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Lora Cummings is newest veterinarian after receiving her degree from NC State

Lora Cummings recently received her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Before pursuing her doctorate, she received her undergraduate degree from Duke University.

Lora is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association and has membership pending with the American Animal Hospital Association and American Association of Equine Practitioners.

Dr. Cummings is presently an associate at Southeastern Veterinary Hospital in Lumberton, N.C. She is the daughter of Delora and McDuffie Cummings of Pembroke.



Lora Cummings

Dr. Bell meets requirements for certification renewal

The American Board of Pediatric (ABP) announces that Dr. Joseph Tyron Bell has met the requirements for renewal of certification in the specialty of general pediatrics. Certification renewal in pediatrics is a program of periodic examination on information related to evaluating and managing problems affecting children and their families.

The American Board of Pediatrics, the national organization responsible for certification of physicians in pediatrics, has certified over 63,000 pediatricians since it was founded in 1933. Pediatricians serve as physicians and advocates for infants, children and adolescents. They are trained to provide comprehensive care for acute and chronic illness; to supervise and encourage health, growth and development; and to act as consultants to family practitioners and others involved in the care of patients in the pediatric population.

Dr. Bell was first certified by the ABP following a period of graduate training in pediatrics and successful completion of the ABP's certification process. Dr. Bell is Lumbec and Medical director of Pembroke Pediatrics.

Brooks receives Algebra Award at Pembroke Middle School

Mark Simeon Dufrene Brooks an eight grade student at Pembroke Middle School received the North Carolina End-of Course Algebra I Award at his recent Academics Award Ceremony. Algebra I, a Ninth Grade course, may be taken by accelerated Eight Grade Math students. Mark scored 99 percentile, missing only one item. He also scored 99 percentile on North Carolina End-of-Grade Eight Grade Math Test and 98 percentile on the North Carolina End-of-Grade Eight Grade Reading Test.

Mark, the son of Reverend Ted and Rosella Brooks of Pembroke, aspires to become an engineer. His lifelong ambition is to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) in Boston, Massachusetts. He has a 4.0 grade point average and has been a recipient of the Superintendent's Academic Award since the sixth grade. He is an active member of

the Junior Beta Club. Previously, he has received the President's Education Award. Participated in the Talent Identification Program (TIP) sponsored by Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP) sponsored by Duke University Talent Search nominated as a United States National Honor Roll member and been a member of the "Battle of the Books" program.

Mark is an active member of the youth and adult choirs at West Saddle-tree Baptist Church and has received "Perfect Attendance" Sunday School Pins for the past twelve years. Being the son of a minister has also given him the experience of meeting new people and visiting the sick.

Mark is the grandson of the late Percy and Anna Brooks of Pembroke, N.C. and the late Master Sergeant Hubert and Letha Haney of Fayetteville, N.C.



Mark Simeon Dufrene Brooks

Bond proposal would address enrollment growth, building needs

UNC-Pembroke, Robeson Community College would, state senator says Raleigh -- North Carolina's higher education system could get a huge boost if a bond proposal released Thursday becomes law. State Sen David Weinstein, D-Robeson, said Thursday.

The University of North Carolina at Pembroke would gain \$56.7 million in repairs and renovations under the bill, which was endorsed by state officials and education leaders on Thursday.

The proposal, a committee substitute for Senate Bill 912, would issue \$3 billion in security interest bonds for higher education in North Carolina. The state would repay the bonds over a 25-year period.

"Our universities and community colleges are enrolling unprecedented numbers of students every year, but our campuses are falling behind," Weinstein said. "This plan would help them build new facilities and repair the ones that are falling apart - without raising taxes."

UNC-system schools expect enrollment to grow by 48,000 students in the next decade, and nearly 800 buildings across all 16 campuses need major repairs and renovations according to a recent study, Weinstein said.

Community colleges are also expected to receive significant enrollment increases. Under the bill, Robeson Community College could receive as much as \$7.67 million for its campus.

"North Carolina has to remain competitive with other university systems and other community colleges in order to keep drawing the same good jobs with good wages to our state," Weinstein said. "Employers look for an educated work-force when they choose where to grow. This proposal will bring those jobs to our state, and educate our children."

UNC - Pembroke's construction and repair needs include:
> \$4 million for the Regional Center for Economic, Professional and Community Development to go for instructional rooms, auditoriums, office and more;

- > \$9.41 million for a new science building with laboratory space;
 - > \$3.2 million for Chavis Center Expansion student activities center;
 - > \$8.92 million for Jones P.E. Building Renovation;
 - > \$2.1 million for renovation of business and administration building;
 - > \$525,000 for Americans with disabilities Act renovations and elevators for Givens Performing Arts Center, Infirmary and Moore Hall;
 - > \$2.8 million for technology infrastructure expansion.
- The remainder will go to renovate the Locklear, Moore, D.F. Lowery, Jacobs, West, and Belk halls and for land acquisition.
- The bond proposal is backed by state leaders including Treasurer Harlan Boyles, Gov. Jim Hunt, Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight, NC House Speaker Jim Black, UNC-system President Molly Broad and community college system President Martin Lancaster.

Public Schools to present FAME July 16-17 and 17-18

Studio One presents FAME: The thrills and tragedies of young people trying to achieve greatness in the performing arts brought to life in this dramatic adaptation of the movie and television series. Set in the famous High School of Performing Arts in New York City, FAME follows the development of several talented teens from the agonies of auditions for acceptance to the school through four years of tough academics and even tougher training designed to make them professional actors, dancers and singers. Based on the real life stories of such graduates as AL Pacino and Liza Minelli, FAME confronts the challenges facing all young students

today: the growing need for literacy, the dangers of growing up too fast. It celebrates the struggle for excellence through hard work and discipline. Presented by the students of Studio One, the performing arts academy of the Public Schools of Robeson County, FAME offers a dramatic and sensitive look at the same problems and greatness inherent in all young adults throughout our own county. Performances will be 8 p.m. July 16, 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 17 and 2:30 p.m. July 18. Tickets will be \$7 for adults and \$3 for students and will be on sale at the door of the auditorium prior to each show.

Golf Tournament at Riverside July 3

A Golf Tournament will be held at the Riverside Golf Course. It will be a Super Ball Tournament and will be held Saturday, July 3, 1999 with tee off time at 1:30 p.m. There will be Food & Prizes. The cost is \$35.00. Riverside Golf Course is located at the N.C. Indian Cultural Center



Jamee Hunt

COG elects officers

At its June 17th meeting, the Lumber River Council of Governments Board of Directors elected officers for 1999-2000. Elected as Chairman was Clarence McPhatter, Scotland County Commissioner. Mr. McPhatter replaces Lumberton Mayor Raymond Pennington who served has served for the previous two years.

Elected as Vice-Chairman was Bill Ray Pait, Bladen County Commissioner. Maxton Mayor Lillie McKay remains as Treasurer. The LRCOG Board of Directors is composed of 28 elected officials from the four-county area of Bladen, Hoke, Robeson, and Scotland.

The Board also adopted the COG's Fiscal Year 2000 Budget totaling \$7,472,037. The majority of these funds are contracted to local agencies for job training activities or passed through to the counties to purchase services for older adults. The COG also provides local and regional planning activities for its member government and administers a number of other programs.

Studio One presents Winnie The Pooh, a children's play.

Studio One to present Winnie The Pooh: America's favorite honey-lovin bear returns for an all new series of misadventures this summer on the stage of the Lumberton Senior High School auditorium. Join Pooh and his pals Kanga, Roo, Piglet, Eeyore and Christopher Robin. Presented by the students of Studio One, the performing arts academy of the Public Schools of Robeson County, Winnie The Pooh offers the perfect summer treat for the whole family to enjoy. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. July 9-10 and 2:30 p.m. July 11. Tickets prices are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children, and will go on sale before each performance. Following each performance will be special encore featuring all the students in a singing and dancing celebration of America's swing craze. Return to the 40's with the grooving big sounds of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington and the modern swing of Brian Setzer.

Dennis Lowery pledges \$100,000 Gift to UNCP

Pembroke - Charlotte businessman Dennis Lowery returned to his hometown today and pledged at least \$100,000 to The University of North Carolina at Pembroke for scholarships over the next four years.

Lowery, a Pembroke native and a 1964 graduate of then Pembroke State College, said the gift is presented in honor of his father, Zeb Lowery, who served as a university trustee for 34 years. The Lowery family lived just across the railroad tracks and street south of the campus.

Lowery said the scholarship is also presented in honor of his friend, UNCP Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine. The chancellor will retire at the end of this month.

UNC Pembroke chairman of the Board of Trustees Roger Oxendine and Chancellor Oxendine applauded Lowery for his commitment to the University.

"We are immensely proud of Dennis Lowery for all things he accomplished," Chancellor Oxendine said. "I am even proud of him because today he has made a significant, a profound contribution to this institution and to the young people of the region who aspire to achieve all that they can achieve. And he is going to make it possible to give them a chance to do that."

Chancellor Oxendine went on to say that the future for the young people of the region is tied to education, and the Lowery gift will enable students who otherwise might not be able to afford college, the opportunity to attend UNC Pembroke.

Lowery thanked his long-time friend Chancellor Oxendine, and said he respected and admired (Chancel-

lor Emeritus) English Jones and Joe Oxendine for their influence in the community.

"The scholarship fund will not be restricted to students who have very high academic standings," he explained. "I am more interested in students who might show leadership, kids who may have average or above average grades and who do not qualify for any other financial aid."

Lowery said there is no set amount that will be awarded to the students, but rather will be based on their individual needs. "I am interested in helping those who desire self-improvement."

D.G. Martin, interim vice chancellor for development and university relations, said the gift came at a time of growing public recognition of UNC Pembroke.

"It's a wonderful coincidence that it comes at the conclusion of Joe Oxendine's service to the university and his incredible efforts to achieve excellence," Martin said. "This gift comes from an alumnus and a person who is part of this community. This university cannot move to a higher level without significant financial support from the community and from the alumni. This gift will be one of the larger gifts the university has ever received. With the leadership of the Lowery family, the Zeb Lowery Scholarship Fund could become the largest family contribution in the university's history."

Martin went on to say that Lowery's gift affirms the support from those who love the university the most.

The gift will provide scholarship funds to students based on economic needs and is not restricted by racial or

geographic boundaries.

Lowery and his wife, Judy, are both from Pembroke. They graduated from the UNC Pembroke, as did their daughter Dana Lowery Ramsey, who along with his sister Shelley and brother Brandon, attend today's announcement.

Lowery founded and was chief executive officer of Charlotte-based The Continental Group, a chemical conglomerate, that was recently sold to ChemCentral Corporation. ChemCentral is the world's largest independent chemicals distributor. Lowery and a partner founded Continental Industrial Chemicals in 1975, which later affiliated with The Continental Group. The latter was considered the country's largest Native American privately owned corporation, with more than \$100 million in accumulated annual sales.

In 1997 Lowery sold his interests in Kelm Industries. He continues to head Continental Chemicals, L.L.C. which operates in the U.S. and overseas as a chemical broker, with concentration on marketing areas throughout the United States, Mexico, South America, Central America and Canada.

Lowery was North Carolina's Entrepreneur of the Year in 1993. When he received an honorary doctorate from UNCP in 1995, Chancellor Oxendine described him "as not only distinguishing himself in business, but also through his extraordinary service to the young people of North Carolina, particularly the American Indian youth in the Charlotte area."

Chancellor Oxendine hosted a luncheon for the Lowery's before the news conference.



Kelsey Harris

Local Youth Wins Gymnastic Event

Pembroke - On May 23, 1999, Kelsey Harris competed in the Lumberton Gymnastic Fun Meet. Kelsey won first place overall against eight other contestants. Her total score was 35.90. She is coached by Marilyn Prevatte, of Lumberton, North Carolina. Kelsey has been training each week for the past two years. She is the ten-year-old daughter of Lemark and Billie Jo Harris and the granddaughter of Grady and Peggy Harris; and Ray and Anita Hunt. Kelsey will be a fifth grader next year at Prospect School. Besides gymnastics, Kelsey's many hobbies include swimming, reading, crafts, gardening with her Father, and hanging out with Grandma Peggy.

National Lumbec Writing Contest Winners announced

Pembroke - As the Lumbec prepare for their annual homecoming here, the winners of the National Writing Contest for Lumbec students were recently announced.

Dr. Robert W. Reising, coordinator of the Native American Literacy Voices planning committee, said the contest attracted young writers from throughout the nation.

The winners are:
High School poetry - Nakecia Locklear, senior, South Robeson High School.

Middle School poetry - Casey Locklear, 8th grade, Magnolia School.

Middle School Fiction - Jamee Hunt, 7th grade, Rowland Middle School. Reising a professor of English and American Indian Studies at UNC of Pembroke, said the contest was announced in late January. Committee members Patsy Baker, Dr. Joseph Bell, Yvonne B. Dial, Barbara Braveboy - Locklear and Marilyn Locklear assisted in organizing the contests and reading.

The winning authors will each receive \$100, a certificate and a copy of the Lumbec classic, The Only Land I Know, co-authored by the late Adolph Dial. The three winners will also read their works at the Fourth Annual Native American Literary Voices reading in Dial Humanities Building on campus at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 3.

The reading will feature and honor Julia L. Russell, respected Lumbec teacher and writer. Also present will be local Lumbec author Delano Cummings, who in 1998 published Moon Dance Warrior, his account of being a combat Marine in Vietnam.

The prizes and the reception that follows the reading are made possible by a grant from the Lumberton Tourism Development Authority.

The public is invited to the reading and reception. Both are free.
By Don Gersh, University Relations

Art Gallery & Museum Now Open at Old High School

Welcome to the New and Expanded Indian Education Resource Center. Come take part of the beauty and diverse expressions of talent demonstrated by Native American Artists with pieces of work displayed in the Gallery and Museum. Saturday is the day to come after the Lumbec Homecoming parade and enjoy the "free refreshments" and let yourself take part of the joining of so many talents and visions of the past that have carried forward into the present. The time to be there is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 3rd, 1999.

The Indian Education Resource Center is headquarters for the Indian Education Project and is located in the "Historic Pembroke Indian High School Building" Next door to the Chancellor's residence.

by Maria Rojas