


**PEMBROKE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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**PSU GRAD NOW DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE IN NATION'S CAPITAL**

A 1966 graduate of Pembroke State University with a major in psychology and a minor in political science for the last year has been acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for policy and counter-terrorism with the State Department in Washington, D.C.

In this capacity Christopher Disney, 44, supervises as many as 300 employees.

He has been with the State Department for 15 years, serving in various capacities that have included the diplomatic security services where he was stationed in such places as Bonn, Germany; Morocco; El Salvador; and Paraguay.

Prior to joining the State Department, Disney was in the Navy for five years, being a lieutenant. "I was an intelligence officer on large combatants-like a cruiser," said Disney, speaking from his office in the nation's capital.

Born in Pakistan of Scottish parents, Disney became a naturalized American citizen at the age of 15. He grew up in Fayetteville and graduated from 71st High School there.

"My father died when I was very young, but my mother, Evelyn Joyce Disney, is still living (at age 77) and resides by herself in Springfield, Va.," says Disney, whose residence is in



Christopher Disney

Fairfax, Va.

The interesting thing about Disney's story is that he followed his mother to PSU as a student.

"She went to Pembroke State first," said Disney. Evelyn Disney, who graduated from PSU at age 51 in 1963, was an elementary education major and made straight A's at PSU. She later taught at Ft. Bragg.

Her son, Christopher, was a good student, too, and thoroughly enjoyed going to school at Pembroke State. Both mother and son commuted from Fayetteville where they lived. "It was through her influence that I became a student at PSU," he said.

"Dr. English Jones was president when I attended Pembroke State, and I remember him as a fine gentleman," said Disney.

He had kind words for all of his PSU professors. "They set me on the right track," he said. "They were a fine bunch of professors. It was a time in which students not only studied hard, but played hard. It was a good experience."

Disney said PSU was "a very good school at the time and still is."

Later he earned a Master's at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

"I've been extremely fortunate in my life, being in the right place at the right time," said Disney in his dealings as an intelligence officer and in counter-terrorism.

Disney is married to a former British subject, the former Fiona MacLean of Scotland, and they are the parents of two sons: Paul, 17, and Mark, 15.

The PSU alumnus says the last time he visited PSU was three or four years ago during a visit to Fayetteville. "I had just returned from Afghanistan," recalled Disney.

This man with such a highly responsible job with the State Department wants to keep his connections strong with Pembroke State. In fact, as he concluded his telephone conversation, he wanted to know how he could order a PSU T-shirt, etc., so he could identify more with the school.

**PSU CHANCELLOR TO DELIVER SPECIAL LECTURE AT UNC-GREENSBORO**

Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine of PSU will deliver the 15th annual Ethel Martus Lawther Lecture at UNC-Greensboro Monday, Nov. 6.

His lecture, entitled "The Tie That Binds," will begin at 8 p.m. in the UNC-G Dance Theatre. This facility is

located in UNC-G's Rosenthal Gymnasium area of the \$16.2 million School of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Building.

The Lawther Lecture Series recognized the contributions of Ethel Martus Lawther, who was a member of the UNC-G faculty for 43 years. She served as head of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department from 1948-71. When that department became the School of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, she became dean and served until her retirement in 1974.

It is a special honor for Chancellor Oxendine that he has been chosen to deliver this address.

**'GLOBAL WARMING EFFECT' TO BE TOPIC OF PROGRAMS AT PSU NOV. 6-10**  
Global Warming Effect Week will be observed at PSU

Nov. 6-10 when special programs about the global warming effect will be presented on the PSU campus and at area middle and high schools which request such programs from PSU.

PSU students will be available to go to these schools to show a national video about the global warming effect and answer questions. Schools desiring these programs should telephone the PSU Geology and Geography Department at 521-4214, Ext. 380.

Paul Wilms, director of Environmental Management for the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, will speak at PSU Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 10 a.m. concerning this subject. His talk will be delivered during the PSU student activity period in the main lounge of the Chavis University Center. The public is invited.

**NEWS FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF ROBESON COUNTY**

Students, faculty, and administrators across the county have wholeheartedly joined the war against drugs by participating in the national anti-drug campaign, "Red Ribbon Week," sponsored by the National Federation of Parents. Darlene Ransom, Alcohol and Drug Defense Coordinator for the Public Schools has coordinated the campaign. Red material, which was donated by Stedman Corporation, West Point Pepperell, and Lumberton Dye and Finishing, was distributed to every school to be used for making ribbons. Students are asked to wear a red ribbon as a visible sign they are committed to a drug-free, healthy lifestyle. October 22-29 was approved as "Red Ribbon Week" by the board of education at their last meeting.

Some of the special events scheduled for the week:

Orrum High, on Tuesday morning, had a student/staff assembly around the flagpole where they placed a red ribbon and read the proclamation. The students are wearing red ribbons all week. The proclamation was read to parents at the PTA Meeting and Open House Tuesday evening.

Central office staff participated in a "Tie" ceremony Wednesday morning at the Little School House and all are wearing red ribbons all week.

Parkton High is having a rally on Thursday afternoon with an inmate from the Department of Corrections as guest speaker. Grades K-6 are releasing 600 helium balloons to mark the event.


Rosenwald Elementary students, faculty and staff all dressed in red on Wednesday and are wearing red ribbons all week.

Rex Rennert Elementary is having a poster contest in grade K-4 and an essay contest in grades 5-8. Awards will be given to the winners during the pep rally on Friday.

Red Springs High is having an assembly on Thursday morning with guest speaker Mr. Steve Hicks, Director of Alcohol and Drug Defense for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.



The pre-kindergarten class at Rex-Rennert School had fun painting shirts with skeletons, bats, jack-o-lanterns and witches. This art activity was conducted by the art teacher, Helen Bullard.



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**VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE**

- \* 12 years on the Pembroke Town Council
- \* 8 Years as Mayor Pro Tem
- \* 4 Years Representing the Town on the Lumber River Council of Governments
- \* 8 Years in Private Business: Owner/Operator - Lela Anne's Learning Center (Employs 6 full-time employees)
- \* 8 Years Member Lumbree Bank Board of Directors - Chairman, Executive Committee
- \* 5 Years Principal of a Public School - Supervises 38 employees

**VOTE FOR CONTINUED PROGRESS**

- \* During the Past 12 Years Our Town Has:
  - \* Received more than \$4,400,000 in Federal and State Funds for Community Development and other Needed Projects.
  - \* Grown from a tax base of \$9,000,000 to more than \$32,000,000 - A larger tax base means lower tax rates

**VOTE FOR SOMEONE WHO SPEAKS UP FOR YOUR INTERESTS**

- \* We must continue to hold the line on taxes and water and sewer rates
- \* Continued, Open, Responsive Government with Equal Treatment for All with Special Privilege for None

**RE-ELECT**

**LARRY T. BROOKS to the PEMBROKE TOWN COUNCIL**

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