

## Dr. Diane O. Jones named Interim Vice Chancellor at UNCP replacing Dr. Chavis



**Pembroke, N.C.** -- Dr. Diane O. Jones has been named interim vice chancellor of Student Affairs for UNC Pembroke effective May 1, according to an announcement by Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine.

Dr. Jones is currently assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs. A 22-year veteran administrator in the Office of Student Affairs at UNCP, she will assume oversight of the following departments: Student Housing, Student Activities, Student Health Services, Financial Aid, Career Services, Counseling and Testing, the University Center and the Givens Performing Arts Center.

Dr. Jones has served UNCP as

director of Student Activities, Career Services and Special Services Programs. Prior to coming to UNCP, she was a guidance counselor at Southeastern Community College in Whiteville. She replaces Dr. James B. Chavis, who is retiring after nearly 35 years with UNCP.

Chancellor Oxendine said Dr. Jones is the ideal candidate for the position.

"I am very pleased to appoint Dr. Diane Jones as interim vice chancellor for Student Affairs," Dr. Oxendine said. "On the basis of her experience and training, she is ideally prepared to assume this important position."

"In my discussions with Dr. Jones recently, I find that she not only would like to carry on the good work of Dr. James Chavis, her longtime mentor, but will go forward with new and innovative programs to enhance student life at the university," Chancellor Oxendine said. Dr. Jones has been and will continue to be a great asset for UNC Pembroke. I am very pleased to have her assume these new responsibilities."

Dr. Jones said it is an exciting time in Student Affairs at UNCP.

"I am honored to be asked to serve as interim vice chancellor for Student Affairs," Dr. Jones said. "The role of Student Affairs is a comprehensive one directly affects the total development of students. I

look forward to working with students as an advocate in this new role and will remain visible and actively involved on campus."

"My goal will be to enhance the quality of life for our students by providing quality programs, activities, services and facilities that will enrich the college experience of each student," she said. "This is an exciting time in the history of UNCP with the anticipated growth in student enrollment. Student Affairs must be progressive in meeting the needs of an increased student population."

"With the competent and committed staff here at Student Affairs, I feel confident that the excellent work of Dr. Chavis will continue."

Retiring Vice Chancellor James B. Chavis said Dr. Jones is a talented leader.

"She is the perfect individual to lead the division," Dr. Chavis said. "When Dr. Jones joined the staff at then Pembroke State University, she is given the responsibility of developing a Student Career Services Center. She was immediately recognized as a very talented individual with strong organizational and leadership skills."

"Dr. Jones is respected by students, faculty and staff," he said. "I am honored to call her my colleague."

Student Government Association President Ben Gersh welcomed the news and said Dr. Jones expe-

rience and personal approach to the job will be important to the future of student life on campus.

"She is a friend of the student and has been in the trenches with us," Mr. Gersh said. "Dr. Jones brings experience, energy and empathy to this job."

"As the Student Government Association advisor she has been an ally and advocate for students," he said. "I am very pleased to hear of the appointment."

A graduate of UNCP with a Bachelor of Science in Business Education, Dr. Jones received a Master of Science in Guidance and Counseling from Radford University and a doctorate in Adult and Community College Administration, with minors in Guidance, Student Personnel Services and Sociology, from North Carolina State University.

Dr. Jones is active in the professional and civic arena. She is currently on the board of directors of the Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce, First Union National Bank and "Strike at the Wind!" She is a past board member for Palmer Drug Abuse Program, an advisory board member of the Public Schools of Robeson County and a member of the local chapter of the Business and Professional Women's Association.

She is a member of the National Association for Campus Activities, North Carolina College Personnel

Association, Southeastern Association for College Student Affairs, Association of College Unions, American Association of University Women and the North Carolina Association of Women Deans, Administrators and Counselors.

The Pembroke Native is married to Randall Jones, and they have two sons.

## New officers elected at County Democratic Convention

The Robeson County Democratic Convention was held on Saturday, April 17, 1999 at the Courthouse in Lumberton.

Chairman Milton Hunt called the meeting to order. Around 100 people attended. The Guest Speaker was Attorney General Mike Easley. His speech was very informative. Seventh District Congressman Mike McIntyre also gave a very good talk.

Election of new officers was also held at this time. The Officers for the next two years are:

- Chairman - Milton R. Hunt
- 1st Vice Chairman - Frances G. Chavis
- 2nd Vice Chairman - Raymond Pennington
- 3rd Vice Chairman - James McIntyre
- Treasurer - Judy Mishue
- Secretary - Susan Cummings

With the Re-election of Chairman Milton Hunt to serve another term, this is the first time in more than 20 years that a Chairman would serve two consecutive terms.

## Metrolina to host pow wow

8th Annual Metrolina Pow-Wow/Cultural Festival Metrolina

Native American Association is a non-profit 501(c)(3) Organization.

Serving 10 counties in the Metrolina Area, Metrolina Native American Association proudly presents our 8th Annual Native American Pow-Wow/Cultural Festival Co-sponsored by the Arts and Science Council of Charlotte. April 30th - May 2nd, 1999 At Metrolina Native American Cultural Learning Center, 2601-A East 7th Street, Old Fireman's Hall

Over twenty-five Artist and Traders will be here. Stoney Creek will be our host drum group with other drum groups and singers. Around 75-100 Dancers from all over the US and Canada will be performing throughout the event.

The Pow-Wow/Cultural Festival opens Friday, April 30th with our Princess Pageant at Hawthorne Recreation Park at 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.00 per person and \$5.00 per family. Saturday's events will begin at 11:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. The events on Saturday and Sunday are open to the Public and donations will be appreciated at the information booth.

## Robeson County GS Volunteer Honored at Reception

The Robeson County Girl Scouts will host a reception for area volunteers at the Lumberton First Presbyterian Church.

The event took place on Thursday, May 6, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The reception is to honor all volunteers who contribute to the lives of young girls throughout the area by giving time and assistance to the Robeson County Girl Scouts.

Come and enjoy a special evening. We thank our volunteers for all they do for scouting. Dinner will be served.

## Honored at Annual Appreciation Day

The Pines of Carolina Girl Scouts will host a reception for area volunteers at the Fayetteville Service Center.

The event will take place on Thursday, April 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The reception is to honor all volunteers who contribute to the lives of young girls throughout the area by giving time and assistance to the Girl Scouts. Volunteers are invited to come and enjoy light refreshments, find out the latest troop information, or just to brag about their individual troop's accomplishments.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of recreation and fun. We thank our volunteers for all they do for scouting.

## Pembroke Kiwanis Report

The weekly meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Jade Garden Restaurant with President George Kenworthy presiding.

Program Chairman Ken Williams presented Sally Pomer, speaker of the evening. Sally Pomer of the newly formed business called, "Lumber River Outfitters." They promote the sport of "Kyacking." "The term comes from the "ki'ak" a noun, meaning a kind pack saddle consisting two sacklike containers swung on either side of a pack saddle. So the kyak is a small boat easy to maneuver. Brought famous by the Eskimos who used the kayak in their hunting and fishing.

The Lumber River noted for its beauty can be wonderfully enjoyed by learning how to handle the kayaks sold by the Lumber River Outfitters. Dr. Len Holmes, professor of Biology at UNCP is Sally Pomer's business associate. They give lessons, conduct river or lake excursions. They have two shops. One on Fourth street in Lumberton and the other one is on Hay Street in Fayetteville. The sport is for families and for all ages. It truly is fine recreational activity.

Song leader, George Kenworthy, Prayer, Albert Hunt, Reporter K.J.

## American Red Cross helps disaster victims

An emergency disaster fund appeal was launched by the American Red Cross recently to help local tornado victims. The money raised in this effort will assist the victims of the tornado and other victims who are helped by the American Red Cross.

In making the announcement, PJ Smith chapter chairman, said that donations of money are needed to supplement local and national Red Cross funds currently being spent to provide emergency assistance.

The funds are used to help purchase food, clothing, and other basic necessities for the disaster victims.

PJ Smith explained that after such emergency needs have been met, the Red Cross will work with the government disaster recovery agencies and other private organizations, to help families requiring additional assistance. This help can include repair and rebuilding of homes, replacement of household contents, and assistance with other needs that cannot be met from a family's own resources.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American People. TO help the victims of this and other disasters, contributions can be made to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund by calling 1-800-HELP NOW or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish). Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may also be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter at PO Box 1945, Lumberton, NC 28359 or to The American Red Cross, PO Box 37243, Washington, DC 20013. Internet users can make a secure online credit card contribution by visiting [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

## IEA Parent Committee Elections scheduled

The Indian Education Project of the Public Schools of Robeson County will hold parent elections on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 at the following locations and time:

- Purnell Swett High at 7 p.m. in the Media Center.
  - St Pauls High at 8 p.m. in the Media Center.
  - Fairmont High at 7 p.m. in the Media Center.
  - Red Springs High at 7 p.m. in the Media Center.
  - South Robeson High at 7 p.m. in the Media Center.
  - Lumberton Senior High at 7 p.m. in the Career Room.
- All parents are encouraged to attend.

## Henry Michael Hammonds is winner in UNC-P Competition

Henry Michael Hammonds of Magnolia School was a winner in the Annual Algebra I Competition at UNC-P on March 25, 1999. There were eleven counties, forty schools, and one hundred fourteen students participating in the competition. Michael is the son of Mr. Phillip and Mrs. Denise Hammonds of Lumberton.

Michael will be presenting our region in the Central Regional competition in Greensboro on May 6, 1999.

## Seminar in Lumbee Literature to be offered during fall at UNCP

The Department of American Indian Studies and the Department of English, Theatre, and Languages will offer AIS/ENG 450-45, Seminar in Lumbee Literature, during the Fall Semester of 1999. The course will examine imaginative literature by or about the Lumbees from its Pre-Contact beginnings through 1999.

Lumbee literature is a sizable and fascinating body of drama, fiction, folklore, mythology, and poetry which provides important insights into the largest tribe of American Indians east of the Mississippi and into the larger American society with which that tribe interacts. Only works of proven literature merit will be studied. Among writers whose contributions will appear are Lew Barton, award-winning Lumbee poet; Paul Green, Pulitzer Prize Winner of 1927; Barbara Braveboy-Locklear, respected Lumbee poetess and prose writer; Heather Ross Miller, prize-winning poetess; John Charles McNeill, first Poet Laureate of North Carolina; Guy Owen, founder of the Southern Poetry Review; Ken Maynor, California-based Lumbee poet; Roy Maynor, Baltimore-based Lumbee writer of fiction, and Julia L. Russell, Lumbee contributor to the well-regarded anthology Earth Song, Sky Spirit (1992). Gaining special attention will be (1) Moon Dance Warrior, by Delano Cummings, published in 1998; (2) The Life-Story of A People, by Ella Cara Deloria, re-discovered the same

year after being unavailable since its staging at UNCP in 1941; and (3) the latest linguistic findings on Lumbee language, and the impact of those findings on Lumbee literature, of the language-research team headed by Dr. Walt Wolfram of North Carolina State University. The Seminar will also feature guest presentations by two of the writers whose works are studied.

AIS/ENG 450-45 provides an exciting opportunity to discuss and evaluate oral and written literature important to the nation as a whole but especially to North Carolina, with a larger American Indian population than any other state east of the Mississippi. The course will prove especially enlightening to prospective teachers and others desiring materials and approaches which have moved Lumbees, K-12 students as well as adults, into publication and/or success on other tests of writing.

Semester: Fall, 1999 (August 19-December 9)

Site: B.A. 125, Distance Learning Center

Instructor: Dr. R. W. (Bob) Reising

Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays: (9:30-10:45) Credit: 3 semester hours

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## The Big One Didn't Get Away!

Cory-Ross Hearl Locklear, who is the nine year old son of Michael and Nina Locklear of the Prospect community, proudly displays the Catch of the Day, a five pound large mouth bass. He and his grandpa, Harold Locklear of Pembroke, enjoyed Saturday fishing at Lake Jordan. Cory's favorite hobby is bass fishing and hopes to become a professional fisherman. He also enjoys horticulture and native bead work.

## 1999 Indian Legislative Day Planned for North Carolina

The membership of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs has planned a 1999 Indian Legislative Day for Thursday April 29, 1999 at the North Carolina General Assembly, in Raleigh, North Carolina. The purpose of this activity is to provide an opportunity for Indian leaders to meet with members of the North Carolina General Assembly and educate them about the needs and concern of Indian citizens in North Carolina. Additionally, this activity will provide an opportunity for Indian leaders to urge members of the General Assembly to support Indian related bills currently before the General Assembly.

The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs is working with tribal leaders to develop an Indian Affair plan for Year 2000 and beyond, which foster a closer working relationship between tribes and the North Carolina General Assembly. The commission has held several meetings with tribal leaders to discuss community needs and has been urged by tribal leaders to give a high priority to improving relations between commission members, tribes and members of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Therefore, Mr. Paul Brooks, Chairman of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, is inviting his commission members, tribal leaders and other Indian citizens to participate in a Legislative Advocacy Day on Thursday, April 29, 1999. A Legislative briefing will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Legislative Auditorium for the purpose of discussing the 1999 Indian Legislative agenda. After the briefing, tribal leaders will meet with representatives of the General Assembly. Mr. Brooks indicates that the meeting will be held on the third floor of the Legislative Building and will wind up by 2:30 p.m.

The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs will not be able to offer assistance with travel expenses associated with this meeting. Therefore, everyone is urged to car pool to Raleigh support of this history main activity and to bring a large delegation to the meeting.

Please call Greg Executive Director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs to confirm participation in this activity. His telephone number is (919) 733-5998.



Quae Cummings, administrative assistant in the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, has begun service on the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina Board of Trustees. She is pictured with BCH President Michael C. Blackwell, BCH serves more than 1,600 children and their families each year at 13 facilities statewide. Mrs. Cummings, a member of Bear Swamp Baptist Church, was elected to the board by messengers to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.