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UNC Pembroke adds web manager, Lawrence Locklear



"This means daily modification of our site."

"The new web publisher position allows us to focus on bringing state of the art technology to our website and to ensure that it is interactive and dynamic," Chancellor Meadors said. "We are excited about having Lawrence Locklear as our change agent in this area."

University Relations Director Don Gersh said bringing the Internet site into the department that is responsible for the making and public affairs activities of the university is a natural one.

"UNCP has a lively site on the World Wide Web," Mr. Gersh said. "We want to keep it that way while making it more consistent and attractive."

"For many, many people, our Internet site is their first impression of us," he said. "We want to make it a memorable visit."

Mr. Locklear said the newly created position will be challenging. "Our Internet site is very informative and very interesting," Mr. Locklear said. "For instance, we have four museums, including a digital art gallery and the Native American Resource Center's site. We have video and audio at WNCN-TV's site, and some of our professors have research libraries on line."

"I hope to make it easier to navigate and more visually attractive," he said. "That sounds fairly simple, but it is a real challenge, especially in the areas of managing the content and creating a modern design format."

"Yes, we want to make a good first impression, but we want to give our visitors a reason to keep coming back," Mr. Locklear said.

A Pembroke native and 1992 graduate of Purnell Swett High School, Mr. Locklear graduated from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Arts in history. A certified teacher, he taught three years in the Public Schools of Robeson County and two years as a part-time computer skills instructor at Robeson Community College.

He said he never set out to earn a living in the computer industry. It just happened.

"I used computers at N. C. State to make promotional materials for different organizations, but I did not really get hooked until I bought a PC to do my lesson plans," Mr. Locklear said. "One thing led to another as I learned more and more about the Internet and applications software of all kinds."

He lists Macromedia's Dreamweaver as his web building software of choice, but he knows HTML, which is the basic language of the World Wide Web. He has trained UNCP staff, faculty and students in desktop publishing, word processing, e-mail and other software applications.

"There is a lot to learn, and this is a fast-moving and constantly changing technology," he said. "I am working to improve my skills with Adobe Photoshop right now."

At N.C. State, Mr. Locklear was a North Carolina Teaching Fellow and on the Dean's List. He was fellowship vice president of Alpha Phi Omega, a national service fraternity, and a founder and president of the Society of Native American Culture.

His is the son of Merle Locklear and Mary Ann Strickland. His grandparents are Jeffrey and the late Pearl Strickland and the late John Archie and Roberta Locklear.



Phyllis Murray



Betty Hunt

Prospect School names Teacher of the Year

Phyllis Deese Murray is Prospect's Teacher of the Year. She feels honored as being chosen, Teacher of the year by her faculty. Mrs. Murray has taught school for nearly twenty years. Her philosophy of education is "That all children have a right to be able to read and write. They also have the right to do math and learn about the world around them through calculators, computers and any technology which enables them to become successful citizens. Children also, have the right to grow intellectually, physically, mentally and socially". She adds that we, as educators are teaching children of the twenty-first century. We must prepare them with the best education possible. Our children are our best and most precious resource in which we possess. Our children are our leaders of tomorrow. Every educator should teach our children as our lifesavers and they really are. We will look to our children for answers to the problems of our future world.

Prospect School honors teacher assistant of the year

The 2000-2001 Teacher Assistant Of The Year for Prospect Elementary School is Mrs. Betty Hunt. Mrs. Hunt has worked with the TMH Class for twelve years. She worked at Pembroke Elementary School for six years, and has been at Prospect Elementary School for six years. Mrs. Hunt has two daughters, ages nine and sixteen. She has been pursuing her Educational degree from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP) part-time, and currently has 90 hours towards her Educational degree. Mrs. Hunt has worked with her current teacher Mrs. Gisele Carter for the duration of her twelve years, and feels very fortunate to have spent them all with the same teacher. Mrs. Hunt says she is looking forward to many more years with the TMH class at Prospect.

Pembroke High School Class of 1950 enjoys Reunion at Myrtle Beach



The members of the Pembroke High School Class of 1950th attending their 50th class reunion are shown above. First row, seated, left to right are Waltz Maynor, Genevieve Lowry Cole, Mary Delia Locklear Edge, Macy Dial Kenworth; second row, standing, left to right: Adeline Lowry Maynor, Hughes Dulin Lowry, Dorothy Locklear Blue, Quessie Cummings Dial, Lawrence Scott and Irene Jacobs Jamison.

The Pembroke High School Class of 1950 celebrated their 50th Class Reunion at Spring Maid Beach Retreat and Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina November 23-26, 2000.

The group enjoyed the Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday evening. After dinner they held a business meeting and visited with each other. Friday

was a busy day for them, shopping and doing other things. Friday evening the group attended the Carolina Opry Christmas Show.

Saturday was another busy day. Some of the members of the group attended the Rockette Christmas Show at the Palace Theater. Time was spent Saturday afternoon visiting with each other. The group enjoyed a seafood

feast in the Cafeteria Saturday night. They also attended the In House Concert by Mended Wing which was music, comedy and more.

On Sunday morning the group ate breakfast together in the cafeteria and said their good-byes and were on their way home. The weekend was enjoyed by all.

The group made plans to meet in the Asheville area October 5-7, 2001.

Maxton Parade to be held December 9

Mr. Erwin Jacobs and all the parade committee invites everyone to the Maxton Parade. The parade is Saturday, Dec. 9 at 10:00 am. Joshua Simmons is marching as one of the banner carriers in front of the parade. We hope to have Lumbee Chief Milton Hunt as well as many other dignitaries. We hope to alot of people there.

UNCP's Dr. Jose D'Arruda wins two distinguished awards

PEMBROKE, N.C.— Dr. Jose D'Arruda, chair of the Department of Chemistry and Physics, has earned two of the state's top honors in November.

He earned the Distinguished Service to Education Award from the North Carolina Science Teachers Association (NCSTA) and the 2000 Governor's Award for Excellence for Public Service.

Dr. D'Arruda has been a mainstay of the UNCP academic community since 1974, chairing his department for the past 20 years. He was three times chair of the Faculty Senate in 1979-80 and 1994-96 and in the past winner of the Adolph L. Dial Award for Community Service.

He received the Distinguished Service Award on Nov. 16 at the annual NCSTA convention. He was cited for "many contributions to science education that have had an impact on thousands of students and teachers in Eastern North Carolina."

"Unless you have been to the third floor of Oxendine Science Building, you will never fully appreciate the good work Jose does for this university," Dr. Ross said. "In my mind this open door learning environment with constant interchange between student and teacher, student, and teacher and teacher- is an academic ideal."

For Dr. D'Arruda's part, he said his educational philosophy has changed little since arriving at UNCP when he quickly established himself as a favorite as signified by earning the 1976 "Indianhead" (yearbook) dedication.

"I take pride in all my work, but especially in my teaching," he said. "I have valuable and worthwhile ex-

periences and information to share with my students beyond what they read in their textbooks."

"I believe every students should have the opportunity to be successful in my class," he continued. "I want them to do well, and I want them to be confident in their ability to do science."

"I treat our students with the same respect and courtesy that I expect others to treat my children," Dr. D'Arruda said. "I enjoy doing demonstrations in class, and I am delight at the enjoyment that student derive from watching them and learning from them."

His focus on the teaching and learning process is not where Dr. D'Arruda's philosophy stops, according to his long-time colleague Dr. Ross.

"Dr. D'Arruda's influence extends well beyond his department," Dr. Ross said. "He is always looking for ways to serve high school students, their teachers and the general public."

He founded the Region IV Science Fair in 1980 that annually brings in over 400 entries from the region's high school and middle school students.

Dr. D'Arruda's lecture series, "The State of the Universe" has brought a variety of distinguished speakers to campus, including a Nobel laureate, an astronaut and a television celebrity. The purpose of the lectures is to educate the university community and the public on the latest scientific developments.

Dr. D'Arruda has won five Eisenhower grants, for the purpose

of upgrading public school teacher's knowledge of computers and other advanced technology. He has also won several National Science Foundation grant and a Department of Education grant.

The grants and summer school keep the 58-year-old busy. And when he is not in Pembroke, he is finishing the basement in his new log home on Beech Mountain, N. C., restoring his 1973 Porsche or sailing at Lake Waccamaw.

Dr. Bruce Speck, Dean of UNCP's College of Arts and Sciences, said the outpouring of honors for him is well deserved.

"I am not at all surprised that Jose has won two distinguished awards for his service to the people of North Carolina," Dr. Speck said. "He has worked tirelessly for many, many years to promote science education in the state."

"For example, the annual Science Fair that he founded and continues to coordinate provides a wonderful opportunity for students in North Carolina to create a science project and have it judged by professionals, thus engaging students in the study of science," Dr. Speck said. "Jose's service is particularly noteworthy because his motivation for giving his time and energies to professional and community service is a deep and abiding love for science and desire that students share in that love."

"I am extremely proud that the College of Arts and Sciences has a faculty member and Chair who is dedicated to promoting the study of science and thereby enhancing the education of citizens throughout this region and the entire state," the dean said.

Wild Game Festival at Cultural Center

The NC Indian Cultural Center hosted its 10th Annual Wild Game Festival on November 15-18. Despite the chilly weather, over 1700 school children from across North Carolina attended the festival, learning about Native American culture from speakers, performers, and demonstrators representing the Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Tuscarora, Navaho, Taino, Cherokee, Inca, and Lakota tribes.

The students learned about pine-needle basket making and traditional pottery techniques from Mr. Herman and Mrs. Loreta Oxendine and heard about the history of African-American and Native American from Deputy U. S. Marshall Randy Foster. Mr. Sanford Hardin demonstrated hatchet throwing and Mr. Bill James Brewington of the NCICC planning board provided pontoon boat tours of our 100 acre lake and allowed visitors

a close-up view of the pristine island and it's wild life.

One of the most popular attractions was Earl Carter's tipi; there were children waiting in line for a chance to get inside and he was very patient with explaining the design, comforts and accessories of his lodge. Ms. Cathy Mitchell did an excellent job of story telling, using the legend of the rattlesnake to teach about the dangers of drugs and immoral people, and Mr. Bruce Barton of IEA shared the history of the Cultural Center. Ms. Catherine Scott taught the children how to "stomp dance" along with some words and basic phrases of the Tuscarora language. Mr. Mark Locklear, of eagle Protection Services, welcomed the students on behalf of the NCICC planning board and talked to them about the importance of accepting responsibility for

their actions.

Performances included a folk music presentation by Pedro Gonzalez and his Inca tribesmen from Peru. Ray and Brenda Selva, a husband and wife team, shared songs and dance, while ray "Two Crows" Wallen and Alicia Pagan delighted the children with their storytelling and singing. Wanbi and Phonix traveled from Atlanta, GA to share some of their tribal culture with the students.

The highlight of this year's festival was the annual Green Leaf Cook-Off. All the entrants chose to cook collards, and the enviable task of judging fell to Mr. Larry Chavis of Lumbee Bank, Mrs. Patricia Brayboy of the Red Cross, and Mr. Lynn Jacobs. After much tasting and retasting, Mrs. Mary Smith was declared the winner followed by Mrs.