

Pembroke State University
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Five Pembroke State University faculty members will retire at the conclusion of this spring semester, which officially ends with commencement on May 7.

The five are: George Ammons, assistant professor of business administration and economics; Loren Butler, assistant professor of history; Dr. Carl Fisher, professor of education; Dr. Stanley Jenkins, associate professor of art; and Dr. Gerald Maynor, professor of education.

They represent a total of 117 years of teaching at PSU and are one of the largest groups to retire at the same time in years.

Another professor is also retiring, but requests no publicity in this roundup story.

Ammons, 62, a native of Red Springs, has been teaching at PSU for 29 years, since 1965. Of all the professors retiring, he has the most years of service to the institution. Ammons earned his Bachelor of Science in accounting from UNC-Chapel Hill in '57. Along with his faculty duties at PSU, he owns his own CPA firm in Red Springs.

Ammons' crowning achievement to Robeson County is his work in originating in 1975 the Colonial Muster which developed into the annual Flora MacDonald Highland Games. He has served as president of that organization since it was begun in the nation's bicentennial year, 1976. Ammons is also president of the Flora MacDonald Educational Foundation, to which the NC General Assembly recently appropriated \$35,000.

The first trip that Ammons and his wife, the former Jean McRae of Rowland, plan in retirement is their second trip to Scotland. They went previously two years ago. Ammons has Scottish ancestry on his mother's side. He also plans to enjoy his sailboat, which he has been sailing on the Neuse River.

Butler, 68, a native of Sheridan, Ark., has been teaching at PSU since 1966, a period of 28 years. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in history and political science at the University of Arkansas, his Master of Arts in history, also at the University of Arkansas, and has done additional graduate work at the University of South Carolina.

In 1980 Butler was awarded a

grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities to attend a Byzantine Studies Seminar in Athens, Greece. He has always had a fascination with old military uniforms, such as those worn by the Imperial German Army during the World War I era, and with the kilts of the Royal NC Highland Regiment, which he originated in 1973.

After retirement Butler plans to remain in this area until his wife's retirement in 1996. They then plan to return to Louisiana, the home of his wife, the former Mary Lou Meachom, a native of West Monroe, La.

"In retirement I want to finish a book I've been working on for 20 years and attend Civil War reenactments to tell about uniforms I've made," said Butler, who says his top thrill at PSU has been "teaching about the glories that was ancient Greece and the grandeur that was Rome."

Fisher, 67, a native of Tampa, Fla., has served as not only a professor but in many other capacities in his 27 years at PSU since 1967. He was dean of students for three years, then was vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean of the faculty from 1971-74. During that time, he was a leader in starting PSU's graduate program, which worked with Appalachian State University and UNC-Charlotte during its formative years. Because of health problems, Fisher asked to be relieved of his vice chancellor duties in 1974 and returned to being a professor in the classroom, which he says has been his greatest joy, teaching both graduate and undergraduate students.

Fisher earned both his Bachelor of Science in Science Education and Master of Science in administration, supervision, and curriculum from Florida State University. He received an Advanced Graduate Certificate in science education at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. His Ph.D. in educational administration and science education was also from Florida State University.

Fisher emphasizes his greatest joy at PSU "has been all of the students I've had an opportunity to meet and work with. They have given me a daily injection," he smiled.

He and his wife, the former Katherine Gard of Tallahassee, Fla., plans "to travel some" in retirement

with their first trip being immediately to Alaska this spring.

Jenkins, 64, a native of Coatesville, Pa., has taught art at PSU for 12 years - since 1982. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Art at Klutztown University in Pennsylvania and both his Master of Education and Doctor of Education in art at Penn State University.

Jenkins says he is an active producing artist in the graphic design field with numerous commissions. "Upon retirement from teaching, I will continue to free lance in graphic designing," he says.

The hobbies of him and his wife, the former Jane Ellen Barron of Bay View, Md., include family horseback riding, motorcycle riding and camping. "I'm also presently restoring a century old plantation house and collecting information for a publication entitled 'Historic and Aesthetic Homes of the Upper Pee Dee Region,'" says Jenkins.

Maynor, 59, a native of Pembroke, has been at PSU since '73 and has 21 years of service to the institution. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in social studies from PSU, his Master of Arts in guidance and counseling from Appalachian State University, and his Doctor of Education in educational administration from the University of Miami.

From 1978-89, Maynor served as chair of the PSU Education Department before deciding to return fully to classroom teaching. Prior to that, he was dean of student affairs from 1977-78. For a year before that, he was director of development and public affairs. From 1975-76, Maynor was director of student teaching.

Among his many responsibilities, Maynor had the honor of chairing PSU's Centennial Celebration Council, which planned the PSU centennial observance in the 1986-87 academic year.

Asked his top accomplishment, Maynor responded by saying, "Teaching students at Pembroke State University." His retirement plans include fishing, golfing, some travel, playing with his 11 grandchildren, and church activities.

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Reflections
by Alta Nye Oxendine

Impressive Easter Service

In recent months I've been attending services at both Branch Street UMC and "First Methodist."

On Easter Sunday I was at Branch Street with my "kids." A very special program replaced the regular preaching service. The children's program was followed by a POWERFUL drama bringing to life the events of Jesus' betrayal, trial, persecution. The youth, the choir, and the other adults who took part made us FEEL what was going on, particularly as "Jesus" tried to carry his heavy Roman cross down the darkened aisle and "up the hill" to Golgotha and as he hung dying on that cross.

And then, after being buried in a borrowed tomb, his GLORIOUS resurrection on the morning of what Christians call "EASTER."

Narrator was my daughter, Wanda. Her husband, Jeff, played the part of Jesus.

As ordinary human beings, none of us (I believe) is really worthy to play that part. But Jeff comes as close as anyone I know. I couldn't help but be proud and thankful that I have a son-

in-law and daughter who (instead of throwing their lives away on something like drugs) are busy sharing the "Good News" at Easter time and all year long!

New Christians
There are a number of new Christians at Branch Street United Methodist Church. Also, I've just learned of a friend who was "saved" at Harper's Ferry Baptist Church. Let's keep all new Christians in our prayers. They have, I believe, made the most important decision of their lives. But this is just the beginning of a wonderful, but sometimes difficult, life-long journey as each of these persons travels through this world toward the final destination of ETERNAL LIFE with God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

"Moving Around" as a Middle-Ager
Just ran away my May, 1990 column "Doing the Twist" - written when I was 62. Decided that "middle age spread" again. So I need to get on the ball and move around a lot more. Got off to a good start on Saturday when I joined Wanda Kay and the other Maxton Sara Lee Knit Products Plan walkers for the annual March of Dimes walk. This year her plant raised over \$5,000 for the March of Dimes. The weather was perfect. And there were a number of us older walkers. In spite of sore "ham strings" in the backs of my legs for most of the way, I did okay by going slower than the average. Since then I saw a TV demonstration showing how to stretch our legs (and ham strings) before a walk, jog, or run. This is something I may decide to do next time!

Singles
We had another good Single Adult Fellowship meeting this month. Of course we miss Harry Smith. But Grace Locklear is doing a great job as our new president. One of our special treats this time was having a younger single, Louisa Oxendine, share her sweet, lovely voice as she sang several inspiring songs. We are looking forward to having Louisa with us, on a regular basis, as our music leader.



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