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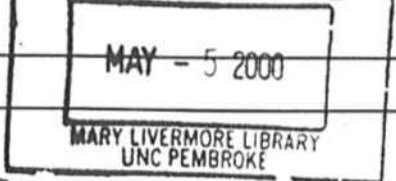
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## Robeson County Voters Elect new Leadership on Board of Education; Judge Moore Returned

Robeson County voters changed the face of the Robeson County School Board on Tuesday. Expressing dissatisfaction with the present leadership, voters unseated three incumbent school board members. At large representative Beth Williamson who served as chairman of the board was defeated by Millicent Nealy. Sixteen year incumbent Abner Harrington of District 7 was unseated by Steve Martin. District 5 representative Paul Brooks was unseated by challenger Patrick Bullard. Brooks had served in that capacity for eight years and Bullard is the former finance officer for the school board.

Robeson Deese, incumbent in District 4 overcame a challenge by newcomer Edward Henderson.

Bullard won with 1,157 votes to 728 votes for Brooks.

Incumbent James DeFreece in District 1 out polled Tom Jones with a vote of 709 to 619. Incumbent John

Campbell placed #1 in the at-large race where seven people were running with incumbent Mitchell "Bosco" Locklear coming in second. Nealy was third in this race. The three top vote getters in this election are the winners of the three at-large seats.

### In other races

In the District Judge's race, Judge Jeff Moore defeated Judith Milsap Daniels by more than 2,000 votes. This is the second time Judge Moore has overcome a challenge by Daniels. Moore received 8,410 votes county wide to 6,326 for Daniels.

Incumbent Donald Bonner returned to the North Carolina General Assembly to represent District 87, easily defeating James "Rusty" Perry. District 16 incumbent Douglas Yongue of Laurinburg was unopposed as was District 85 representative Ron Sutton.

And Robeson County supported Mike Easley for the Democratic nomination for Governor.



Patrick Bullard



Mithcell "Bosco" Locklear



Judge Jeff Moore

## Multiple Sclerosis Support Group Presents Special Program: Saturday, May 13

The Multiple Sclerosis support group, a group for persons with multiple sclerosis and their family members, will hold a special program on Saturday, May 13 at 2 p.m. in the Assembly Room at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Neurologist Indra Gatiwala, M.D., will speak on multiple sclerosis related research and treatment. For more information, call Nancy Jacobs at 738-7006 or Randy Florke at 739-3413.

## Cape Fear Valley Health System Named "Most Wired" For A Second Year

For the second consecutive year, Cape Fear Valley Health System has been named one of the 100 Most Wired hospitals and health systems in the nation by "Hospitals & Health Networks" magazine.

According to "Hospitals & Health Networks," America's Most Wired hospitals have effectively integrated online technologies for key constituents: patients, doctors, employees, suppliers, insurers and management. Evaluations for Most Wired hospitals included information on hospital technology infrastructure such as transmission speeds and security technologies.

Typical hospitals use the Internet for less than 20 percent of key payer activities. On the other hand, health systems such as Cape Fear Valley Health System have implemented online technologies for 41 to 60 per-

cent of all payer activities. Most Wired hospitals report that they are using Internet technologies to provide eligibility verification, pre-certification and referral authorizations.

In addition, Most Wired hospitals report that approximately 27 percent of doctors and nurses are using the Internet for clinical tasks. These clinical tasks may include radiology order entry and pharmaceutical prescriptions. Less wired hospitals report that only 3 percent of doctors use the Internet for clinical tasks in those hospitals.

As we enter a new decade, Cape Fear Valley Health System continues to integrate leading-edge technology into its daily operations with the support of both its Board of Trustees and medical staff.

## Dr. Richard Vela A UNC Teaching Excellence Award Winner

PEMBROKE, N.C.--Dr. Richard Vela cannot imagine the day he will grow weary of teaching.

So, when he talks about winning North Carolina's top teaching award - the University of North Carolina Board of Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence - his enthusiasm is tempered with caution.

"I do not want to think of it as a crowning achievement," Dr. Vela said. "There are still a lot of things I want to do."

Dr. Vela, who has been teaching English and composition at UNC Pembroke for most of 29 years, may be accelerating the pace of his career in academia. This year, he presented five papers at five conferences in different states, and he is writing sections for a new encyclopedia on William Shakespeare.

If teaching has become wearisome, it does not show on this energetic professor.

"If there is a time when I do not find teaching interesting, I should leave," he said in a recent interview. "I like to see things grow. If you engage people in conversation about literature or writing, there is a kind of growth that has got to take place."

"There is a newness about teaching that is always going to be exciting," he continued. "Getting someone to see something they have not seen before and never knew existed is the kind of interaction I find

exciting."

Because Dr. Vela views teaching as an interactive process, the learning experience is mutual. For this outstanding professor, a career in teaching is not a matter of staying power, but of successfully influencing his own joy of intellectual discovery into his students.

So, after countless classes of freshman composition, he continues to be one of UNCP's truly great teachers, according to his students and colleagues.

Here is a small sample of comments from his packet of recommendations to the Board of Governors Committee on Teaching Awards:

"I am so invigorated! The way he utilized the multiple essay portfolio set up around the text itself made class discussion far more intelligent...and (it) suited the timeframe and my branched interests," wrote a former student.

"Affected by the intensity of Richard's interest, students share their own insights in a classroom atmosphere that encourages participation...the feeling of inclusiveness and genuine care enables students to perform at a level that even surprises them. Their willing and enthusiastic contributions to class discussions give a sense to everyone involved that this is the way education is meant to be," a professor

wrote.

Dr. Charles Jenkins, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, agrees with these sentiments.

"Dr. Vela is well known at UNC Pembroke for being an excellent teacher during his many years of service at the university, and it is gratifying to see him selected for this distinguished award," Dr. Jenkins said. "He has influence the lives of many students at both the baccalaureate and master's levels through his effective teaching."

Over the years, Dr. Vela has enjoyed the lifestyle at this regional university setting.

"Because I have a Hispanic background and grew up in a border community, this campus and community looked familiar to me," he said. "In a rural and remote place, I have an interesting life. What a place is like is what you do with it."

When not in Robeson County, Dr. Vela enjoys traveling and open sea diving. Besides attending conferences and visiting his son Marc, who is stationed at a San Diego naval base, he is a master scuba diver with nearly 200 dives.

The Excellence in Teaching Award carries a \$7,500 prize and a bronze medallion. The winner is grand marshal for UNCP's spring and winter commencements and featured speaker at the winter exercises.

## Compassionate Friends Support Group To Meet

The Compassionate Friends support group, designed to offer friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, siblings, stepparents

and grandparents, meets the third Monday each month at 7 p.m. at Health Horizons Home Health, 2002 N. Cedar St. in Lumberton. The

group is a mutual assistance, self-help organization. There is no charge for these sessions.

For more information, call Dean Carter at (910) 671-5600.

## Leadership Program Gives Awards

PEMBROKE, N.C.--Twenty-three UNCP students were honored at the first Leadership and Service Opportunities Program awards ceremony Wednesday.

Calvin Webster, a sophomore, earned the Community Service Award, the highest honor for his work on numerous community projects.

"Calvin is a greater leader by example," Student Activities Director and LSOP coordinator Abdul Ghaffer said "He is an outstanding student who finds time and energy for the community. In fact, he will be working on a roadside cleanup project Saturday."

"He has tremendous rapport with children as his work with youth in one of Pembroke's housing projects shows," he said.

Mr. Ghaffer said LSOP's first year was a good one. He thanked the Student Government Association; the Athletics Department, Teaching Fellows Program, Freshman Seminar Program and Career Services for helping get the program started.

"We were pleasantly surprised at the large number of students who did volunteer in the community," Mr. Ghaffer said. "This is a solid foundation for a program that is designed to help both our students and the community."

Chancellor Allen Meadors praised the students for their efforts.

"The number one criticism in this nation is that people do not get involved," Chancellor Meadors said. "I challenge you to make this a lifelong habit of service to the community, and to go out and recruit others."

"Distinguished Leader's Awards" were earned by 17 students who attended at least five workshops and contributed 30 or more hours of community service:

Mindy Davis, a senior, social work major from Hope Mills; Shannon Flournoy, a senior, criminal justice major from Pembroke; Carolyn Hollifield, a senior, special education major from Charlotte, Jaclyn Locklear a senior, elementary education major from Maxton; Paula McDonald, a junior, mathematics major from Peachland; Janelle Miller, a senior, English major from Lagrange, N.C.; James Nichols, a junior, computer science major from Jacksonville; Sweta Patel, a senior, psychology major from Greensboro; Olivia Reid, a senior, social work major from Fayetteville; Farrah Sheppard, a senior, criminal justice major from Maxton; Khalid Tapia, a senior, mass communications major from Spring Lake; Amanda Terry, a senior, accounting major from Ham-

let; Sarah Topp, a freshman, English major from Greensboro; Yoneka Trent, a senior, social work major from New Bern, N.C.; Dawn Wallace, a senior, social work major from Raeford; Jennifer Watson, a senior, middle grades education major from Fayetteville and Calvin Webster, a junior, biomedical major from Newport.

"Student Service Awards," for students who attended three workshops and contributed 20-29 hours of community service, were earned by:

Gina Britt, a senior, criminal justice major from Lumberton; Debbie Edwards, a sophomore, social work major from Fayetteville; Carrie Elkins, a senior, marketing major from Mt. Gilead, N.C.; Aaryn Kowalchuk, a senior, psychology major from Oak Island; Michelle Kuhn, a senior, mass communications major from Lumberton; Michelle Williams, a junior, social work major from Fayetteville and Nicholas Dimery, a sophomore, chemistry major from Pembroke.

A short list of service projects includes food drives, tutoring, mentoring, hurricane relief work, blood and bone marrow drives.

Award recipients also get a special transcript of the award and their volunteer activities.

## Indian Education To Be Topic At Regional Forum

RALEIGH--Indian leaders from throughout the Southeastern United States will gather in Raleigh on May 9-10 for a regional partnership forum. One of a series being held throughout the country, the forum will bring together representatives from tribes, states and the federal government to discuss Indian education issues.

The forum grew out of a 1998 executive order by President Bill Clinton concerning American Indian and Alaska Native education. The executive order established six goals: improving reading and mathematics; increasing high school completion and post-secondary attendance rates; reducing the influence of long-standing factors that impede educational performance, such as poverty and substance abuse; creating strong, safe and drug-free school environments; improving science education; and expanding technology use.

The forum is being sponsored by the Office of Indian Education in the U.S. Department of Education in coordination with the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs in the N.C. Department of Administration.

Among the forum's scheduled speakers are Mike Ward, N.C. superintendent of public schools; Dr. David Beaulieu, director, Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education; and Greg Richardson, executive director, Commission of Indian Affairs.

According to Richardson, the meeting has several goals. "Through the forums," he said, "we hope to identify ways we can share information, provide assistance to schools, develop partnerships and coordinate intergovernmental strategies aimed at meeting the intent of the executive order."

The Raleigh forum will be held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel. For additional information about the forum, contact Mickey Michelle Locklear, director, Educational Talent Search Project, N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, at (919) 733-5998.

## Rodeo Flying Operations To Be Conducted In Local Area

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C.--Community residents in the greater Fayetteville area may hear more cargo aircraft than normal between May 6

and 12. The reason for this increased air traffic is due to the Air Mobility Command Rodeo 2000 competition at Pope Air Force Base. The compe-

## Diabetes Support Group Meets Weekly

Health Horizons Home Health sponsors a Diabetes Support Group at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at 2002 N. Cedar St. in Lumberton. Health care professionals speak on topics helpful to persons with diabetes and their families. For more information, call 671-5600.

## SRMC Sponsors Video Series On Health

Southeastern Regional Medical Center presents "Picture of Health" each Thursday evening at 8 p.m. on the Community Channel (Channel 6). The topic for May 4 and 11 is "Grief Etiquette." Thanks to Time Warner Cable of Lumberton for providing this free community service. For more information about scheduled topics or to suggest a topic, call 671-5499.

## SRMC Offers Free Program To Parents

Expectant parents are invited to attend the New Parent Orientation on Tuesday, May 30, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the SRMC Assembly Room. The free program includes a video

presentation on labor and childbirth, a tour of the birthing suites and a car safety seat demonstration. For more information call 671-5341.

Pope apologizes for any inconvenience this increased air traffic may cause. Residents with questions or concerns regarding the scheduled flights can call the public affairs office at (910) 395-1724 or the command post at (910) 394-9000.