

PEMBROKE STATE UNIVERSITY

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DR. OWENS H. BROWNE, the first acting president of what is now PSU, and his wife MARY. They recently visited the PSU campus of which they were the First Family from 1940-42.

FIRST ACTING PRESIDENT OF INSTITUTION REVISITS PEMBROKE STATE UNIVERSITY

When PSU recently dedicated its new Special Collections Room of its Mary Livermore Library, an elderly couple from Raleigh attended.

Their names: Dr. Owens H. Browne, 87, and his wife, the former Mary Martin Johnson, 86.

They used to be the First Family of what is now PSU because for two years (1940-41 and 1941-42) Dr. Browne was head of the school. In his first year his title was superintendent. In his second year, it was changed to acting president.

"I came here in 1937 to teach chemistry, mathematics and biology," said Browne. "A week before school opened in 1940, Mr. G.G. Maughon, who was then serving as superintendent, suddenly resigned. I was called in to replace him."

The Brownes left Pembroke State after the 1941-42 academic year to go to Lenoir Rhyne College where he taught for eight years. He went next to St. Mary's College in Raleigh where he taught for 18 years before retiring.

They were very interested in attending festivities at the Mary Livermore Library because Browne hired the woman in whose honor the library was named.

"Miss Livermore had served as a missionary to China and was retired here, doing community work," said Browne. "She had to have some visible means of support, so I got the idea, 'Why not hire her as a dean of women and instructor of Bible?' We had no dean of women at that time."

Miss Livermore served in those capacities until retiring from PSU in 1951. She passed away in 1965, two years before the completion of the library named for her.

An indication of the passage of time since the Brownes resided on the PSU campus is this: Only two buildings—Old Main and the old gym—are facilities that were here when they were the First Family of PSU. Old Main was built in 1923 and renovated in 1979, and the old gym was constructed in 1939.

To the Brownes the old gym was "the new gym" of that era, being built during their tenure at Pembroke State.

Records show the enrollment in Browne's first year as chief administrator was 130. The next year it dropped to 96. During World War II when many of the young men were in the services, the school's enrollment grew smaller.

Reminded that this year the PSU enrollment was a record-breaking 2,481 and seeing the spectacular growth of the campus, Dr. Browne used the term: "Explosion! There has been an explosion of growth."

Mrs. Browne described the progress of the institution as "just wonderful!"

This is not the first time the Brownes have returned to the campus. There were here in 1976 to see the outdoor drama, "Strike at the Wind," in its inaugural year. They have been several times since then, keeping in touch with Ira Pate Lowry, former head of the Music Department at PSU who is retired like they are. Lowry, a member of the PSU Board of Trustees, resides in Pembroke.

Another person who helps to keep them informed about PSU is Betty Oxendine Mangum, the daughter of Dr. Clifton

Oxendine, who served as dean of the school during their time at PSU. "Betty was just a little bit who then lived next door to us on campus," said Mrs. Browne. (Note: Betty Oxendine Mangum now lives in Raleigh where she is director of the Division of Indian Education for the State Department of Public Instruction.)

"Yes, where you now have high-rise buildings, we had woods," said Browne. "When I was a teacher and administrator here, I never dreamed the school would grow to such proportions. Amazing!"

Browne, a native of Urbana, Ill., and Mrs. Browne, a Raleigh native, have outlived three of the four chief executives who succeeded them and are parents of two children and 10 grandchildren. Time has been good to them since their days at PSU.

PSU GRADS ALREADY HAVE OPPORTUNITIES LINED UP

Dr. Diane Jones, PSU director of career planning and placement, says many of PSU's graduating seniors already have jobs or have been accepted in various graduate schools or the military.

William Davis of Gainesville, Ga., has, for example, been accepted by four law schools: The University of Maryland, University of Baltimore, Catholic University of America, and the University of Bridgeport, Conn. Owen Martin of Warsaw

is going to N.C. State University's graduate school to study Animal Science. Frederick Stephens of Tabor City, vice president of the Senior Class, has been accepted by the graduate school of the University of California at Berkeley.

Other PSU graduates listed by Dr. Jones going to graduate school are Robert Chavis of Pembroke, going to Southern College of Optometry at Memphis, Tenn., and Shawn Howard of Kinston, going to Georgia State University to study public health.

Dr. Jones named six PSU graduates who are going into the service as officers through PSU's Army and Air Force ROTC programs. They are: Army—Steven McNeely, Fayetteville, and Michael Payne, Rockville, Md.; and Air Force—Thomas Gibbs, Fayetteville; Frank Gillespie, Denver, NC; Pollyanna Gorman, Fayetteville; and Matthew Stephens, Hamlet. She said that Monica Midgette of Fayetteville, president of PSU's Student Government Association, will attend the Air Force's Officers Candidate School after graduation.

A dozen other names were announced by Dr. Jones, who listed the position each will hold at various firms.

STATE-WIDE PSU ALUMNI MEETING SET JUNE 5

Anthony Locklear, president of the PSU Alumni Association, says a state-wide meeting of that organization will be held Friday, June 5, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Mint Museum in Charlotte. "New Alumni officers will be installed there," said Locklear.

PSU's Annual To Have Co-Editors For The 1987-88 Academic Year

For the first time in at least two decades, Pembroke State University's annual, "The Indianhead," will have co-editors during the 1987-88 academic year.

They will be Amy Killough, a rising senior from Hamlet, and David Dean, a rising junior from St. Pauls.

During the past year Killough has served as historian of the annual, while Dean has been associate editor. PSU's annual has won national honors for the last several years.

"We have really had equal duties in the past and equal experience so we think we have equal contributions to make to the annual next year," they said.

The fact that they both commute to school will make it easier if they share the responsibilities, the two students said.

Mrs. Killough, who is the wife of William M. Killough, is majoring in English Education. A graduate of Richmond Senior High School, she was there a member of the Beta Club, a Governor's School nominee, and a member of Latin and Science clubs and Hamlet Juniors.

At Pembroke State, Mrs. Killough is a Chancellor's Scholar, secretary-treasurer of Sigma Tau Delta and student representative on the Teacher Education Committee.

Mrs. Killough is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. Williams.

Dean, a History Education major, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Dean, Sr., of St. Pauls.

At St. Pauls High School, he was a member of the Beta Club, "Who's Who Among High School Students," and a Boys' State representative.

At Pembroke State, he has been a Dean's List student and was the recipient of the John Green Scholarship for history majors in 1987.



DAVID DEAN of St. Pauls and AMY KILLOUGH of Hamlet to be co-editors of PSU's annual, "The Indianhead," for the 1987-88 academic year.

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by L. Everett Davis

For those of us in the country who love fresh local grown vegetables the opportunity to wake up those taste buds is now here. The Robeson County Farmers Market will open Saturday, May 16 at 7:30 a.m. If the past tradition is followed, there will be a great abundance of some of the finest vegetables available in the county.

The season may still be a little early for a great variety of vegetables, but there should be plenty of the earlier planted vegetables available. As the season progresses, you will be probably be able to find virtually all types of vegetables from cabbage and squash to broccoli and eggplant.

Due to the greater demand for their storage space, Agri-Supply on Highway 211 Bypass will no longer be able to provide a location for this market. They, and their former owners, Farm and Family Center, should be recognized for their past assistance and cooperation in establishing the market and providing for its great success. Without their assistance the Farmers Market as we know it today would not have been possible.

The Farmers Market will now be located adjacent to Southern Hardware on Godwin Avenue. This is the former Lowe's location across from Jerry-Ann Nursery. Because of the concern of Southern Hardware for the local vegetable producers and in an effort to continue the tradition of this market, they are making their outside facilities available to the producers and the public at no cost. As you visit the market, be sure to stop by their business and express your thanks to them. While there, if you see any of those gardening, sports, or hardware items that you need, I am sure that their courteous staff will be glad to assist you.

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