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Chancellor Meadors sets agressive enrollment goals for UNCP

Pembroke, N. C. -- "You will find that I am not one to sugar -coat things," Chancellor Allen C. Meadors told the UNC Pembroke Board of Trustees Thursday

Enrollment is off about 40 students form last year, the new chancellor reported during his first meeting with the trustees. Although undergraduate enrollment is up 2.5 percent and the freshman class is one of the largest in school history, slumping graduate school enrollment pulled the overall head count down.

Enrollment is 2,955 for spring se-mester 1999 compared with 2,997 at the same time in 1998/

"We have a wonderful opportunity here," Chancellor Meadors said. "We're just going to have to go out and beat the bushes and work our tails

Dr. Meadors then announced aggressive goals for next year, including a 60 percent increase in freshman enrollment to 800

"The largest city in North Carolina is right down the road, and we only got four new students for the Char-lotte area this year." he said. "There are no silver bullets in the admissions business, just hard work.

The chancellor announced that UNCP's Office of Admissions is now reporting directly to him. HE also reported that University Relations will soon report directly to him. He also reported that University Relations will soon report directly to the chancellor

Dr. Meadors also said there will be no special chancellor installation ceremony. He said an installation will be a part of the new Winter Commencement on Dec 15

"We have other places where we could spend the money," Chancellor Meadors said. "The changes are just beginning, " he said. "We will become a more efficient and effective university."

Campus Beautification

Earlier in the meeting Vice Chancellor for Business Relations Neil Hawk said UNCP received \$2.5 million for campus beautification projects. HE said three areas have been targeted for major improve-ments, including the academic quad-rangle, the plaza surrounding Belk. North and West residence halls and the front of Givens Performing Arts Center and Odum Road.

"We will enhance our faculty visu-ally," Mr. Hawk said "These are areas that people see when they visit the campus for the first time.'

Projects may include water foun-tains, landscaping and benches, Mr. Hawk said. Other projects on the drawing board for 1999-2000 are improvements to Jones Health and Physical Education Center, a new track and soccer complex, located across University Road, and a parking lot at the current site of the track.

The Board of Trustees approved a plan to sell two small homes at the site of the new athletic fields.

Busy Campus

The start of school has resulted in a unprecedented level of business activity, university officials reported.

Parking lots, bookstore and food service report high level of activity. Mr. Hawk said.

And, residence halls are at 93 percent occupancy, or five a head of 998, according to Interim Vice Chancellor for Student affairs Diane O.

Our new residence hall will be available for occupancy in the spring. so it appears that it will be ready at just the right time," Dr. Jones said. "More and more of our freshman are deciding to live on campus."

Dr. Jones reported record crowds during Pembroke Day on Wednes-day. The event, which celebrates "town and gown" relations, served lunch to nearly 2,000 students, fac-

ulty, staff and Pembroke residents. The Office of Student Affairs is working on two new events, including a Parents Weekend and a speaker series, Dr. Jones said

* Dr. Glen Burnette, interim vice chancellor for Development and University relations said his department will change its name to the Office of Advancement. A national search is currently underway for a vice chancellor and director of development.

Tom Martin, alumni president for 1997-1999, was elected vice chair of the UNC Council of Presidents. Dr. Burnette said.

* Athletic Director Dan Kenney reported that UNCP's athletic booster

organization, the Braves Club, raised \$55,000 last year, more than twice he previous year. Trustee Mac Campbell of Elizabethtown is the new president of the Braves Club

* The Board of Trustees granted Former Chancellor Joseph B Oxendine "Chancellor Emeritus" status Dr. Oxendine retired June 30 after serving UNCP for 10 years.

New Officers

Roger Oxendine was re-elected as chair of the Board of Trustees for 1999-2000. H. Thomas Jones II of Whiteville is vice chair. Mac Campbell is secretary and Sybill Collins of Pembroke will comprise the Executive Committee.

Sherry Dew Prince, an attorney from Tabor City, was appointed to a four-year term on the UNCP Board of Trustees by the UNC Board of Governors. Reappointed to four-year terms were: Fred George of Laurinburg. McDuffie Cummings. Henry Lewis of Lumberton, Cheryl Locklear of Pembroke and Roger Oxendine of

Ms. Prince is a 1976 UNCP graduate. She also received a Master's De-gree in Public School Administration

for the university.

A graduate of Campbell University School of Law, she is a law partner with the firm of Soles Phipps.

Ray, Prince and Williford in Tabor City. She is married to Hank Prince and they have three daughters. Amanda, a senior at UNC-Chapel Hill, Hannah, 10 and Susan, 9



Rev. Welton Lowry to Preach on Grandparents Day

Rev. Welton Lowry will be the guest speaker at a special Grandparents Day to be held at Ten Mile Baptist Church Sunday, September 13. Service begins at 11:00 and all grandparents are invited to attend. Rev. Lowry is more then qualified to be the guest speaker as he is the grandfather of seven and the great grandfather of many. At the age of 86 he is still working full time for the Lord as he visits area churches each Sunday and is always available to preach and teach. Sometimes Rev. Lowry states that he is following the footsteps of Paul who traveled to many churches during his lifetime.

Metrolina Native American Association Presents 16th Annual Pow Wow. Metrolina Native American Asso-

ciation proudly presents Indian Trail's 16th Annual Cultural Festival Pow-Wow at Indian Trail's Elementary School on September 24-26th, 1999

FREE ADMISSION * Head Male Dancer - Ancil

Chavis, Jr. Lumbee Tribe Head Lady Dancer - Melissa Dawn Silver, Haliwa-Saponi Indian

* Host Drum - Kau-ta-Noh Jr.'s Various ribal people

ceith Colston, Lumbee and Tuscarora Tribes

* Flute - Randall Bryant, Lumbee

* Storytelling - Chief William Chavis, Lumbee Tribe

* Head Judge for Competition -Daryll Bird. Winnebago

Special Appearances By Miss In-dian North Carolina Melissa Dawn Silver, Haliwa-

Cultural Festival/Pow-Wow hours: September 24th, 1:00 p.m. Indian Trail Elementary School Children's

Special Performance.

6:00 p.m. Spiritual Gathering, later in the evening a fish fry. September 25th, 10:00 a.m. Trad-

12:00 p.m. Grand Entry

9:00 p.m. Close September 26th, 10:00 a.m. Traders Open

11:00 - 4:00 p.m. Carolina Raptor

12:00 p.m. Grand Entry

6:00 p.m. Close The NC Wildlife federation will be present on the 25th & 26th

Come and enjoy the authentic Native American arts, crafts, food, dancing, drummers and singers Mertolina Native American Association invites 150-200 tribal dancers and traders from all over the United States and Canada.

This project is supported by the Union County Community Arts Council and the Grassroots Program of the North Carolina Arts Council a state

Metrolina Native American Association is a member of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Af-

The Word on Washington



Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre and a congressional delegation met with Israel's new prime minister, Ehud Barak, and PLO Chairman Yassir Arafatin separate meetings over the last week on a trip that included discussions with numerous officials on topics ranging from the recent peace negotiations in the Middle East to agriculture, health care and education.

Prime Minister Barak declared, "we are marching on an historic road to peace with a high chance of success. We are thankful to you legislators from Congress and to the President of the United States. I hope that we can all join hands to make peace

McIntyre, who serves on the Armec Forces Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, stated, This is an intense but exciting time in the Middle Est. We must do what we can to support the peace efforts? Our national security interests in this region of the world are of paramount importance. Our commitment to Israel is

strong and should be unwavering." Representative McIntyre and six teen other congressman met with Arafat, who recently has called for strict timetables for withdrawal of Israel from territories which area to cabinet conference room in Jerusalem to discuss community health care and stayed at Kibbutz Kfar Blum, a Jewish farming camp in northern Israel. Members also met with the president of Tel Aviv University, Professor Hamar Rabinovich, who is the former Israeli ambassador to the U.S.

given to the Palestinian under the Wyre River Agreement entered into by Israel and the PLO at Wye River in the U.S. with President Clinton last fall. In return, Arafat has promised to stop terrorist attacks on Israel.

Prior to U.S> Secretary of State Madeline Albrights's visit to the Middle East this past weekend, Barak had told the group, "we are determined to leave no stone unturned. We want to put an end to so much suffering." The congressional delegation met with Arafat in the PLO's tightlyguarded government compound in Gaza City, which is located in the Gaza Strip along the Mediterranean coast, two hours southwest of Jerusa-

Representative McIntyre noted afterward, "It is absolutely critical that we work closely with our ally Israel to preserve its security and to promote peace in the Middle East.

The meeting with Barak, which took place in the prime minister's

Local church presednts "Prodigal Son"

Pastor Odell Wilkins and congregation invites you to see their play,"Prodigal Son" on Friday night, September 24, 1999 at 7 p.m. at the Youth of Christ Holiness Church, Hwy 71, between Maxton and the Ccapbell Soup

American Indian Association The Native American Indian Association (NAIA) chartered in 1982. NAIA is a non-profit 501-(c) (3) state-

A Brief History of the Native

wide Native American organization. NAIA's motto is "INDIANS HELP-ING INDIANS" and their mission is to provide social services and cultural revitalization for the more than 10,000 Native Americans in Tennessee. Because Tennessee has no Indian reservations, there has been no state or Federal recognition of the Indian

people of Tennessee, with no state or Federal services targeting Native Americans. The Native population of Tennessee includes more 10,000 people according to the 1990 Census. Tennessee's Indian population falls into three categories: Choctaws in West Tennessee. Cherokees in East Tennessee and inter-tribal Native Americans in all rural and metropolitan areas has over 1,000 Native Americans. The Native American Indian Association is the only statewide Indian organization representing the concerns of theses Native people.

From 1982 until 1989, NAIA was an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff. In 1989, NAIA received funding from USDOL/DINAP to provide Employment and Training services through the Job Training Partnership Act. Since that time NAIA has received grants from US Department of Education, the Tennessee Arts Commission, the Metropolitan Arts Council. the Methodist Church, the IBM Corporation, the Nissan Corporation. the Hospital Corporation. FEMA, the Commission of Religion

in Appalachian, HUD and other state, federal, foundation and corporate sources. Funding currently runs at approximately one quarter million dollars per year but has exceeded one half million in past years. NAIA has maintained a good record for grant administration with all their funding

Since it's inception, NAIA has provided services such as employment services to include job search, job training, job placement, emergency assistance; scholarship, case management services to the homeless: bi-lingual tutorial and language preservation; arts and crafts projects; cultural revitalization and an annua

The annual Pow-wow has grown to be the largest Pow-wow east of the Mississippi River and is the main fund raising project for NAIA. The Pow-wow consists of three days of activities which includes traditional Native American Dances with judged categories; demonstrations of traditional Native American games: entertainment by Native American singers and storytellers; Native American foods; a tee-pee village to include demonstration of craftsmanship and artistry of traditional arts and crafts and information concerning endangered species and environmental conservation.

The Native American Indian Association of Tennessee is proud of it's record of service to the Native American people of the State of Tennesseo.

Come and join in on the "Big Sweep 1999" Big Sweep 1999 will be held on the Lumber River on Saturday, September

18 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. This Annual clean-up of North Carolina's waterways and shoreline will be

held for the fifth time since the Lumber River became a state park. Volunteers with boats are needed to pick up trash along the river. Other volunteers are needed to clean up bridges and roads beside the river.

Last year in Robeson County, 102 volunteers picked up 8000 lbs of trash from the Lumber River. Some of the items they picked up after the litterbugs threw them in the river were a propane stove, a TV, five soft balls, a kayak paddle, and 50 tires. Across North Carolina. 14,418 volunteers picked up 536,239 lbs of trash that litterbugs threw into our state's waters.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call Neill C. Lee, Robeson County Big Sweep Co-ordinator at (910) 628-9844.

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

by Dr. Ken Johnson

The weekly meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Jade Garden Restaurant with Pres. George Kenworthy presiding. Program Chairman Bob Lowry presented Mr. Jimmy Pate. Tobacco Farmer from Rowland, N.C. who spoke outlining the summary of Tobacco Settlements and funds

"Phase 1." Is the settlement between states and manufacturers. \$4,6 billion to NC over 25 years. \$2.28 billion to the "Foundation for N.C. future. This provides funds for economic assistance to affected areas. \$1.14 billion to the Health Trust Fund. \$1.14 billion to the Tobacco Families Support Trust Fund, growers, work-

"Phase 2. Settlement between

manufacturers, growers and quota holders, of \$1.97 billion to N.C over 12 years. The State Plan which pays only to growers

Mr. Pate and Representatives Sutton were very knowledgeable in presenting their view on the Tobacco Settlement. I. personally believe a person is responsible for his own smoking habits, not the Industry, because there are thousands of smokers who are not affected by smoking. The objectivity, the validity and reliability are no where near the 9 needed to

Invocation: Albert Hunt. Song Leader, Ed Teets, Reporter, Ken John23rd Annual Cutrual Festival planned in Greensboro

Guilford Native American Association, Greensboro Parks and Recreation, Guilford Country Parka re hosting the 23rd Annual Cultural Festival and Pow Wow; featuring Native American dancers, singers and artists from across the state, nation. Canada and Mexico in competition. There will also be crafts, drum and craft competition and food, the eevent will be held September 17-19, 1999; 7 p.m. on Friday; and 9:00 am on Saturday and Sunday at the Greensboro County Park, Greensboro, NC

The theme for the event will be "Preserving, Promoting and Sharing the Native American Culture and Tra-

The Children's Festival on Friday will be \$2.00. The admission for the Cultural Festival and Pow Wow is \$5.00 for adults; \$1.00 for Senior Citizens and \$1.00 for children aged 6-11. Children under 6 are free Additional Notes:

There are several types of dances

for both men and women as well as for children.

over \$12,000 in prize money. This is a regional; POWWOW

The dancers are competing for

and one of the largest in the state.
Profits from the POWWOW will be used to assist with cultural activi-

In addition to the Pow Wow, the Native American Cultural Festival for School Children (grades K-5) will take place on Friday, September 17, 1999 from 9:00 - 1:00 pm at Greensboro County Park. There will be two exciting performances featur-ing the Aztec Dancers from Mexico City, Lacrosse demonstrations, storytellers, world champion hoop dancer, singers, craftspersons and beadwork, pottery and art demon-

Contact the Guilford Native American Art Gallery at 273-6605 for more information

Robeson County Emergency Management preposes Disaster Plan Preparedness Exhibition for the Year 2000

The Robeson County Office of Emergency Management in conjunction with the Robeson County Chapter of American Red Cross, and the Robeson County Amateur Radio Emergency Services would like to invite you to a special meeting September 16, 1999 at the Old Ag. Building, 108 W. 8th Street, in Lumberton at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to plan for a disiaterPreparedness Exhibition in the year 2000. As you are aware RObeson County is vunrable to many types of disasters, man made and natural. We hope thru the presentation of these exhibits to make our citizens more aware of our vunrabilities and what to do when such events occur. We need your support both financially and direct involvement. Our tentative plan is toi have vendors to advertise and demonst4rate their products that may be used during disaters, such as generator, chain saws, different types of first aid kits, alternative heating

sources, what types of food and other househoild items to store for disaters. utility companies to explian procedures for turning off utiklities, and safely returning to damaged homes. these are just a few ideals, we hope that you will bring more with you to the meeting.

This will be the first for Robeson COUnty and I hope that you will give us your best cooperation as we try to provide an important service to the citizens of ROberson. This will give all of us an opportunity to unify our efforts at one tiome for a common goal, and that is to help save lives and protect property. The Media will ahve a key role in this event and we hope ou will agree to participate.

Please advise the number of represntaives that will be attendiung so we can prepare for refreshments. YOU mat call me at 671-3150. THank you for your consideration into this