

Pembroke State University

BY GENE WARREN



SAM RAGAN TO BE SPEAKER AT PSU COMMENCEMENT MAY 7

The academic year is rapidly coming to an end at Pembroke State University with exams this week, and commencement exercises set Saturday, May 7, at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

Graduation is always the time of the year when the most people are on the PSU campus, watching their loved ones receive that cherished diploma.

Speaker for this year's commencement will be Sam Ragan, editor-publisher of the Pilot in Southern Pines and also poet laureate of North Carolina.

A distinguished man of letters, Ragan served as managing editor and executive editor of the News and Observer in Raleigh for 20 years. He is past president of the Associated Press Managing Editors Association of America and also the N.C. Press Association.

For several years he has conducted the "Sam Ragan Reports" television program over WTVD in Durham, and prior to that had a program of news commentary over WUNC-TV.

Ragan, born at Berea in Granville County, earned his B.A. from Atlantic Christian College in English and History. He was awarded a Doctor of Literature degree from Atlantic Christian College in 1972 and a Doctor of Letters degree from Methodist College in 1980.

He has served as moderator of the N.C. Literary Forum in Raleigh since 1957 and of the N.C. Writers Forum in Charlotte since 1964.

Ragan has won many honors, but one of the biggest tributes accorded him came in 1976 during the nation's bicentennial year when he was the one North Carolinian interviewed by NBC-TV's David Brinkley during that network's salute to North Carolina.

Ragan has been a tremendous booster of the "Pembroke Magazine" over the years and arranged for some of the leading citizens of Southern Pines to visit Pembroke State University and the Pembroke area last summer. PSU indeed has a great friend as its speaker on May 7 for commencement.

YEARBOOK DEDICATED TO SCHMALLEGER, BEATTY

This year's PSU yearbook, "The Indianhead," has been dedicated to Dr. Frank Schmallegger as the faculty member and Dr. Ray Von Beatty as the staff member.

Schmallegger, chairman of the Sociology Department, has been a member of the PSU faculty since 1975.

Beatty, director of the PSU Guidance and Testing Center, has been at PSU since 1972. At one time he was not only directing the Guidance and Testing Center, he was also in charge of placement and health manpower and also teaching psychology.



SAM RAGAN...commencement speaker May 7 at Pembroke State University.

Students vote on the recipients of this honor, and Beatty put it: "This is a real great honor, like receiving the academy award in one's profession."

The yearbook citation to both says: "The fact that they were both voted for shows that both are popular with students on campus, but what is their charisma? It is this: both do more than is required. Both do their jobs efficiently, but they go a step farther. They go out of their way in their friendliness. (They) are the kind of people who make coming to school not just a learning experience, but a real pleasure."

THREE PSU STUDENTS RECEIVE METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Paula Hunt, Karen Locklear and James Sanderson are PSU students who are receiving Ethnic Minority Scholarships from the United Methodist Church's Board of Higher Education and Ministry, which is located in Nashville, Tenn.

The money came from the World Communion Sunday Offering, reported the Rev. Eddie Robinson of the United Methodist Commission, located in Evanston, Ill.

CORLISS HAYES AND SONNY KIRKLEY TO EDIT PSU PUBLICATIONS

The editors of next year's two major PSU publications have been announced.

They are Sonny Kirkley of Hamlet, who will edit "The Indianhead," and Corliss Hayes of Lumberton, who will edit "The Pine Needle."

SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNEY SET FRIDAY

Always a fine way to end the academic year at PSU is participating in the University's Scholarship Golf Tournament. This is a reminder that Lumberton Country Club will be the scene of this year's event Friday. Teams gather at 12:30 p.m. for a 1 p.m. "shot-gun" start. The \$25 entry fee per person will help provide scholarships for PSU students and is tax deductible.

CHANCELLOR'S SPRING DANCE SET FRIDAY NIGHT

After participating in an afternoon of golf Friday, Chancellor Paul Givens, along with Mrs. Givens, will host the annual Chancellor's Spring Dance at Pine Crest Country Club Friday night. The semi-formal dance will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. It will be a busy day for the PSU chancellor, who thrives on activity.

VINCENT PRICE'S VISIT WAS A GALA AFFAIR

This reminds us what a gala event the visit by Vincent Price of movie, TV, and stage fame was last week. Over 700 saw his performance Thursday in the Performing Arts Center, some special guests were at a dinner for him at the Chancellor's Residence, and 80-90 people attended a reception after the performance.

Then some 100 took part in a pig-pickin' at the Chancellor's Residence Friday night.

GARRY HENRY: NAlA ATHLETE OF YEAR IN N.C.

Garry Henry, the great Pembroke State distance runner from Australia, will be honored at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at a banquet at the Ramada Inn in Burlington.

He is being cited as the 1982 NAlA "Athlete of the Year" in North Carolina. Honored as the 1982 NAlA "Coach of the Year" will be Sam Moir, basketball coach of Catawba.

Henry in 1982 set an NAlA record in winning the 10,000-meter run and also captured the 5,000-meter run to be a double champion in the NAlA national meet. He won six national titles during his four years at PSU and had a phenomenal record of being chosen first team All-American 15 times.

Because Henry has returned home to Australia, his coach, Dr. Ed Crain, will receive the award for him.

BOB BULLARD, FAYE JONES PREPARING TO RETIRE

Bob Bullard, associate

Robeson County Schools

Walter Oxendine
Public Information Coordinator



FIVE STUDENTS SELECTED AS SEMIFINALISTS FOR N.C. SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Five of eight students in the Robeson County Schools have been selected as semifinalists for admission to the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics. The five semifinalists included: Kimberly D. Chavis, daughter of Mr. and Ms. Wilson Chavis of Pembroke, a sophomore at Pembroke Senior High School; Tryon D. Lowry, Jr., son of Mr. and Ms. Tryon D. Lowry of Pembroke, a sophomore at Pembroke Senior High School; Carmen E. Worley, daughter of Rev. and Ms. B.O. Worley of Orrum, a sophomore at Orrum High School; Albert A. Haats, son of Mr. and Ms. Albert A. Haats, Sr. of Lumberton, a sophomore at Magnolia School, and Samuel F. Spillers, son of Ms. Anetha Spillers of Lumberton, a sophomore at Littlefield School.

Other nominees from the Robeson County Schools were: Edward C. Branch, III, son of Mr. and Ms. Edward Branch of Orrum, a sophomore at Orrum High School; Darla L. Harper, daughter of Mr. and Ms. Jesse Harper of Proctorville, a sophomore at Orrum High School; Anthony B. Wilkes, son of Mr. and Ms. Robert Wilkes of Orrum, a sophomore at Orrum High School.

The five semifinalists will participate in further selection processes to be conducted by the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics this spring.

TITLE IV INSTRUCTOR SPEAKS AT CLUB

Ms. Cynthia Brooks, a Cultural Enrichment Specialist for Art Studies with the Title IV Indian Education Project, spoke at the monthly meeting of the Pembroke Homemakers Club on April 19th.

Ms. Brooks discussed her trip to the National Indian Seminar in Oklahoma, and the upcoming trip to Manteo as part of the Elizabethan Rendezvous which project staff teachers from Prospect, Magnolia, Pembroke Senior and South Robeson, and students will attend on April 29th-May 1st.

A demonstration of pottery making was also provided by Ms. Brooks for the club members (six of whom were retired teachers of the Robeson County School System). The Homemakers Club has 24 members and are affiliated with the local, county, district, state and national Home Economics Organization.

A number of the members work with the County Schools as volunteers, or they have relatives who have worked and who are presently working with the School System.

Not only is the Club active with schools, but they are active with other community projects such as contributing to the Rescue Squad and the

NEWS FROM OAK GROVE HOLINESS CHURCH

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Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship Service begins at 11 a.m., Bible Study is held each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. and each Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. Singing each second Sunday night at 7 p.m. and all day service each fifth Sunday with lunch being served. Young People's service on each fourth Sunday night at 7 p.m. with a different speaker each service. We have a radio program each Sunday at 1:20 p.m. over WAGR in Lumberton, NC. The pastor, Rev. Grover Oxendine invites each of you to come worship with us.

The Lord wonderfully blessed us at church Sunday. Many people were out sick Sunday. Mr. Roscoe Woodell had a severe heart attack while in the hospital. He needs your prayers. We visited several persons in the hospital Wednesday. Some were asking for prayer. We should be thankful that we are up walking, talking and in as good health as we are. God has really blessed us. When we begin to complain about our problems, let's look around us or visit the hospital. We'll find someone in worse condition than we are. Let's thank God for what He has already done before we ask for anything else. Read Psalms 146 and 147. This is a good book to read when you are depressed and feel that no one cares. Jesus cares about each one of us. "Our soul is precious in the sight of God."

Our pastor, Rev. Oxendine, received a telephone call at church Sunday, just before he left for the radio program. He was told that Mr. Varsar Sanderson had passed away. We have asked you many times to pray for him. We pray that he gave his heart to the Lord before he died. Pray for his family.



Mr. Tommie Revels Celebrates 71st Birthday

Mr. Tommie Revels celebrated his 71st birthday on Sunday, April 17, 1983, with a dinner at his home in Hoke County. Prayer was led by Mr. Robert Lee Oxendine. Eleven of his twelve were present. Adele Chavis, Mary E. Locklear and family, Gearline Oxendine from Milwaukee, Wis., Deloris Bell and Family, Vernie Revels from Okeechobee, Fla., Bobby Revels, Jo Ann Dial and family, Mary Ann Revels and family, Janice Revels and family, Dwight Revels, Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Powers and family, and his mother, Mrs. Lula Revels from Laurinburg, N.C. were in attendance, along with about 150 other friends and relatives.

The dinner, prepared by family and friends, consisted of all the delicious and well-known dishes prepared as only the Southerners know how to prepare them.

This was an exciting and happy day for Mr. Revels since he had not seen his son, Vernie Revels, in eight years. We would like to wish Mr. Revels many more birthdays, and we look forward to seeing

him at Oak Grove Church every Sunday. May God bless you always, Mr. Revels.

OBITUARY

CAROLYN S. JOHNSON

Mrs. Carolyn S. Johnson, born October 9, 1940, departed this life April 25, 1983. Her surviving loved ones are: Phil Johnson; one daughter, Kimberly Ramser; her mother, Mrs. Flowers Sampson; foster sisters—Mrs. Curt Locklear and Mrs. Earl S. Ransom.

She will be funeralized at Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke, Friday, April 29, at 3:30 p.m.

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The 1983 Pembroke State University yearbook, "The Indianhead," was dedicated to the two men standing between Chancellor PAUL GIVENS. They are Dr. RAY VON BEATTY (left) and Dr. FRANK SCHMALLEGER. The yearbook editor, VICKI KOKIS of Lumberton, is at the left.