

Pembroke State University

BY GENE WARREN



ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL COMMENCEMENT AT PSU

It never fails to happen, and we are glad it does. Your correspondent always gets a thrilling tingle down his spine at PSU commencements especially when the orchestra strikes up with "Pomp and Circumstance," and the white-clad marshals lead the proud graduates into the PSU Performing Arts Center.

No graduation could be prettier or more impressive. Everything is timed right. The place is packed with a standing room-only crowd, it seems and spectators hurriedly tip-toe forward to take pictures of their loved ones.

Mrs. Elma Ransom, who is retiring, served as grand marshal at last Saturday's commencement and proudly carried the University's golden mace, symbol of authority at such ceremonial occasions. In a proud tradition that for the past several years a retiring faculty member has been given the honor of bearing the mace and leading in the platform party. Mrs. Ransom has taught in the PSU Music Department since 1958 and was chairman of that department from 1959-69. She was richly deserving of the honor of carrying the mace.

R.D. McMillan, formerly of Red Springs, was at the PSU commencement representing President William Friday of the University of North Carolina system. A former PSU trustee, McMillan was instrumental in helping PSU gain University status in 1969.

This year for the first time the members of the PSU Board of Trustees were invited to be part of the platform party. They were dressed in beautiful golden caps and gowns. That too, was a great idea.

Another first was the special recognition of the Chancellor's Scholars to graduate. As each one came forward, Chancellor Paul Givens placed a gold honor cord over each. Five charter graduates of this Chancellor's Scholars Program graduated last Saturday.

And another extra was the commissioning of six PSU students in the University's Air Force ROTC program as second lieutenants plus five in the Army ROTC program.

It all made for a spectacular day: a proud day for Pembroke State University.



MRS. ELMA RANSOM retiring music professor at Pembroke State University, was grand marshal at last Saturday's PSU Commencement. She is shown here bearing the ceremonial golden mace used at all University commencements.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM FRIDAY PRAISES "PROFESSIONAL PROFILES"

The second issue of "Professional Profiles," edited by Dr. Dalton Brooks of PSU, recently came off the press and has received accolades from everyone. It provides in-depth profiles of different PSU professors plus other information concerning grants etc.

Featured in this latest issue is Paul Van Zandt, chairman of the PSU Art Department who has sculptured busts of Henry Berry Lowrie, the hero of "Strike At The Wind," and Dr. English Jones, president and then chancellor of PSU from 1962-79.

Dr. Brooks, director of PSU Institutional Research, received a congratulatory letter from President William Friday of UNC about the latest issue of "Professional Profiles," which stated in part: "I have read (this) with great interest. I hope you will keep me on your mailing list for I certainly shall want to see each edition of this newsletter."

Mrs. Ransom is the wife of PSU professor Andrew Ransom of the Physical Science Department. They reside at Rt. 1, Box 426, Rowland. Mrs. Ransom has taught at PSU since 1958 and served as chairman of the Music Department from 1959-69.

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Sponsoring "Professional Profiles" is Dr. Leon Rand, who is completing his first year as vice-chancellor for academic affairs at PSU.

DR. FREIWIRTH TO TRANSLATE IN HIS RETIREMENT

Dr. Paul Freiwirth, 55, of Pembroke who has also retired as professor of history at PSU, says he is planning to spend his time now working for his church. "There is no need to continue making money when I have no monetary needs," he said. "My home and land are paid for, I have no expensive habits, and no transportation needs." He plans to help the Rosicrucian Fellowship of



Pembroke State Marshal SUE PARRISH of Laurinburg is shown leading the line of 369 PSU graduates toward the PSU Performing Arts Center where the commencement exercises were held Saturday.

Oceanside, California translate religious works into German.

ALFREDA JONES TO BE GUEST ON CHANCELLOR'S PROGRAM

The radio guest of Chancellor Givens on his Sunday program, "From the Chancellor's Office," will this week be Alfreda Jones, one of the five Chancellor's Scholars who graduated last Saturday. The program airs at 10:45 a.m. Miss Jones, who was the No. 1 graduate of Prospect High School, earned a double major in Biology and Chemistry at PSU and plans to attend medical school. A young lady who is very personable and an excellent representative of PSU.

D'ARRUDA ELECTED SECRETARY OF N.C. ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

Dr. Jose D'Arruda, professor of physical science at PSU, has been elected secretary of the Science Education Division of the N.C. Academy of Science at its annual meeting recently in Wilmington.

The goal of the academy, says D'Arruda, is to promote and encourage the study of science in its entirety throughout the state of North Carolina. Dr. D'Arruda has presented several papers to the group over the past years.

REISING TAKES PART IN EVENTS AT CHARLOTTE AND CARTHAGE

Dr. Robert Reising of PSU's Communicative Arts Department recently participated on a panel which made two presentations at the 12th Annual Conference of the N.C. English Teachers Association at Charlotte. "Rich and Enriching," which was the title of his workshops, is the title of a book which Dr. Reising helped to edit and to which he is contributing an essay. It will be published this summer.

This week, Reising has also been a member of a visiting

Committee which is evaluating Charlotte Country Day School. His part: evaluating the school's upper school English program.

And on May 17, Reising will oversee the evaluation of written composition in four area school systems: Harnett, Hoke, Lee and Moore. He will do the evaluation at the Regional Center at Carthage. Involved will be approximately 28 teachers from the four school systems. Writing samples from approximately 280 students in those systems will be examined.

PSU TO RENT GRADED SCHOOL PROPERTY TO ROBESON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AGAIN

At last Saturday's PSU Board of Trustees meeting, it was voted to rent the Pembroke Elementary School property again to the Robeson County Board of Education for the 1982-83 school year. PSU is hopeful of eventually obtaining state funds to build a new student union on this property, and preliminary architect drawings have been made.

SUMMER SESSION STARTS EARLY THIS YEAR

With early commencement on May 8, PSU's summer school also starts early this year. Evening classes registration is Wednesday, May 26, at 6 p.m. Regular daytime classes' registration is from 8 a.m. until noon on Thursday, May 27. And registration for graduate classes is at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 14, with the first class the same evening.

PLATE SALE

There will be a chicken or home made barbecue plate sale Friday, May 21, 1982, at the United Methodist Church, sponsored by the United Methodist Men. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase a van for church activities.

Student of the Month



Aaron Chadwick Oxendine, son of Lt. and Mrs. Milford Oxendine of Twenty Nine Palms, California, formerly of Pembroke, N.C. was chosen student of the month in April by his teacher, Mrs. Meraund. Aaron is in Kindergarten.

The award is given each month to the student who has progressed academically in all subject areas as well as conduct.

The award was presented to Aaron on April 13, 1982 at Twenty Nine Palms Elementary School at the school awards ceremony. Attending the event was his parents and brother Christopher. His grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Milford Oxendine Sr., also who are visiting their son and family also attended.

Aaron was a former student of the Pembroke Lumbee Longhouse Learning Center in 1980, operated by Lumbee Indian Education, a component of the Lumbee Regional Development Association.

A BIG CATCH!



Ray Hunt (left) formerly of Pembroke, and his friend Anthony caught this 40 pound drum near his home in Tampa Florida. Ray is the son-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. Lindberg Scott of Pembroke. He is married to Bonnie Scott and they have a son, Raymond, three years old.

CATAWBA COLLEGE GRADUATES



David Bryan Oxendine of Pembroke and Teresa Locklear of Red Springs graduated from Catawba College in Commencement exercises held Sunday afternoon, May 9, 1982 on the Catawba campus. There were 140 seniors in the senior class.

The commencement address was given by Dr. Frank Pace, Jr., president and chief executive officer of the International Executive Service Corps and formerly U.S. Secretary of the Army. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Dr. Paul Helm, Catawba campus pastor. Three honorary degrees also

were awarded. Doctor of Humanitarian Service degrees were given to Dr. Pace and Gene Causby, executive director of the North Carolina School Boards Association. A Doctor of Divinity degree was awarded to Rev. G. Harold Myers, an active leader in the work of the United Church of Christ in the Southern Conference. Both Causby and Pastor Myers are Catawba graduates.

Oxendine received a Bachelor of Arts degree in drama with a minor in speech. During his freshman year, he received a special award for his theatre work. A Dean's List student, he is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Grady G. Oxendine of Pembroke and a graduate of Pembroke Senior High School.

Miss Locklear earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in physical education. She was on the varsity and softball teams, and was a member of the physical education club and the Women's Athletic Club. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Glassie Locklear of Rt. 4, Red Springs, and a graduate of Red Springs Senior High School.

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The Hilly Branch Vocation Center Chapter FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA Organization is participating in the Robeson County Rural Development Beautification project entitled "Help Keep Robeson County a Beautiful Place To Live." The students have been involved in planting azaleas on the

campus. Shown here are some of the members who have been involved: Left to Right, Tony Locklear, Prospect; Terry Locklear, Prospect; and Edward Hunt, Littlefield. Coordinating the activity is Mr. Plagott, Maintenance supervisor at the center. Their advisor is Mrs. Mary B. Hunt, Data Processing Teacher.



Noisy Signal
Customer: "What do you do when someone forgets his change?"
Cashier: "Why, I rap on the window with a dollar bill."

Talented Miss Sailor
Sailor: "I suppose you dance?"
Babe: "Oh, yes, I love too."
Sailor: "Great, that's better'n dancing!"

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