

# AS I SEE IT ... Bruce Barton

## Let us now pray for Judge Brooks and Brother Garry Lewis

Judge Dexter Brooks and my brother, Garry Lewis Barton, are very close to me. As a matter of fact, I love them very much.

One, Garry Lewis Barton, is my younger brother. He's 50 to my 60. He is talented and works for a newspaper company in Bennettsville, S.C. I often tell people that he might be one of the most talented Bartons of all. He has written a well received LIFE AND TIMES OF HENRY BERRY LOWRY Book and wrote his "Rantin" and "Ravin" Column for many years in the Carolina Indian Voice Newspaper and the Marlboro Herald (S.C.).

Superior Court Judge Dexter Brooks is more my

intellectual soul mate and spiritual ballast. He keeps me honest. He and I have fought many political battles together over the years and (not in a boastful way, of course) won most of them. I remember Saving Old Main and Breaking Double Voting and many, many other battles over the last thirty years or so. We were a mighty duo in the political arena.

Both of these stalwarts have cancer, virulent and disabling to a sad extent.

I simply want you to pray for them that God will use them and take their bodies and minds and souls and make them anew, especially in a spiritual way, as only He can.

Both of them are spiritually in a good and restful place. I just want them stronger for the battles ahead.

I love them both very much and wish them well.

## UNCP Trustees endorse increase in student fees

**Pembroke, NC-** The UNC Pembroke Board of Trustees endorsed a 5.8 percent increase in student fees for the 2002-2003 school year.

Student fees, which are used for activities, technology, health services and retiring long-term debt, will increase to \$970 from \$917 in 2001-2002. Increases were recommended in all areas except long-term debt.

A committee of students, faculty and administration approved the increase. UNCP's student fees are currently the fourth lowest in the 16-campus system.

The vote of the board was unanimous and the increase will go the UNC Board of Governors for final approval.

Athletic fees would increase to \$350 from \$335 (+4.5 percent), activity fees to \$352 from \$325 (+8.3 percent), technology fees to \$112 from \$105 (+6.7 percent), health services fees to \$120 from \$115 (+4.3 percent) and debt service fees would decrease to \$36 from \$37.

The student activity fee pays for student government, newspaper, yearbook, student theater, gym, band and chorus, among other activities. The debt service fee pays for the new track and soccer complex that is slated to open this spring.

In other business, the UNCP Board of Trustees approved the hiring of a construction management firm as general contractor for \$8.24 million in renovations and additions to the Jones Athletic Center. The project includes air conditioning, new classrooms and an expanded facility for the athletic training program.

Low bidder Flinto of Memphis, TN, won contract with a bid of \$200,000. Construction is expected

to begin within a year, according to Neil Hawk, vice chancellor for Business Affairs

### New Faces

Angela Weston was approved as assistant secretary to the UNCP Board of Trustees. A West Point graduate, Ms. Weston recently assumed the position of special assistant to the chancellor. She replaces Beth Carmical, who is now director of International Programs and the new Multicultural Center.

Chancellor Meadors announced the opening of the Multicultural Center on Nov. 13. It is located in Old Main.

Dr. Meadors has met with representatives of the African American Student Organization (AASO), who protested at the opening of the center. The students say they were promised a Black culture center.

Chancellor Meadors said he is disappointed in the reaction of these students.

"We have not done a good job in mentoring them," he said. "We will continue working with this group."

### New Attorney

Chancellor Meadors announced the appointment of a full time attorney for the university, Donna Payne, a UNC-Chapel Hill graduate from nearby Bladenboro will begin work January 1.

There will be many more new faces on campus next year as the university searches for 32 new faculty members. Almost every department on campus is recruiting at least one new member, according to Dr. Roger Brown, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The board also approved a list of 237 candidates for graduation in the December 15 Winter Commencement

## Historian, Dick Kohn, Warns of Threat to Civilian Control of Military

**PEMBROKE, N.C.-** Military historian Dick Kohn says he never tires of his lecture on the importance of civilian control of the United States military.

The former chief U.S. Air force historian turned UNC-Chapel Hill professor gave two lectures at UNC Pembroke this week. It was the 10th anniversary of the Gibson and Marianna Gray Lecture series, sponsored by the retired chair of the Department of Political Science.

"I have been working on this lecture for eight years now," Prof. Kohn said. "It has evolved into something I describe as an argument about threats to civilian control of the military."

Civilian control of the military is a fundamental underpinning of U.S. democracy, Prof. Kohn told a dinner audience. During the Clinton Administration, the military was in open revolt against its civilian masters.

He said the military publicly insulted its commander-in-chief and held the military budget hostage by taking its case for "readiness" directly to the public.

Prof. Kohn said the timing for this military mutiny could not be worse. This is a time when there is a need for a "significant transformation" of the military from a Cold war force to one that can combat terrorism, perform humanitarian peacekeeping missions and protect U. S. infrastructure.

Genocides in Rwanda and Kosovo were casualties of the military's reluctance to engage in peacekeeping activities, he said. In Bosnia, the military successfully negotiated the rules of the conflict to include overwhelming military air power before the commitment of ground troops, the rules of engagement and an exit strategy.

It is a prime example of the military dictating foreign policy, Prof. Kohn said.

"Colin Powell shaped the gulf War objectives that we have been paying for ever since," he said. "He became so powerful and so adept at political manipulation that the Clinton Administration was forced to wait him out."

"Today we have a large permanent military presence, which is exactly what the founding fathers warned us against," Prof. Kohn said. Things have gotten worse under the Bush Administration.

He recommends a return to the concept of the "civilian soldier" and against the trend of the "professional soldier," who has little regard for the core civic values and the civilian policies of the nation.

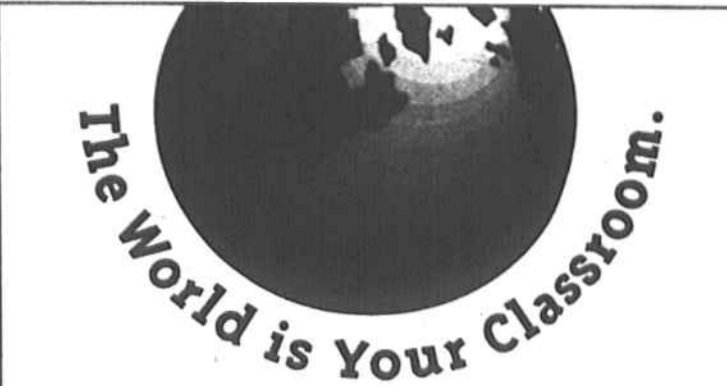
"When former generals endorse politicians, how do you think top generals will be viewed by politicians," he asked. "There is a widespread belief (in the military) that civilian society is corrupt and the personal superiority of military society over civilian."

"The purpose of the military is to defend civil society, not to define it," Prof. Kohn said. "The military is shifting from advisors to advocates of policy. Advocacy has given way to insistency."

The 45-minute lecture prompted a lively and lengthy discussion with several veterans offering different interpretations.

Professor Kohn delivered a second lecture during student activity period. He is director of the Peace and War curriculum in the UNC-CH History Department.

The purpose of the Gray Lecture Series is to provide the campus community with expert perspectives on important issues of the day, said series coordinator Dr. Tom Ross, professor of geography at UNCP.



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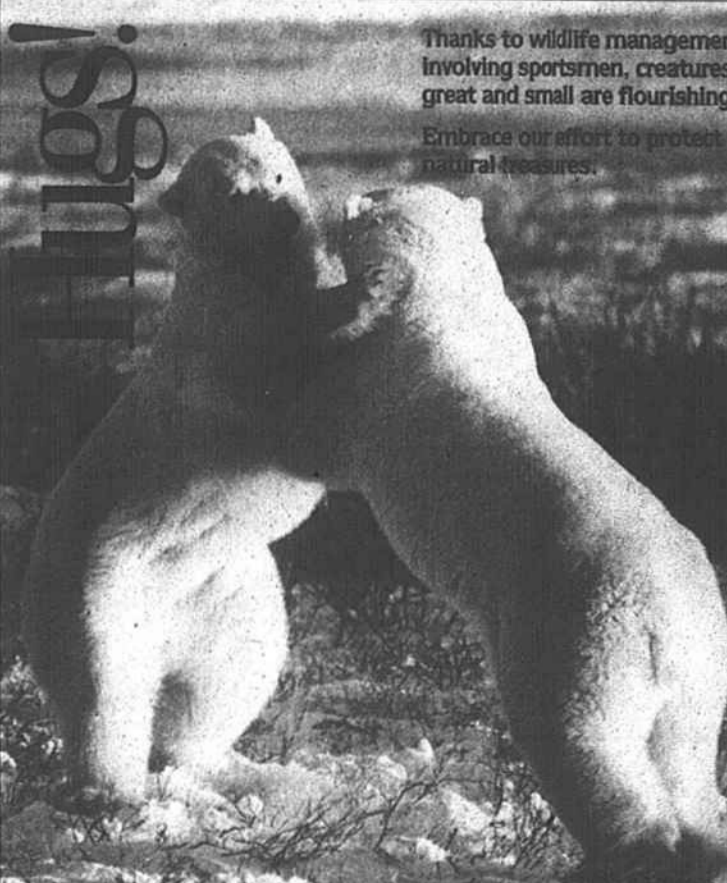
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## Who Am I? by Erwin Jacobs

I awoke with a terrible headache this morning, December 11th, which is Tuesday. After a bowl of oat meal and a cup of coffee almost consumed, I turned my television on to HBO 501 channel at 7 a.m. I heard the announcer say that the movie COCOON was coming on. This movie was made in St. Petersburg, Florida while I lived there in the early 1980s. Mr. Willford Brimley, Ms. Jessica Tandy and husband, Hume Cronyn, Ms. Maureen Stapleton, Don Ameche, to mention a few of the actors and actresses whom were starring in this Ron Howard movie. My good friend, Mr. Irvin A. Forrest had a mansion next door to where the swimming pool scenes were shot and the boat tied up to his private pier. While the movie was being shot I had the privilege to visit Mr. Forrest's home. It was a rainy day as we drove through the gates (Mr. Forrest and several others were in the car with me) we were met in the drive way at the house by a little old skinny man and he was carrying on a conversation about the foul weather that day. I assumed he was a gopher (an errand boy). To my surprise, after the conversation I learned he was Mr. Hume Cronyn.

The scenes at the ball room dances brought back good memories of the Saturday night dances my friends and I enjoyed before my back operations. Everyone dressed in flashy attire and the women in their evening gowns and fur stables would glide across the dance floor to the big band playing all kinds of ball room music. The other scenes still burn in my memory. Hard to accept it has been so many years since all of this happened when I had my good health. Mr. Don Ameche and the others looked so trim. Now most of the actors and actresses of this movie are deceased. Ron Howard has gone on to make more good movies after the one filmed in St. Pete. My oh my how the time is swiftly passing by. My friend sold the mansion and now spends winters looking over the harbor in a Pen House near the pier and Vinoy Basin.

I say God bless you and a job well done.

My last article I told about my trip to New York and Hudson, NY at my daughter's for Thanksgiving. I failed to mention that a few minutes after returning by Am-Track to Penn Station my friend, Mr. Liston Pope II and I had a few minutes of sharing our daily activities together on our way to the Port Authority by subway. He has a very busy schedule with his teaching and trying to finish his big novel. He is expecting to have it ready for publishing sometime next year. I have been promised the first copy since I contributed a lot of information as he visited me several years while writing notes about the upcoming novel. It will mention the Lumbee Indians and many of our traditions. I am looking forward to seeing how the book turns out, which promises to be several hundred pages. As we are growing older we realize many of our traditions are fading away. Seems like our people are so wrapped up in their little world that they have forgotten how our people knew and cared for our elders. Being in New York at Ground Zero I remembered the many times and the week ends I strolled down those streets and avenues in my much younger days.

I am looking forward to seeing my foster son, Brian, graduate the 16th from his Chiropractic School in Georgia. He has grown up and made me so proud of him. I proudly wear his pin from the University at Pembroke and his Chiropractic addises also on my dress jacket.

Last Saturday, December 8th, we the Maxton Parade Committee culminated our efforts from a year's planning and carrying out the Christmas parade which I can truly say was a huge success. We wish to thank everyone especially those who donated everything also their time to this worthy event. This has been my second year and I feel very humble to have helped co-chair the activities. We had six limousines to transport our elderly and senior citizens that we fed a breakfast and a ride to the viewing stand. To my fellow committee members I say God bless you and a prosperous new year.

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