focused on ensuring a smooth transition in the Graduate School office for graduate students, program directors, and applicants. "I've enjoyed this office because I was able to work directly with University administration, deans, department chairs, faculty and students," Dr. Hilton continued. "I've learned a lot about the entire campus, and in my new position I will be able to use what I've learned."

Her tenure in the School of Graduate Studies was a time of growth. "It is especially pleasing to see growth in graduate enrollment," Dr. Hilton said.

Dr. Hilton, who is a member of the History Department faculty, became dean of the graduate school in May 2001. In her new position, Dr. Hilton also hopes to find time to return to classroom and scholarly activities.



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A NEW LEADER

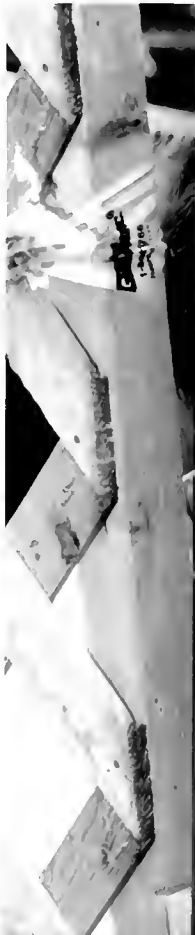
Dr. Martin Slann has joined UNCP as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, coming to the UNCP from Macon State University in Georgia.

A political scientist with a distinguished career in higher education, Dr. Slann has assumed administrative posts with increasing responsibilities. Dr. Charles Harrington, provost and vice chancellor for the Office for Academic Affairs, said the college has a new leader with impeccable academic and administrative credentials. "The University is extremely fortunate to have Dr. Slann," Dr. Harrington said. "Martin comes to us with a wealth of experience and demonstrated success in leading and transforming academic divisions. "Visible commitments to shared governance, transparency, and quality have been hallmarks of his career," he continued. "I have no doubt that the College of Arts and Sciences will flourish under his leadership."

An expert on terrorism, Dr. Slann has authored or co-authored several textbooks and books, including five editions of "Violence and

Terrorism" and four editions of "Introduction to Politics: Governments and Nations in the New Millennium." He has directed a large federal program, co-directed the J. Strom Thurmond Institute Seminar for Social Studies Teachers and participated in the Model United Nations program for many years. In 2002, he became director of academic affairs and assistant to the chief executive officer at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

"First, I am a teacher, and I will continue to teach," Dr. Slann said. "I enjoy teaching, research and administration." He sees UNCP as a growing University with a foundation in teaching. "This is a strong liberal arts campus; this is a teaching University with a strong faculty," he said. "This is the kind of place I want to be." "In the future, we will continue to be a teaching University, and the faculty we recruit will have a passion for teaching and scholarship," Dr. Slann said.





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Librarian Susan Whitt keeps her cool after she is sent to the BSU's "jail" on Pembroke Day.

Dr. Nicholas Giannatasio and Dr. Mario Paparozzi talk in the GPAC lobby after Convocation.

VISIONARY



Dr. Leah H. Fiorentino, a veteran educator and administrator, has joined The University of North Carolina at Pembroke as dean of the School of Education. Dr. Fiorentino comes to UNCP from Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Ga. She taught for 10 years in a K-12 setting and was a member of the faculty at Adelphi University in Garden City, N.Y., for 17 years.

Dr. Charles Harrington, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, said the University could not be more pleased with the addition of Dr. Fiorentino. "Dr. Fiorentino has established a strong national reputation for being a visionary, a tireless advocate for teacher education, and a highly effective and motivational leader," Dr. Harrington said. "Her commitment to collaboration, cooperation, and shared governance will be a tremendous asset to the University.

Dr. Fiorentino notes that the School of Education has an outstanding reputation. "I talked with a lot of people," she said. "Most impressive is the response I received from the local community, which makes our School of Education sound al-

most too good to be true. They are very impressed with UNCP and the high quality of the teachers we develop." "The reputation of our School of Education extends well beyond the region," she added. "I am very impressed by the faculty and administration at UNCP, and I look forward to the opportunity to work with individuals who are known for their commitment and work ethic," Dr. Fiorentino said. "One of my basic beliefs is that higher education folks need to work with the local communities. The School of Education faculty seem to value the same idea, and I look forward to working side-by-side with faculty who value service to the local school communities."

Dean Fiorentino plans to spend considerable time working collaboratively with the local education community. Working with local schools is the key to improving education in the region and teacher preparation at UNCP, Dr. Fiorentino said.



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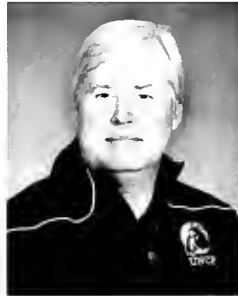
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Lars Andersson celebrates with his daughters after a women's soccer win as they support his coaching.



Ed Wittenberg, Cynthia Redfearn, and others represent Residence Life in the Homecoming parade.



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Amanda Faulk discusses Relay for Life fund raisers with her RAs at a meeting.



Campus Safety Officer Arthur Hems gets around on a Segway at Pembroke Day.



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GREEK LIFE

Chris Blackburn has joined The University of North Carolina at Pembroke as director of the Office of Greek Life. A Lewisburg, W.Va. native, Blackburn comes to UNCP from West

Virginia Wesleyan College where he worked for five years in the admissions office rising to the position of associate director. He coordinated marketing and supervised student recruitment among other duties.

"I really enjoy working in higher education, and I wanted to move into student life," Blackburn said. "The mission and goals of student and Greek life at UNCP are a good match for my background and interests. "I like working in a diverse environment," he continued. "People here care about this institution and each other. That's the type of school I came from, and that's what I find here."

"We are pleased to hire Chris Blackburn as the new director of Greek Life," Dr. Corti, assistant vice chancellor for Student Development, said. Mr. Blackburn brings to UNCP the enthusiasm and energy combined with Greek and higher education administrative experience."

Having the opportunity to increase the enrollment of UNCP's Greek organizations is ap-

pealing for Blackburn. "About five percent of our students are involved in Greek life, and I would like to see that number at 15 percent," he said. "My background is in recruitment, so it's a good match."

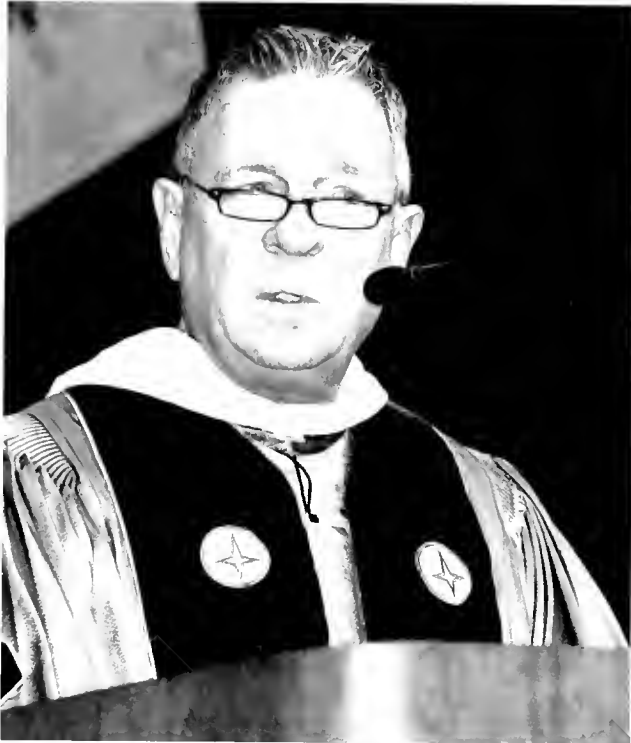
One national fraternity is establishing a local chapter this year, and Blackburn said there is room for additional national sororities. "UNCP currently recognizes 21 organizations with about 350 members." Adding chapters is important to meeting our goal, but it's just as important to fill out the many diverse organizations already established," Blackburn said. "The number of chapters on this campus is appropriate to the size of the school, so there is room to grow within the organizations in place."

Another goal is to unify the spectrum of campus chapters into a more cohesive whole. "A lot of good work has already been done to build teamwork and leadership," Blackburn said. "I want to bring everybody together, so that all students support Greek life."

Blackburn would also help Greeks get back to their roots also. "All fraternities and sororities have missions that were put in place by their founders," he said. "There was a high level of honor and humility embedded into these chapters early history."

When history is served and strong leadership is in place good things happen.

Breeden Blackwell speaks at December 2008 commencement.



Freda Porter speaks at a Board of Trustees event in the UC Annex.



Marion Bass

Charlotte

Breeden Blackwell

Fayetteville

Donald Bonner

Rowland



Sybil Jones Bullard

Pembroke

Milton Hunt

Pembroke

Arlinda Locklear

Jefferson, MD



WELL-ROUNDED

Student Government Association (SGA) President Hannah Simpson served during 2008-2009 as a member of the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. A rising senior from Morganton, N.C., Simpson was elected president in April, defeating the incumbent and a former president in a three-way race. "I was not sure I would win," Simpson said of the closely-contested election. "I give a lot of credit to the students who helped us. They stood out in the rain on election day to give out fliers."

Hard work and clever marketing paid dividends for the Simpson-Pambu ticket. "I went to many organizations in person to discuss issues that I thought were important," she said. "I enjoy having fun, so we tried putting humor into our marketing." A well-rounded college career also helped the cause. A member of the Esther G. Maynor Honors College, Simpson was a section editor for the *Pine Needle* and a veteran SGA leader.

During her first year at UNCP, Simpson was a member of the Association for Campus Entertainment (ACE). In her second year, she served as a SGA senator and moved up quickly from

chair of the Student Issues Committee, to vice president of the Senate and then to vice president after the president stepped down at mid-year.

While working for the *Pine Needle*, she also wrote for University and Community Relations' publications and *Native Visions*, a local monthly magazine covering local American Indian topics.

Simpson began her college career at Western Piedmont Community College. At UNCP, she is a double major in Mass Communications, with a concentration in journalism, and Political Science with a concentration in international studies. She would like to become a foreign correspondent. To that end, Simpson planned to spend the summer of 2008 interning with the *Washington Post*. "I will be in the department that is following the presidential campaign," she said. Coincidentally, Simpson interviewed famous *Washington Post* journalist Bob Woodward last fall for UNCP's WNCN-TV when he spoke on campus as part of the University's Distinguished Speaker Series.



Roger Guendlin

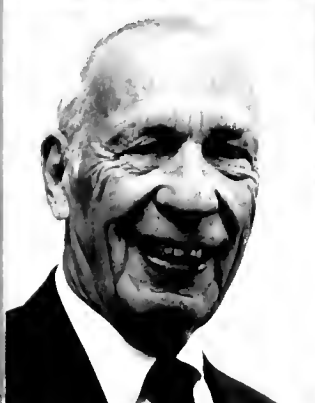
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Freda Porter

Pembroke

Hannah Simpson

Morganton



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Alan Thompson

Whiteville

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Durham



A Time for Thanks

As the theme of this year's Indianhead states, "The Times of Our Lives." I would like to thank the staff and advisor of the yearbook for doing such a great job chronicling another year at our university. Since 1887, your university has continued to expand through good times and challenging moments. We have experienced substantial growth in all areas during my 10 years at UNCP. Growth has fueled the enrichment and diversity of student life that I had hoped for and more. There are more opportunities for all of us in academic endeavors, athletics, student government, Greek life, community service, and cultural activities of all kinds. It is always a balancing act – preserving history and tradition while creating new opportunities.

Although the challenges in the road ahead are daunting, the future is very, very promising for this institution. Your college years are a time to make connections with fellow students, with faculty, with this institution, and for your future. For our nation and for all of us, the best is yet to come. After graduation, I invite you to remain connected. We're not finished building this great university, and I hope that you will continue this journey with us. There is so much to be thankful for and so much to be hopeful about. Thank you and best wishes from the home of the Braves!

~Chancellor Allen C. Meadors

Academics and its effect on students are the main reason why our school has grown in over 100 years

Student Life has been what attracts students to get more involved with their Resident Advisors and the growth of our school



Many students share a common pride and accomplishment as they become involved in Organizations




High impact Division II sports bring in a large diverse body of student athletes with over 10 sports to join

The people that you meet here at UNCP will always remain in your lives and in your memories




Time to Move On



Lt is hard to say that another year of making friends, learning, and making new memories has gone by. As we leave this year behind, we must not forget that this is the "Time of Our Lives." Whether it has been good years or bad years, we will all grow from this. In the years that I have been here, I have never seen a place grow so fast through the students, academics, and community in such a short time. I truly believe that this yearbook has captured the energy, life, and hard work you as students have put in to make this university reach ever higher limits in the 122 years that its doors have been open.

I would like to say thank you to all the professors, administrators, and staff of the University for everything you have done to broaden our horizons as students. It is because of you that UNCP is a place where dreams can become a reality, and learning gets personal. You have changed our lives forever, and we can't thank you enough.



To the graduating seniors, it seems like just yesterday we were making our freshman class schedules. It has been my pleasure to capture our last year here at UNCP in this amazing and memorable book. I hope that you enjoy the stories and pictures that will bring back memories in your future. Even though we may depart and go our separate ways, and this may seem like a final good-bye, remember that this is not the final chapter in our lives. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

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Tiffany Schmidt (right) works on her spreads to meet those deadlines while **Hannah Woriaz (below)** and **David Tones II (left)** react to some of the usual craziness in the yearbook office.



Members of the yearbook staff (top) attend a media convention in NC State and (above) work on the final deadline while **Tomika Brooks** and **David Tones II (left)** go over layouts on the computer.



Everything must be perfect as that
Ed Moore works on the Academic
edition of the book

To the entire staff of the yearbook, I can't thank you enough for all your time spent making this yearbook special. This year has been a crazy but fun learning experience for all of us. It is because of your dedication and hard work that we will have a lifetime full of memories.

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I wish all of the student body, staff, administrators, faculty, and graduating seniors the very best in the future years to come.

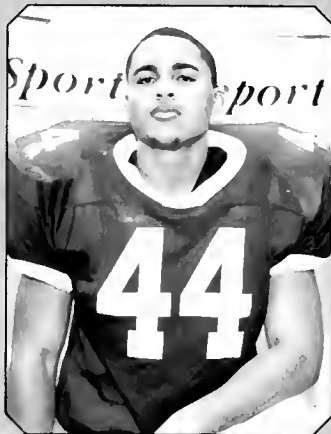
~David Torres II
Editor-In-Chief

In Memoriam

Bryan Russell Chavis, a December 2007 graduate of UNCP with a B.S. in Science Education, passed away on January 8, 2008, as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Bryan had served in the U.S. Navy prior to enrolling at UNCP. While at UNCP, Bryan was the recipient of a Robert Noyce Teaching Scholarship for math and science education majors and a FATE Teaching Scholarship for Native American education majors.

In 2005, he collected nearly 2000 signatures on a petition in support of keeping the Braves as the University nickname and athletic logo; as a result of his and others' efforts, the NCAA ultimately ruled to allow the University to keep its Braves nickname and logo.

According to Rachel McBroom, Bryan's academic advisor in the Biology Department, "Despite many difficult obstacles, Bryan never gave up his dream of becoming a teacher. He was enthusiastic about his subject and dedicated to helping all young adults learn science." He will be missed.



Patrick Shawn Stephens, who passed away on February 23, 2009, was born and raised in Columbia, SC. He was a 2006 graduate of Columbia High School. He enrolled in UNCP in January 2007. Patrick had aspirations of becoming a high school teacher and coach.

During high school, Patrick played numerous sports, lettering in football, basketball, soccer, and track. Football was his main love and he earned All-Region honors. Patrick also harbored a love for music. He played the violin in

his school's orchestra for seven years. As a boy, Patrick spent several years in cub scouts and boy scouts.

Patrick leaves behind his parents, Robin and Rudy Stephens, and a sister Nicole (Nicci) Stephens. He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Patrick had many friends in Columbia and also Pembroke. Patrick was loved and cherished by many.

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Jason Morales is drafted by the Kansas City Royals in Spring 2008



Trevor Kimball and Yuasmine Diaz are crowned King and Queen during Fall Homecoming 2008



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In Memoriam



John McMillan, director of New Student and Family Orientation, died in an automobile collision on February 14, 2009. After working in the Office of Admissions for five years, McMillan assumed the directorship of the newly-created Office of New Student and Family Orientation in late 2003. He reported to Jackie Clark, vice chancellor for Enrollment Management, who called him a "cornerstone" of her department. "John was tremendously valuable to this University," she said. "He helped get students off to the best start possible with their college experience."

A dedicated employee and a well-liked campus figure, McMillan was a Red Springs native and graduate of UNCP. "He was a fine young man" full of "high integrity and honesty," Chancellor Meadors said. "I feel sadness ... just terrible grief. I knew John well enough to know that he was a fine person." Provost Dr. Charles Harrington said that there are no words sufficient to describe McMillan's contribution to UNCP. "More than anything else, John was a man of integrity and honor. He took great pride in this University and in his job," Dr. Harrington said.

Dr. Harrington said that McMillan's work in Enrollment Management, particularly his leadership in new student orientation, is evident on campus. "John was able to touch the lives of thousands of UNC Pembroke students," Dr. Harrington said. "His calm demeanor, reassuring smile, and his willingness to make certain that every student felt at home here at UNCP were hallmarks of his all too short tenure. He was a valued colleague, a tireless advocate for the University, and a wonderful man." Born in Scotland County on Feb. 9 1968, McMillan served in the army and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Red Springs, a member of Masonic Lodge 501, and held a master's degree in physical education from UNCP.



Dr. Collie Coleman, a senior administrator at UNCP, passed away on October 7, 2008. A veteran and distinguished educator, Dr. Coleman was associate vice chancellor with the Office of Outreach. He joined the University in 2003 and was responsible for the Office of Distance Education, the Regional Center for Economic, Community, and Professional Development, and programs at 10 satellite campuses. Provost Dr. Charles Harrington said "under Collie Coleman's leadership, the University made tremendous progress in helping identify and address the economic and workforce development needs of Southeastern North Carolina. Dr. Coleman's dedication, commitment, and personal demeanor have had a huge impact on the University."

Dr. Coleman supervised the growth of UNCP's on-line programs. Under his leadership, UNCP earned entry to Ft. Bragg's campus, and he pushed the University's outreach all the way to Wilmington, NC, at Cape Fear Community College. Dr. Coleman grew up in the tiny community of Bailey, in eastern North Carolina. "Education is the great equalizer," he said. A computer laboratory at the University was dedicated on February 20 to Dr. Coleman. Nearly 100 looked on as the ribbon was cut for the Dr. Collie Coleman Learning Laboratory located in the Regional Center.



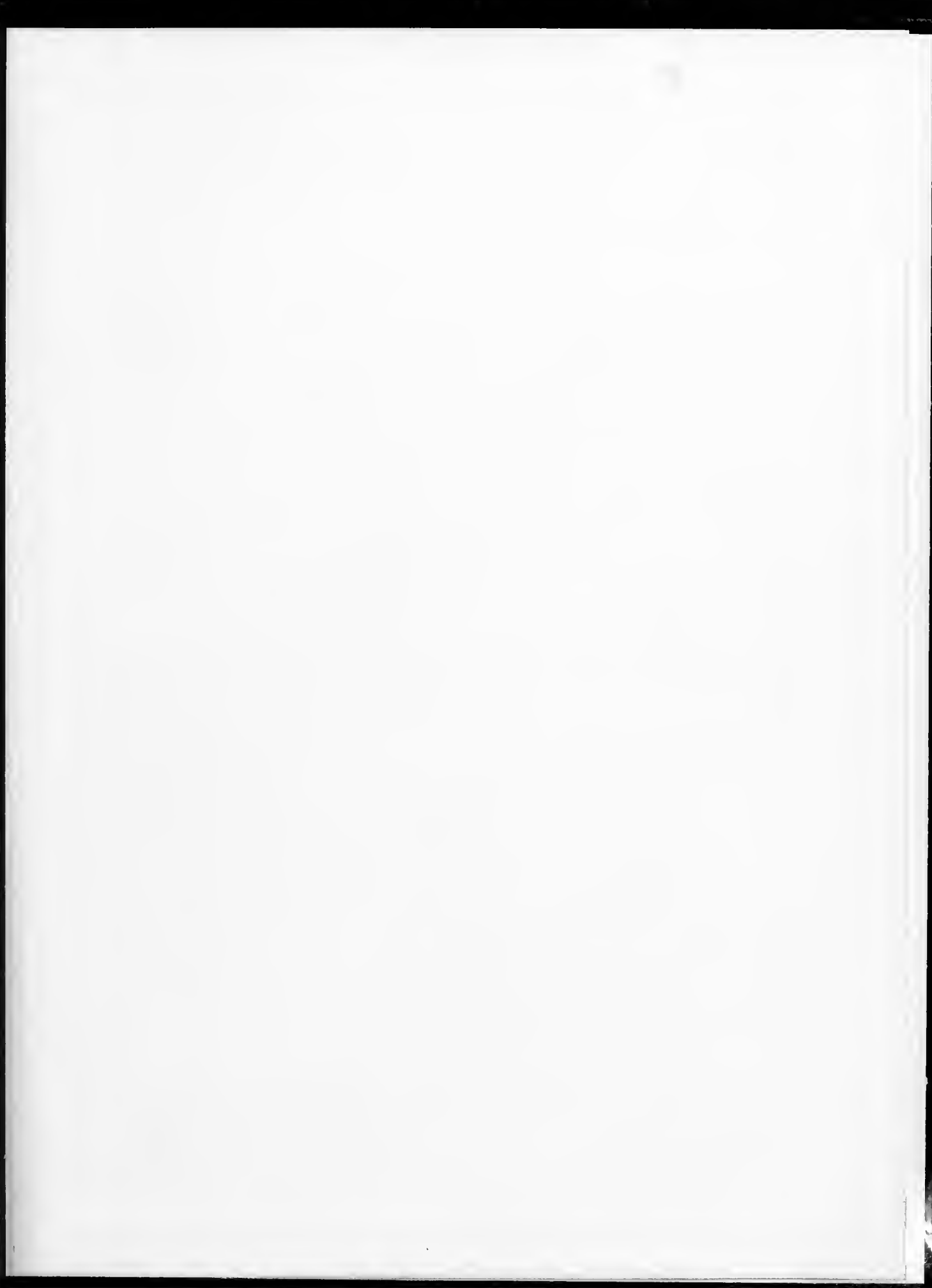
Gene Brayboy, a retired UNC Pembroke administrator and a career Public Health Service officer, died on November 4, 2008. Brayboy retired from UNCP in 2003 as the director of the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs. Brayboy put his considerable energy into winning grants for 11 years. In 2003, Brayboy's office helped UNCP take in \$9.3 million in grants. "We made dramatic gains under Gene's leadership," said Chancellor Emeritus Joseph B. Oxendine.

"Gene was a great supporter of the University and the community," Dr. Oxendine said. "I got to know him when I was at Temple, and I knew he could help us." Brayboy worked for many years to have UNCP designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a "minority serving" institution for its historic and future role educating Native Americans. He also worked to improve the health of the surrounding region. Brayboy grew up on a farm in the Philadelphus community near Pembroke. "At that time, it was either be a farmer or a school teacher," he said. "I knew nothing of the outside world." The ambitious young Brayboy chose another path. Following an undergraduate degree from Shaw University and a Master's in Public Health degree from UNC Chapel Hill, he got his opportunity to see the world. Brayboy joined the Navy's U.S. Public Health Service.



**“The best thing about the
future is that it comes only
one day at a time.”**

—Abraham Lincoln







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