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Roger UNCP's Provost

Pembroke, N.C.--Roger G. Brown will become provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs for The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, according to an announcement Friday by Chancellor Allen C. Meadors.

The appointment was approved Friday by the UNC Board of Governors. Dr. Brown, who is senior associate provost for The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, will assume the post July 1.

Dr. Brown will replace current provost, Dr. Charles R. Jenkins, who has been vice chancellor for Academic Affairs for 14 years and a UNCP administrator for 29 years. Traditionally, provost is the chief academic officer of a university.

Dr. Meadors welcomed the Dr. Brown to the UNCP community.

"Dr. Brown brings a rich background of academic and administrative experiences that will serve the university well as we move into the 21st century," the chancellor said. "We are delighted to have him join us."

At UNC Charlotte for 15 years, Dr. Brown has held positions of increasing responsibility since being hired as an assistant professor of political science. He was graduate coordinator and chair for the Department of Political Science, senior associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and associate provost.

At UNCC, Dr. Brown was director of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reaccreditation process and president-elect of the faculty.

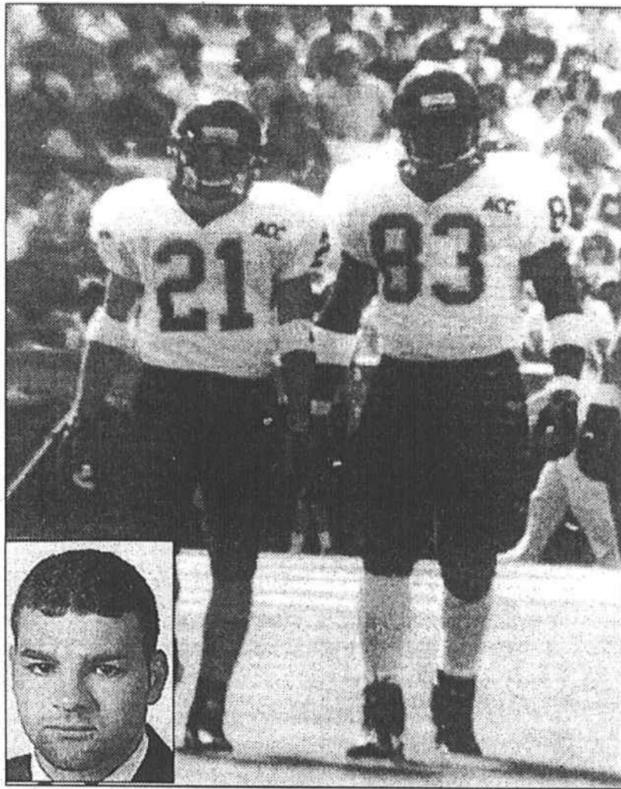
In Charlotte, he was a member of the committee to promote a \$300 million bond referendum for schools, parks and land preservation. Dr. Brown served on boards for community safety and HIV/AIDS awareness. He also performed consulting work for several local governments on information management and workplace issues, among other areas.

He earned the Leadership Charlotte Award 1998-99 and was a citizen ambassador in the People to People Program in South Africa in 1996.

Dr. Brown has published a number of articles on a variety of topics in political science, public management and human resources issues. Several of Dr. Brown's recent papers and articles were co-authored by his wife, Dr. Carolyn Thompson, also a faculty member and administrator at UNC Charlotte. Dr. Thompson is director of the Master's in Health Administration program at UNCC.

He is a member of and held offices in several professional associations, including the American Association of Higher Education, the American Society for Public Administration, the American Political Science Association, the Academy of Political Science, the International Association of Conflict Management and the International Personnel Management Association.

A native of Bristol, Tenn., Dr. Brown received his doctorate in political science from The Johns Hopkins University, his master's and bachelor of science degrees from The University of Tennessee.



The Making of a Lumbee Role Model Jammie Deese is the name to remember

When you hear about Lumbee Indians, the first place that comes to mind is Robeson County, North Carolina. Little is known about Lumbee Indians who live outside the boundaries of Robeson. Jammie Deese is a name you'll soon remember because he's the upcoming Indian role model about to enter the athletic stardom scene -- and he's not from Robeson -- he's from Scotland County.

Jammie is one of the premier wide receivers in the ACC entering the 1999 season. If you surf the Wake Forest Demon Deacons Football Official Athletic Site you will read the words "dependable, determined and dynamic" describing a few of Deese's many attributes. In 1998 he was the second leading receiver in the league with 68 receptions, second only to All-American Torry Holt. Deese didn't come on the football field wielding a tomahawk and doing an Indian war cry to get attention. All he had to do was catch the ball and the rest is one for the record books. He is referred to as the "go to guy" for clutch situations.

In each of his last two seasons he

has been ranked among the top 10 receivers in the ACC, and upon entering the 1999 season is ranked #5 receiver in Wake Forest history with 152 receptions for a total of 1904 yards (that doesn't include this year's stats). Deese tied a Wake Forest record for consecutive 100 yard performances set by Ricky Proehl in 1989. He stacked 167 yards receiving against NC State in November 1998.

Not only does Jammie have great hands, but greased lightning speed that makes for a lethal combination. He has proved to be a very elusive target not only on the football field, but the track field as well with a 4.3 in the 40 yard dash. He along with football teammates Chris Justice, Reggie Austin and John Stone comprised the ACC championship 4x100 relay team. On April 17th he helped to win the conference track crown at Clemson, the drove back to Groves Stadium and went out for a 15 yard touchdown pass that same evening -- talk about durability!!

Jammie graduated from Scotland

County High as one of the leading high school prospects. He earned MVP honors and had over 1,300 yards in pass receptions during his high school career. He was also selected to play in the East-West and the Shrine Bowl games. Jammie is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Ricky Deese of Laurinburg, NC. His father speaks with great pride when asked questions concerning Jammie and his quest to make it to the NFL, while mother, Sandra, remains his no. 1 cheerleader. As of April 16th, Jammie will sign on as a free agent with the Washington Redskins franchise. Jammie has proven with much prayer, hard work and determination, you can achieve the goals you set in life. We pray that he will be one of many indigenous representatives to enter the professional circuit. We are proud to acknowledge you, Jammie Deese, as one of "ours", and thank you for your outstanding representation of the Lumbee people. We look forward to the time when our young boys will say, "when I grow up, I want to be just like Jammie Deese; he's a football star."

Jammie Deese

McIntyre Supports Several Tax Relief Bills

Washington, D.C.--U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre announced today that he has recently voted for several measures to ease the tax burden on individuals, families, and businesses. These include a vote for the Date Certain Tax Code Replacement Act, the Tax Limitation Amendment, the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, and the Small Business Tax Fairness Act of 2000.

Congressman McIntyre stated,

"Congress needs to do everything it can to simplify our current system, make it harder to raise taxes, and provide our citizens and businesses with tax relief. These four measures are positive steps in that direction, and I will continue pushing and fighting for their enactment."

Highlights of these measures include:

-- Date Certain Tax Code Replacement -- This bill would establish

December 31, 2004, as the date for replacing the current tax code with a new, fairer tax system that would be as easy to understand as it would be to comply with. The legislation would require the immediate initiation of a process to achieve a national consensus on a new tax system with the final date for such a consensus falling no later than July 4, 2004.

-- Tax Limitation Amendment - This amendment to the Constitution would require a two-thirds vote in both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate for Congress to raise existing taxes or impose new taxes. Congress could waive this during times of war or national security threats.

-- Taxpayer Bill of Rights -- This legislation helps protect taxpayers privacy, levels the playing field between taxpayers and the IRS, and provides simplification for taxpayers. Among the highlights include prohibiting the IRS from taxing interest paid by the IRS to individuals; enabling taxpayers to stop the escalation of interest charges during disputes between the IRS and taxpayers; and elimination of interest charges when the IRS makes a mistake or causes an unreasonable delay.

-- Small Business Tax Fairness Act -- This bill provides \$45 billion in tax reductions over five years for small businesses. Some of the important provisions include: accelerating the 100% health insurance deduction for the self-employed; reducing the top estate tax rate; increasing the contribution and benefit limits for retirement plans; and creating 15 new renewal communities with targeted, pro-growth tax initiatives to create jobs, encourage personal savings, foster home ownership, and cleanup neighborhoods on former industrial sites so new businesses can grow.

You can win this quilt!!!



Mary Carter, shown right, and Madie Rae Locklear, left, display a hand-stitched Indian design quilt that is being given away by the Area C.B. Club. Mary Carter made the quilt and is donating the proceeds from ticket sales to the Area C.B. Club. The drawing will be held Sunday, July 16. All proceeds from the raffle will be used for local families in need of assistance with medical and living expenses. Tickets are only \$1.00. You don't have to be present to win. For more information or to buy tickets call Mary Carter at 521-2090.

An Open Letter to the Indian Voters of Robeson County Concerning the At-Large Position on the School Board

An Open Letter to the Indian Population:
Recently in the midst of the school board election misconceptions have been circulating throughout the Indian community relative to the at-large positions as it relates to candidates, incumbent Mitchell "Bosco" Locklear and challenger Ardean Hunt. These misconceptions could cost the Indian population a representative at large on the school board. This would be detrimental to the concept of tri-racial representation on that body. When voting in the school board election, it is important that we not misunderstand the reason for three at-large positions in Robeson County. This is a unique situation in Robeson. When voting for the at-large position, voters will be allowed to vote for only ONE candidate. Voting for only one candidate allows the county the opportunity to have a representative for each of the three races in Robeson County. For example, since the school merger in the 1980s, we have had an Indian representative, a Black representative and a white representative. If you vote for more than one at-large candidate, your ballot will be considered "spoiled" and will not be counted. There are individuals in the Indian community telling voters they can vote for two candidates. However, this is not true. Again, please remember, you can ONLY vote for ONE candidate.

In addition to this misconception, individuals have been saying, if Indian voters split their vote between the incumbent, Mitchell "Bosco" Locklear and challenger, Ardean Hunt, the Indian population can have two Indian representatives on the Board of Education. This is also NOT TRUE! The numbers are just not there. If we, as Indian voters, take a chance with this type of political maneuvering, we could end up with no Indian representative on the school board. Currently the number of white registered voters is more than the number

of registered Indian voters. There are approximately 26,662 white registered voters and 25,175 Indian registered voters with the Blacks having 16,878 registered voters. It does not take a mathematician nor statistician to figure out the whites out number Indians by more than 1,000 votes. The fact of the matter is that whites in Robeson County traditionally turn out in a higher percentage for any election. Indians on the other hand, have a lower turn out unless there is an emotional matter before the electorate. It is important for Indians to remain united in their voting effort for school board. This misconception is a subtle attempt to divide and conquer. Hopefully, Indian leaders are not a part of this ploy to dilute the Indian vote. Please do not be deceived by those who would tell us how easy it is to elect two Indians at-large on the Robeson County Board of Education. We must be diligent in our commitment to do what is right, fair, and just. The right thing for the citizens of Robeson County is to continue to have tri-racial representation on the Board of Education. History has shown that a tri-racial board can make competent, effective and progressive decisions regarding our most precious resource -- our CHILDREN.

This letter is by no means an attempt to intimidate, coerce or imply that the electorate does not make wise decisions when voting. It is an effort to educate, inform, and dispel allegations, rumors, and misconceptions about the at-large position on the Board of Education. Each voter will have the opportunity to vote for ONE at-large representative. Historically, in Robeson County, the citizens, when faced with this challenge vote by race. It is important that Indian people not lose the Indian at-large representative.

Cynthia L. Hunt



Rev. Welton Lowry has seen many changes in his life

Rev. Welton Lowry, pastor of several churches for 32 years, has seen many changes. He is proud of UNCPembroke. Part of the campus is on land that belonged to his father. Among many vivid memories, he recounts days when neither he nor his father could eat at local restaurants because of their Indian heritage. Rev. Lowry, who easily quotes R.G. Lee and has many of his books, is a graduate of George Peabody College in Nashville. Proud of his church and his association's ties with Odum Home, he also has special pride in Mike Cummings' local and state leadership. Dreams Lowry and his peers had of ethnic equality are being realized by Mike today.

Lowry recalls many flavorful stories about Burnt Swamp Association's long standing support of the Baptist Children's Home and the work of caring for families in crisis. Local supporters often solicited offerings of items like chickens and eggs, but everyone realized it was a new day when the BCH took the Indian Orphanage in as a part of its statewide system in the late 1950's. Monies began to come in for renovations and staff support-but because segregation issues still played a role in treatment of Native Americans in

North Carolina, the Burnt Swamp Association's churches wanted to make sure that the Indian children were having their needs met.

Following two major constructions on the campus, a fund raising campaign centered in Hickory set out to build a recreational facility. A challenge was issued to southeastern NC churches and families to build another building. Rev. Lowry, moderator for Burnt Swamp Association then, remembers the final decision that each church be challenged to give the equivalent of \$2 per member. Indian Memorial Cottage was completed October, 1978. The churches raised more than \$100,000 and donated much of the labor.

Last year a facility for classrooms and offices, all with state of the art equipment, was completed. Jo Ransom's son David Locklear was one of the donors. His gift helped to fund a classroom where children, not so unlike his own mother, will receive an education. So the giving comes round full circle. What new dreams are being dreamed by the next generation of the Burnt Swamp Association? And what dreams are in the hearts of the children at Odum Home? Watch and listen...for this is the birthplace of dreams fulfilled.

Indian Education Project to hold Parent Committee Elections

The Indian Education Project of The Public Schools of Robeson County will hold parent committee elections on Thursday, May 4, 2000 at 7:00

p.m. at each of the high schools. All parents of Indian students are encouraged to attend. Respectfully,