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## UNCP unveils statue

**Pembroke**-- With an assist from a gentle breeze, UNCP Pembroke's Class of 1999 unveiled a life-size bronze statue of the school's mascot in a Wednesday morning ceremony.

Located in front of the James B. Chavis University Center and perched on 16-tons of granite, the red-tailed hawk statue was hailed by students and university officials as a new campus landmark and a new school tradition. It is the gift of the Class of 1999.

The statue is the university's largest and is placed in one of the most visible locations on campus. The ceremony, attended by over 200, included an honor song, drummed out by a contingent from the Native American Student Organization.

"This is the start of a new tradition, and urge you to rally around the rock," Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine said. "The red-tailed hawk symbolizes the courage, speed, power and vision for athletes and all students to aspire to."

"Although the red-tailed hawk has been our mascot for only seven years, the tradition of the hawk goes back centuries for local Native Americans," he said. "You really can't walk around this campus without seeing and being seen by the hawk."

Athletic Director Dan Kenney, who directed the project, called hawk "a symbol we can all relate to."

"Don't be afraid to touch the rock," he advised students. "I believe its magical and spiritual qualities will rub off on all of us."

Mr. Orville White, chair of the Senior Gift Committee, said it was "an appropriate gift" for the senior class. "As a symbol, the hawk is worthy

of this honor because of its unfailing pursuit of success in the hunt," Mr. White said. "I challenge you to set similar high and lofty goals for yourself... to embody the spirit of the hawk."

Mr. Kenney thanked the people who were involved in the subject.

"A lot of people helped with this project, especially Professor Paul Van Zandt who is a talented genius," Mr. Kenney said of the statue's creator. "Paul exemplifies the ideal of public service for us all."

For the record, the bronze statue is 22 inches tall with 57-inch wingspan and weighs 150 pounds. It sits on a pedestal of raw granite weighing close to 16 tons and over nine-feet tall.

The statue took Professor Van Zandt about sixteen weeks to complete and was crafted after close observations of red-tailed hawk. The artist said he enjoyed the challenge of this project.

"I was impressed by Dan Kenney's enthusiasm and the fact that the students were involved and excited about it," Mr. Van Zandt said. "I feel good about giving something back to this campus."

It is not the first Van Zandt bronze on campus. He created the statue of university founder Hamilton McMillan and a bust of Dr. Adolph Dial, a long time UNCP professor.

Mr. Van Zandt joined the university in 1969 and has served as chair of the Art Department for 29 years.

Mr. Kenney thanked Greg Price with the state Department of Transportation who located the rock at Becker Quarry in Harnett County, Lonnie Locklear who transported the rock and Dr. Stan Knick who provided research for the project.

## Native American board redirects fellowship money

**Charlotte, NC (UMNS)** -- The governing members of the churchwide plan United Methodist Native American ministries have reversed a decision made last fall to establish a fellowship aimed at helping develop new Indian congregations.

At their Feb. 4-7 meeting, the 22 board members of the Native American Comprehensive Plan (NACP) redirected \$30,000 that had been approved for a native person to research, develop and revitalize Native American congregation. Instead, board members voted to identify 10 native pastors by April to go through a series of classes on developing and strengthening Indian congregations. The sessions will be led by United Methodist Bishop Bruce P. Blake of the Oklahoma Area and held this fall in Dallas.

The board rescinded its earlier action in order to have more impact on Native American congregations, according to the Rev. David Wilson, who is both plan secretary and chairman of the leadership committee. Plan members agreed that there is a greater need for training 10 native pastors will serve as consultants to help other native congregations strengthen their ministries.

"Local churches respond better to a pastor who does effective work in congregational development," said Blake, who is also a member of the plan's congregational development committee. "I am excited about the possibilities of a process where Native Americans will teach other Native Americans how to do the work of ministry."

The NACP emphasizes congregational and leadership development.

Native American spirituality and native involvement in the total life of the United Methodist Church. The task force's goal is to help United Methodist view Indians as partners in ministry and no longer as a mission of the church. The church's General Conference, its top lawmaking body, mandated the plan in 1992 and continued it in 1996.

During the board meeting, members discussed how Native American ministries would continue to be implemented if the team studying the future direction of the denomination recommends discontinuing the plan. The 38-member Connectional Process Team (CPT) was created by the 1996 General Conference to "manage, guide, and promote a transformational direction" for the denomination. It will make its report to the 2000 General Conference.

"We are at a crucial point in the life of the NACP," said the Rev. Sam Wynn, plan chairman. The plan has been responsive to the needs of Indian congregations and has made inroads in leadership development through the Native American ministry committees of annual conferences. The committees are "the vital link to more effective and creative native ministries," he said.

The board "is pleasantly surprised" at the impact the NACP is having, Wynn said. "We feel very strongly that our task has not completely been accomplished and the NACP has the potential to transform Native American ministries for the United Methodist Church as we presently know them."

NACP Executive Director Ann

## Indian Unity Conference to Feature Art Exhibit

The upcoming twenty-fourth annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference will feature a juried fine art exhibition March 11-13 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville, NC.

The show is titled "PLAITED LESSONS: THE AMERICAN INDIAN WAY" and will feature Lumbertown artist Alceon-Bullard Jones, a Robeson County native of Pembroke, NC. The artist works primarily in mixed media, using various materials and techniques. Many of her works combine ink, colored paper, shaped paper, clay, watercolors, and acrylics.

Jones, 51, has seen her work exhibited throughout the state. In 1997 her one-woman show titled "Faces at the Edge of the Forest" was a two month display at both The Museum of the Native American Resource Center on the campus of University of North Carolina at Pembroke, and at the Guilford Native American Art Gallery located in Greensboro, N.C. Last year Jones' work took awards in juried art shows in Fayetteville and Lumberton. Two pieces of her work exhibited at Fayetteville's Town Hall during the city's Azalea Festival last spring. In 1998 she won first place in the drawing division in an open art contest sponsored by the Robeson County fair

held in Lumberton. Seven pieces of Jones' work is part of the "Keeping The Circle: Expressions of Eastern North Carolina Native American" a traveling art exhibit which premiered last year at The Museum of The Native American Resource Center at UNCP-P.

Jones, a graduate of Pembroke State University, currently serves as a visual arts specialist in the Public Schools of Robeson County. She is the daughter of Margaret Bullard and the late Wilbert Bullard of Pembroke. The mother of five children, Jones resides in rural Pembroke with her husband, Robert William Jones.

The public is invited to a reception honoring Jones and other artists on Thursday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. In the Chateau Room, Holiday Inn Bordeaux, Fayetteville.

This will be the ninth consecutive year that United Tribes of North Carolina has sponsored the juried fine art exhibition. Jane Jacobs, Arts and Crafts coordinator for that organization says the event offers an opportunity for Indian artists to show off their artistic talents to the hundreds of visitors to the three-day conference in Fayetteville. Barbara Braveboy-Locklear is curator of this year's art e Fayetteville.

## Native Students to Design NASF Logo

**Albuquerque, NM:** Two students have won a competition to design a new logo for the Native American Scholarship Fund (NASF). The two students are Adele Filterer from New England, ND, and Philon Talahyewa from Tuba City, AZ.

Mr. Talahyewa, a Hopi, won the design contest for his dream catcher logo. Ms. Filterer won the contest for the new NASF name, which will be "Catching the Dream." The name and logo change is scheduled to go into effect on April 1, 1999.

"All my drawings come from inside, from my heart," Mr. Talahyewa wrote in his submission. "I draw things that have a meaning. It's all about getting your education and not forgetting your heritage and culture."

The new design shows a cap, a diploma, a sun, and a basket all surrounded by a dream catcher, he explains. The cap and the diploma stand for education, while the sun and the basket stand for Indian Traditions, he added.

## Say you read it in the Carolina Indian Voice

Saukneah wants to steer more native youth and young adults toward ministries in the church. "We need to bring them past being only involved in Native American Ministries and provide avenues for them to develop the skills that will enable them to become leaders in the United Methodist Church," she said.

In other action, plan members conditionally granted more than \$38,000 for three efforts designed to enhance Native American ministries on reservation rural areas. The project will receive the money after a visit by members of the plan's congressional development committee.

Grants from the plan's Rural/Reservation Initiative were approved for Nanticoke Indian Mission United Methodist Church, Millsboro, Del., \$10,000; Mississippi United Methodist Native American Parish, Philadelphia, Miss., \$15,000; and Rockingham District Native American Cooperative Ministry Project, Pembroke, N.C., \$13,334.

Board members also recommended continuing the NACP into the 2001-2004 quadrennium.

\* finalized plans for an April 30-May 2 event for annual conference committees on Native American ministries in Tulsa, Okla.

\* planned for an Oct. 29-31 Native American Lay Speaking School to be held at Lake Junaluska, N.C.

\* planned for a Native American School of Evangelism for Indian clergy and lay people who are leaders in the church to be held in March 2000.

The board's next meeting will be Aug. 20-21 in Des Moines, Iowa.



Alceon Jones

## Chamber Singers to perform

**Pembroke, N.C.** -- The UNCP Chamber Singers will present a concert at Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m. This concert is free to the public and will feature the 18-member choir under the direction of Dr. Gary K. Wright with Dr. John Maissonpierre serving as accompanist.

## Pembroke Kiwanis Report

by Dr. Ken Johnson

The weekly meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Jade Garden Restaurant with George Kenworthy presiding. President Kenworthy presented Professor John Rim (retired) who spoke of his planning efforts to establish an Academy to develop Economic Leadership for young people, based on the high school level. The plans include global study of economic problems. Dr. Rim has consulted Rep. Sutton, Governor Hunt

and Speaker James Black. His plan has merit. Schools would be located throughout the State.

Several Kiwanians plan to attend the Lumberton's Club 75th Anniversary on March 4th. Also the fund raising Dinner & Dance is scheduled for April 2nd at the Highland in Laurinburg.

Invocation-- George Kenworthy, Song leader, Ed Teets, Reporter, K.J.

## A Report to the People from Representative Ron Sutton,

The State House wrapped up organizational details at the end of its second full week in Raleigh. With those out of the way, lawmakers were ready to begin debating bills and writing a new state budget for 1999-2000.

Ending weeks of speculation and anticipation, House speaker James B. Black of Mecklenburg County announced the members of roughly 50 committees before lawmakers left for the weekend. One by one, the committee chairs walked to the front of the House chamber to receive their gavels from Black as other House members applauded.

As usual, veteran legislators snared the major committee chairs -- the budget writing Appropriations Committee and the Finance Committee, which deals with tax issues.

All House Democrats except those beginning their first term were named chairs of committees. Three Republicans who voted for Black, a Democrat, for speaker also received gavels.

Black said the appointments followed through on his pledge for a diverse House leadership with all segments well represented.

He also noted that most House members were placed on the majority of committees they requested.

"It is impossible to give every House member every committee he or

she requests," Black said. "Inevitably, some of the committees requested by a member met at the same time of the day. Or too many members of one party or the other sign up. But we worked hard to accommodate member requests."

"Every member of the House will have an opportunity to represent the voters who sent them here," Black said.

House members wrapped up another organizational detail by adopting the permanent rules for the 1999-2000 session. The House had been operating under temporary rules passed on opening day.

The biggest change from the previous session was the elimination of a rule that had allowed the chairman of the Rules Committee to unilaterally kill bills by refusing to put them on the House floor debate. Republicans and Democrats alike had complained that the rule gave too much power to the Rules chairman.

Appointment of the committee members cleared the way for lawmakers to begin their budget deliberation. Gov. Jim Hunt's proposed budget provided the starting point.

With state revenues tight, the

## Public Hearing on Tobacco Planned

Senate Select Committee on Tobacco Settlement Issues and Senate Committee on Health Care Announcement two public hearings on proposed allocation of Tobacco Settlement Proceeds.

WHEN: Thursday, February 18th, 2:00 - 5:00 PM  
Thursday, February 25th, 2:00 - 5:00 PM

WHERE: Room 643 Legislative Office Building, 300 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh

WHO IS INVITED: All members of the public are invited to attend. Individuals or representatives of interest groups who wish to speak at the public hearing should

Contact Dee Bagley in the office of Sen. David Weinstein (919) 733-5651. Limit comments to 3-5 minutes. Provide a written copy of comments to the committee at the public hearing.

## Volunteers Needed

The Museum of Cape Fear is currently seeking volunteers as reception desk attendants and tour guides. A volunteer Orientation Day will be held March 23, from 10:00 A.M. Until 12:00 noon at the museum. Training and materials provided. If you are interested in attending the Volunteer Orientation Day on March 23, or would like more information, please call (910) 486-1330.

The Museum of the Cape Fear is located at 801 Arsenal Ave. in Fayetteville. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. Until 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00 p.m. Until 5:00 p.m. Admission is free.

governor's budget was not expected to include any new, big-ticket spending items. But Hunt had said repeatedly that there would be enough money for lawmakers to carry through on three commitments: raising teacher salaries to national average, expanding Smart Start and funding the next phase of an overhaul of the juvenile system approved last year.

House Democrats made it clear that those three items were their top three budget priorities. The first three bills introduced in the House were appropriations measures to fund those initiatives. Black took the unusual step of sponsoring the measures to make the point clear. Traditionally, the speaker does not sponsor legislation.

Passage of the permanent rules and the announcement of committees pretty much completed the organizational details, but House members had one more chore before they could settle in for the session. Many of them had to move into new offices. Committee chairs traditionally receive offices near the meeting rooms where their committees meet.

Rep. Ron Sutton was made Chair of the Judiciary III Committee and serves on six other committees including the House Select Committee on the Tobacco Settlement

## Local Legislators Introduce Low-Wealth Fund Legislation

**Raleigh** -- State House members Doug Yongue, Donald Bonner and Ronnie Sutton introduced legislation today to help level the playing field for the state's low-wealth school systems. The bipartisan bill will appropriate \$44 million for the low-wealth schools. This appropriation, added to the current funding level of \$65 million, will fully fund the Low Wealth Schools Supplemental Fund for the first time since the program was enacted in 1991.

The Low-Wealth Schools Supplemental Fund is designed to help poor school systems provided children with basic instructional resources, including technology, up-to-date textbooks and advanced courses. Each of the state's 73 "low-wealth" counties have a below average local tax base, which makes it difficult if not impossible for them to raise adequate funding for schools. Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties are among the counties classified as "low-wealth"

by the General Assembly and NC Dept. of Public Instruction. During current school year, Cumberland County received \$2.6 million from the fund, Hoke County \$1.6 million; Robeson County \$5.4 million; and Scotland County just over \$1 million.

"Everyone in NC will benefit from increased supplemental funding for low-wealth school systems," said the local delegation. "Full funding will help give all children the educational opportunities they deserve to become happy and productive citizens. We must face the reality that low-wealth districts typically face additional challenges in educating children while doing so with fewer resources."

"We commend legislators for introducing and supporting the critical legislation," said Dr. Jim Causby, Chair of the Low Wealth Schools Consortium and Johnston County Superintendent. "The teachers, parents and students in schools from low

wealth counties are ready to aim high. With these funds, they can. The NC Supreme Court has said that every child has a constitutional right to a sound, basic education, no matter where they live. These funds will help to make that dream a reality."

Fifty-five percent of North Carolina's public school students live in low-wealth counties. The Low Wealth Schools Supplemental Fund is particularly useful because local school systems can use the funds flexibly to address their most pressing instructional needs.

Representative's Yongue and Bonner are former school administrators representing the 16th and 87th House District. Representative Sutton is an attorney representing House District 85. All members realize the importance of equalizing the educational opportunities for students across the state and are committed to seek passage of this important legislation.