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PSU CENTENNIAL ALUMNI AWARDS
BANQUET SEES PRESENTATION OF
PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

PSU's Centennial Alumni Awards Banquet last Saturday saw the presentation of the two most coveted PSU Alumni Association awards: (1) the Distinguished Service Award and (2) the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

The winners, neither of whom knew they would be recipients of the awards until their names were announced, were Jesse Oxendine of Charlotte as winner of the Distinguished Service Award and Betty Oxendine Mangum of Raleigh as winner of the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

An audience of 135 was present to applaud these worthy recipients.

Oxendine, who attended PSU from 1947-50, served two terms as chairman of the PSU Board of Trustees and one term as vice chairman of the trustees. In 1980 he was awarded a North Carolina Business Man of the Year Award. A member of the N.C. and Mecklenburg Pharmaceutical Associations, Oxendine owns King Drug Co. in Charlotte. He and his wife were hosts for a leadership retreat of the PSU Alumni Association at their cottage on Lake Norman.

Oxendine graduated from King's Business College in Charlotte and the Medical College of South Carolina.

Mangum earned a B.S. Degree in elementary education from PSU in 1960 and an M.A. in educational administration from N.C. Central University in 1981. Since 1977 she has been director of the Division of Indian Education for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. In 1986, she was chosen "Tar Heel of the Week" by the Raleigh News and Observer, and recently a beautifully illustrated book published by the N.C. State Museum of Natural Sciences entitled "Native Americans: The People and How They Live" was dedicated to her.

In his response Oxendine urged everyone "to get involved" in the work of PSU. "Let's do something for the young people," he urged. "I don't know who you are or where you went to school, but somewhere down the line somebody helped you out."

Mrs. Mangum, in an emotional speech, expressed thanks to those honoring her "in the favorite place of my life, which is home." She is a native of Pembroke and grew up on the PSU campus where her father, Dr. Clifton Oxendine, served as dean. Dr. Oxendine, 87, was not feeling well enough to be

present, but her mother, Cora Lee Oxendine, attended the banquet as did her brother, Jerry Oxendine.

"This is a wonderful honor," Mrs. Mangum said. "I thank God for using the talents He has given me. I thank my family, my father and my mother for the role models they have provided me. I thank my husband (Al Mangum) who continues to love and support me and allow me to grow as a person. I thank this University for opening doors for me and giving me a solid base of knowledge and an opportunity to grow in leadership. And I thank my friends wherever they are for seeing the good in me, believing in me and encouraging me."

An honorary life membership to the PSU Alumni Association was presented to Greg Barnes of Lumberton, a member of the news staff of WTVD-TV in Durham who attended PSU and helped start the first radio station on campus. Barnes has an excellent background in radio and TV and is only the 11th person named as an honorary life member of the association. Barnes responded: "PSU has always been the only college I've ever really called home--and now I really feel I'm part of the family here." Barnes' wife, Lynne, is a graduate of PSU.

A special award also was presented to outgoing alumni association president Anthony Locklear by John Carter, PSU alumni director, for Locklear's two years of service as president.

A vote was taken concerning new officers of the alumni association. The winners will be announced later and installed at Charlotte in an alumni meeting to be held there.

Inducted at the alumni banquet into the PSU Athletic Hall of Fame were basketball player Tom Gardner and track and field star Charles Shipman, both All-Americans for the Braves in the late 1970s. Gardner, now teaching in Camden, was third team NAA All-American in 1977, twice all-district and twice all-conference and "Most Valuable" in several tournaments, including the PSU Invitational, the Campbell Tip-Off Tourney, and the Carolinas Conference.

Shipman, who is employed with LOF Glass Co. near Laurinburg was an 11-time All American in track. He was a three-time national champion excelling in both the discus and shot put in which he set a tremendous number of records.



Top Alumni Award Winners-- Betty Oxendine Mangum of Raleigh received the "Outstanding Alumnus Award" and Jesse Oxendine of Charlotte was presented the "Distinguished Service Award" at PSU's Centennial Alumni Banquet Saturday night.



Charles Shipman (left) and Tom Gardner display their plaques after being inducted into the PSU Athletic Hall of Fame. Shipman is from Maxton and Gardner from Camden, SC.

BELL'S TONED MUSCLES PRODUCE
WITH RINGING SUCCESS FOR HIT HAPPY
TAR HEELS

By Bryant Kirkland
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Sometimes it takes the worst situation possible to bring out the best in a person. For Devy Bell, the worst came four years ago when he had a mediocre senior season at Pembroke High School and wasn't recruited by any major college baseball programs. But baseball followers now know Bell's best was yet to come as his booming bat has been an integral part of the Tar Heels' powerful offensive attack in the last three seasons.

"My senior season (in high school) wasn't that good," recalls Bell, who led the Atlantic Coast Conference with 24 home runs last season. "I guess it took that to realize that I wasn't working real hard. I didn't do anything. I'm sort of glad because then I sat back and evaluated what I had done and I saw I would have to work."

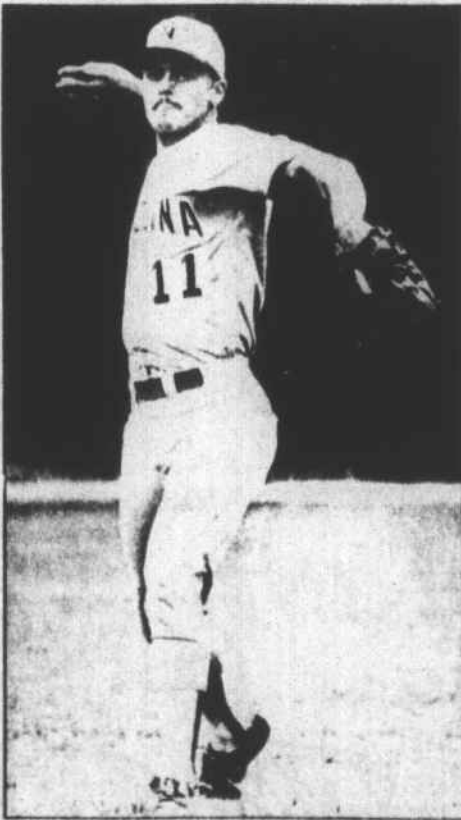
When Bell, UNC's starting right fielder, entered Carolina in August 1983, he became a walk-on member of North Carolina's nationally-ranked baseball team. By then, Bell, who began as member of Carolina's junior varsity squad, had decided fall practice was going to determine the fate of his career.

"When I came here I made the decision that if I couldn't make it here then it wasn't meant for me to play baseball. I said 'If I can't play here, I don't think I can play anywhere. If I don't make it, this is the end of baseball.' I just put it on the line and everything worked out."

Bell was moved from the junior varsity squad to the varsity in two weeks and he became a starter by the end of fall practice. But Bell, a 6-0, 190-pounder, will admit he had to earn his success. He spent countless hours working on his strength and improving his fundamentals trying to win a scholarship.

And at the beginning of his junior year, after two seasons where he hit over 300, Bell was awarded a scholarship. He then responded with 24 home runs, which set a school record for home runs in a season. His 40 career home runs entering the 1987 season ties the school record for career home runs. Bell, who labels himself as an "average" hitter, also tied Carolina's record for home runs in a game with three round-trippers against Vermont last year.

"We knew Devy was a good athlete and felt he would definitely contribute to the varsity baseball program," says Carolina coach Mike Roberts. "He



Devy Bell wants to insure his senior season at Carolina is not a repeat of his final year in high school. (Photo by Larry Childress)

certainly has gone beyond the goals we were looking for him to attain offensively. We did not see in high school the potential he has shown over the last three years."

Bell attributes his power from the plate to lifting weights. He has spent countless hours in the weight room since his freshman season and even swings a 10 pound baseball bat before he goes to sleep every night.

"That's mainly what did it," says Bell, who was voted as the team's most dedicated player last season. "I began to lift weights and the summer before my sophomore year I went home and beefed up. I gained about 15 pounds and a lot of strength in my upper body. The last four years I've done an awful lot of that and each year it's compounded. My wrists have strengthened tremendously and I can get the ball in the air a whole lot more. I always did have sort of an upper cut swing, but I always used to hit singles and doubles--never home runs."

"He became dedicated in the weight room," Roberts says. "When that happened he began to show tremen-

dous ability with the bat."

But Bell, who is 13 home runs shy of the ACC's career home run record held by Clemson's Jim McCollom, isn't concerned with how many home runs he hits. He's more concerned with his contribution to the team through leadership and consistency. Bell's batting average has improved each year and last year's .347 was his career high.

"One of the things I want to be is consistent. I want to be a very good outfielder. I just want to be a great asset to my team. That's all. I want to be looked up to, respected. I'm not out for myself. I never have been. I just want to be there for all of my friends. I just want to be a good team player."

An area Bell wants to improve in this season is his defensive skills.

"I want to become as good of an outfielder as I am at the plate," he says. "I want to be a better fielder in the outfield. I want to pick up speed. I've learned how to play the outfield; how to play the ball, how to get back on the ball. What I did mostly this year was work on technique and fundamentals."

"He's worked very hard in the past year to upgrade his defensive skills and base running," Roberts says.

Bell's "team first" attitude is also evident in his role as a senior leader. He wants to be available to help younger team members with problems like Scott Bankhead, Roger Williams and B.J. Surhoff helped him his freshman season. All three are presently playing professional baseball.

"He learned a lot from some great players," says Roberts, in his 10th season as Carolina's head coach. "Those are very talented young men who knew how to put their heads in perspective to be successful both on and off the field."

And like those three players, Bell has always performed well in pressure situations. For example, last season against N.C. State in the ACC Tournament, he hit two home runs to establish UNC's single season home run record.

"I do like pressure," he says. "I always picture myself in certain situations. I think about myself playing baseball with somebody on second and third and we're down one-run and it's the bottom of the ninth. I don't put myself in that situation, but those are situations I feel comfortable in."

And you can be sure Bell will try to make the best of the worst situations.

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Bell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry T. Bell of Pembroke.



Anthony Locklear (left), president for the last two years of the PSU Alumni Association, is presented a plaque in appreciation for his services by John Carter, PSU director of alumni affairs. The presentation took place at the alumni banquet Saturday night.



Greg Barnes (right) of Lumberton, a television newsman with WTVD-TV in Durham, was named an Honorary Life Member of the PSU Alumni Association Saturday at the annual PSU alumni banquet. Making the presentation is Martha Beach of Fayetteville.

LOOKING BACK



Shown above are the students from the 1927 seventh grade class at Pembroke Normal School, presently Old Main at Pembroke State University. The class is shown on the steps of Old Main.

Shown left to right, first row, are: Stella Revels, Margaret Locklear, John L. Godwin, Margaret Oxendine, Mable Oxendine, Jola Smith, Edna Lee Jacobs, Verna Brooks, Lattie Mae Brooks, Leverne Carter, Sam Godwin, Mattie Hunt, Marvin Houghton, Rochell Godwin, Davis Locklear.

Second row, left to right: Earl Thomas, Rudolph Carter, Flore Bell Hunt, Ruby Carter, Pearl Bell, Katie Locklear, Jack Brayboy, Vera Maynor, Stella Lowry, Unknown, Tecumseh Brayboy, Velma Lowry.

Third row, left to right: Clarence Hammonds, Paul Jones, Daniel Graham, Gertrude Woodell, George Oxendine, Juddie Revels, James Oxendine, Velma D. Hunt, Callie Mae Jacobs, Eunice Brayboy, Beulah Locklear, Leola Graham.

Back row, left to right: Mr. Walter Smith (teacher), Thomas Oxendine, James Lee Lowry, Miss Henderson (teacher), Mary Frances Hunt, Sarah Jane Jacobs, Basie Lee Brewer.

This photograph was shared with the readers of the Carolina Indian Voice by Mary F. Hunt Maynor.

Pembroke
Rescue
Squad

Pembroke Rescue Squad would like to acknowledge the donations given to them in lieu of flowers for Mrs. Vera Lowry. Mrs. Lowry was a supporter of the Pembroke Rescue Squad for many years. The squad mourns her death along with the family of Mrs. Lowry. The squad wishes to thank each one who made a donation to Mrs. Lowry's behalf. The money will be used to carry on the services that Mrs. Lowry so much believed in. Indeed, Pembroke Rescue Squad shares in the loss of this great lady.

Applications for membership on the squad are now being accepted. Junior membership is also available to youths 14-18 years old who qualify. Pembroke Rescue Squad is a non-profit organization. Its survival depends on volunteers, fund raisings, and contributions. It provides 24 hour emergency service to the surrounding area with no cost for any of its services. This service is made possible by you the public through your generosity. Thank you and we solicit your continued support in future endeavors. Submitted By Jane O. Chavis