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Jim Hunt named to Citizens for a Sound Economy Board

WASHINGTON--- Citizens for a Sound Economy (CSE) Chairman C. Boyden Gray today announced that the Honorable James (Jim) H. Burnley IV has been named to the Citizens for a Sound Economy Board of Directors.

"Jim Burnley has a sound background in deregulation and will fit well with CSE's mission of promoting less government," said CSE Chairman C. Boyden Gray. "I am pleased to have Jim join our distinguished Board."

Jim served as the ninth Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (1987- 1989) and was responsible for national policy for air, land and sea. He placed particular emphasis on economic deregulation, strengthening the U.S. position in international aviation and maritime relations, and modernizing the FAA. Prior to serving as Secretary, he was General Counsel to the Department and subsequently served as Deputy Secretary through 1987.

Jim also served as a member of President Reagan Economic Policy Council.

Since re-entering private practice, Jim has handled a variety of federal regulatory, administrative and legislative law issues in transporta-

tion, environmental and related fields. Jim represents several major trade associations and Fortune 100 companies.

A graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School, Jim serves on the boards of several national non-profit organizations, including the Jamestown Foundation, the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, and the Reagan Alumni Association. He is Vice-Chairman of the Virginia Port Authority and member of the Board of Directors of Infracore, Inc. A native of High Point, North Carolina, Jim is married with 4 children.

Citizens for a Sound Economy Board of Directors advises CSE on its grassroots activism to fight for a smaller, more efficient government. The Board of Directors includes: C. Boyden Gray, Chairman, Tom Knudsen, Dr. James C. Miller, David H. Padden, Richard J. Stephenson, Dirk Van Dongen. CSE Foundation Board of Directors includes: David H. Koch, Chairman, Sarah H. Atkins, Dr. Wayne E. Gable, Dr. Walter E. Williams. CSE Emeritus Board of Directors includes: Charles G. Koch, Chairman, Gordon Cain, Dr. Richard H. Flink, F. Kenneth Iverson and William Vandersteel.

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New Residence Hall Opened at UNCP

PEMBROKE, N.C.--- On a cold and windy Wednesday UNC Pembroke officials cut the ribbon opening Pine Residence Hall.

University officials said the new residence hall marks the beginning of a new age of growth and construction on campus. It is the first new residence hall at UNCP in 28 years.

Pine Hall, which opened to students on Aug. 15, is a state-of-the-art, 300-bed residence hall. Tours that followed the ceremony revealed a dorm with all the modern conveniences, including Internet, phone and cable TV connections in every room, a computer lab, card-access security and a laundry that accept student debit cards.

Chancellor Allen C. Meadors said the residence hall symbolizes "the future of a university that is progressive and on the move."

"If this residence hall had not opened when it did, 75 students would have been without a place to stay on campus," Chancellor Meadors said, referring to the record-setting boom in enrollment and residential living this year.

Students are very pleased with the new residence hall, said Student Government President Veronica Hatton.

"We are making this institution better and better every day," Ms. Hatton said. "A lot of learning has taken place in Pine Hall since it opened."

Bruce Jenner, Olympic athlete to speak at UNCP January 9

PEMBROKE--- Bruce Jenner, one of the world's most popular Olympic athletes, is sharing his secrets for success with The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Jenner is speaking Tuesday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Givens Performing Arts Center, as part of the university's Distinguished Speaker Series. This event is \$5 for the general public.

Jenner captivated the world in 1976 when he broke the world record at the Olympic Games in Montreal, scoring 8,364 points in the decathlon. His achievement earned him the title "World's Greatest Athlete," and since then he has shared his success with others through his motivational speaking presentations. Jenner has also become a highly respected sports commentator, commercial spokesman, television personality, actor, producer and author.

Jenner's message, "Finding The Champion Within," has earned him acclaim with audiences ranging from high school students to corporate executives. He has presented his program to such companies as Coca-Cola, VISA, Anheuser-Busch, MCI, Toyota, Kawasaki and Holiday Inn.

The athlete has also become an entrepreneur. With wife, he launched

Board of Trustees Chair Thomas Jones II, an alumna, said the building is a dream come true.

"I promised two years ago at the ground breaking, that we would build the Ritz-Carlton of Robeson County," Mr. Jones said. "We have kept that promise."

"This facility is a perfect example of what the bond referendum that North Carolina voters approved on November 7 envisions for this university's future," he said.

"Soon, we will build a new science building that will enhance UNCP's reputation for training outstanding science and medical students. We will also build another residence hall."

Other speakers included Dr. Waltz Maynor, secretary-treasurer of the Alumni Association and Dr. Diane Jones, vice chancellor for Student Affairs. The UNCP Flute Ensemble, directed by Dr. Elizabeth Maisonpierre, provided music.

Pine Hall was constructed at a cost of nearly \$9 million and was funded in part by the North Carolina General Assembly.

It rises four stories from its foundation and features study rooms on each floor, a large meeting room with kitchen and a lobby with a receptionist. It is a co-ed residence hall that offers suites in two formats: four single bedrooms with a living area and bath and two double-occupancy rooms with a bath.

his own infomercial series called "SuperFit With Bruce and Kris Jenner." Their show features health and fitness products such as Stair Climber Plus and the Power Trainer.

In addition to offering coverage for a variety of sports on NBC, including track and field, surfing, motocross and auto racing, Jenner is an author, having published "The Decathlon Challenge: Bruce Jenner's Story" and "Bruce Jenner's Viewer's Guide to the Olympics." He has also appeared on TV shows "Live With Regis and Kathy Lee," "CHIPS," "Oprah" and "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno."

Jenner is also committed to furthering the efforts of youth organizations, especially those for the mentally and physically handicapped. The National Dyslexia Research Foundation, California Special Olympics, and the Children's Hope Foundation are just a few of the organizations Jenner has passionately served on advisory councils for.

The UNCP Distinguished Speaker series has brought such honored celebrity speakers as Deborah Norville and James Carville to the UNCP campus. Also appearing in 2001 are Dr. Julian Bond, civil rights activist, on February 14, and retired Lt. Col. Oliver North on April 10.



Randall Eric Blue

Randall Eric Blue Earns Eagle Scout Award

Randall Eric Blue of Boy Scout Troop 309 was honored at a Special Eagle Scout Ceremony on Saturday, December 9, at Bear Swamp Baptist Church.

To earn Scouting's highest award, Blue had to earn 21 Merit Badges, and complete a major community service project. His community service project involved raising money for a Homeless Shelter, the Lumberton Christian Care Center. To earn the funds required two yard sales, bake sale, garage painting and other activities. Blue worked diligently leading other Scouts and adults with these projects, taking more than two months to complete.

Blue has been a member of Troop 309, chartered by Prospect United Methodist Church, for six years. He served the Troop as Patrol Leader, Assistant and Senior Patrol Leaders.

William S. Britt conducted Blue's Eagle Board of Review revealing that Blue became an Eagle Scout on June 13, 2000.

His Scout Masters, Delton Waltman, Harry McMillan, Dwight Locklear and Glen Locklear, gave the obligation of an Eagle Scout. These obligations include that an Eagle Scout must display the characteris-

tics of Honor, Loyalty, Courage, Service and Vision.

Harry McMillan conducted the lighting of the Eagle Trail. This Trail took him from a full fledged Scout to Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star Life and finally Eagle.

Delton Waltman gave the Eagle Oath, Eagle Charge and then presented the Eagle Badge to Blue.

Rev. Timmy Chavis, Pastor of Bear Swamp Church, was guest speaker. Following the Ceremony Dwight Locklear gave the benediction.

Blue is a senior at Purnell Swett High School. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club and Art Club. He played Varsity Football in grades 9, 10 and 11. He also attended AISES camp in Grades 7-10 (American Indian Science and Engineering Society).

At church Blue participated in the Bible Drill and was a State Winner and sings in the Youth Choir. He plans to attend college in the fall of 2001.

Blue is the son of Randall and Sylvia Blue. His grandparents are Adolph and Dorothy Blue and Purcell and Della Hunt.

Blue would like to extend his greatest thanks to everyone who has contributed toward his achievement.

College Financial Aid Resources Help Families

'Tis the season to be jolly, and for many families with seniors in high school, it's also the season to get busy with financial aid applications for college.

Experts ACT offer the following information to help families find the resources they need to complete their financial aid paperwork.

The most important form is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA determines eligibility for student financial aid from federal programs. Colleges and universities also use the FAFSA, but also require students to fill out additional forms. Families can begin submitting their FAFSA forms anytime after Jan. 1 when they have the necessary income statements from the previous year to complete the form.

The FAFSA, available from high school counselors or at www.fafsa.ed.gov, collects information that is used to determine how much the family is expected to contribute toward the student's education (Expected Family Contribution, or EFC).

Families usually receive a Student Aid Report three to four weeks after submitting the FAFSA form. It will summarize the data reported on the application. (Families can get estimates of what their EFC may be and the costs of attending specific institutions by using ACT's Financial Aid Need Estimator at www.act.org/fane.)

Families can find information on

more than 600,000 scholarships totaling more than \$1.6 billion at www.collegent.com. This website provides a broad search of scholarships or a list of scholarships by category such as age, academics, ethnicity, interests, nationality or sports. Students also can apply online for the scholarships. For additional opportunities, including local scholarships, please see year school counselor.

Financial Aid tips from ACT

- *Apply early for admission and financial aid
- *Check with your college to determine if other financial aid forms are required
- *Apply for scholarships and grants
- *Look into Work Study programs
- *Surf the web for financial aid information
- *Try these websites:

Financial Aid Need Estimator and financial aid information--- www.act.org/fane

Free scholarship search--- www.collegent.com

The Financial Aid Information Page--- www.finaid.org

The Federal Government Financial Aid Page--- www.ed.gov/finaid.html

Free Application for Federal Student Aid--- www.fafsa.ed.gov

College Scholarship Search--- www.collegent.com

Scholarship scams--- www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edcams/scholarship

UNCP's School of Education rated Exemplary

PEMBROKE, NC--- The School of Education at UNC Pembroke was rated "exemplary" in the second Performance Report issued Thursday by the State Board of Education.

Overall UNCP ranked second out of 47 colleges and universities which train teachers in North Carolina, and first among universities with enrollment under 10,000. Only four schools were ranked exemplary while five were rated low performing.

UNCP outscored all but UNC Greensboro, earning 136 out of 150 points. In the first report, the School of Education scored 120 for a rating that "meets expectations" of the State Board of Education.

Each institution was rated in three overall categories, students' performance on national tests, involvement with public schools and compliance with accreditation standards.

"This is truly outstanding news, and we are extremely proud of this achievement," Chancellor Allen C. Meadors said. "Our School of Education and Dean Zoe Locklear should be especially pleased with the results of their hard work. They have proved once again that you can get an exceptionally high quality degree at a small university that puts students first."

"This is another example of the outstanding programs offered at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke," Chancellor Meadors said. "Our sincere hope is that our reputation as a truly outstanding School of Education will help us attract and graduate more public school teachers for our region."

Dr. Locklear, dean of the School of Education, said her faculty took the performance standards in the report very seriously and made serious efforts to improve their scores. The

good news, she said, is their hard work paid off.

"We're just so excited about this news," Dr. Locklear said. "We do a lot with a very small faculty and staff, and we do a lot that is not measured in that report."

"We are able to do a lot with limited resources," Dean Locklear said, noting that UNC Greensboro has 81 full-time faculty members compared to 13 for UNCP Pembroke. "We have a great faculty and staff who are very committed to their university, the public schools and the region," she said.

The performance report for colleges and universities that train teachers was mandated by the Excellent Schools Act of 1997 and measures a wide variety of areas. The State Board of Education administers the program.

"North Carolina must have not only a qualified, but also a high quality, teacher in every public school classroom in this state, and this report allows us to determine how well our colleges and universities are preparing teachers to enter the profession," State Board of Education Chairman Phillip J. Kirk Jr. said. "The most important element of this report may be the requirement that institutions identify ways to overcome deficiencies in their programs. The Board is very interested in finding ways to encourage each program to improve."

The performance report notes a 14 percent statewide increase in enrollment in teacher education programs and a 30 percent increase in enrollment in lateral entry programs.

The other schools rated exemplary were UNC Asheville and Greensboro College.

Christmas comes early to Robeson County Group Home

Christmas came early to 22 Robeson County Group Home residents this year. On Saturday, the residents were treated their very own Christmas Party at Branch Street United Methodist Church in Lumberton.

Pat Priest lives in one of the homes in Maxton. She has attended the annual event for the past 10 years. "I look forward to it every year," she said. "I like to be with other people, serving the Lord and dressing up."

The event was sponsored by members of the 11 Native American Churches in the Rockingham District of the United Methodist Conference. Branch Street United Methodist has been hosting the event for a decade.

Sylvia Huggins, assistant pastor at Branch Street, began the annual event following her tenure as administrator for the Robeson County Group Homes.

"During the time I was administrator, I realized that disabled folks and few opportunities to come together and celebrate in comparison to mainstream society," she said.

Huggins says she has seen firsthand how painful the holidays can be for some of the group home residents.

"The holidays are difficult for many of them," she said. "Some of them have no family, but as the Body of Christ - they are our family."

James Moore, Director of Human Resources for the City of Lumberton, is the chairman of the board of directors.

Moore, his wife, Martha, son James "Hank" and his nephew Justin were in attendance. Moore said his daughter, Kristalin was away at college or she would have been in attendance.

"They (his family) look forward to it," he said. "We are trying to instill in them the need to make a difference in people's lives. We think it's great!"

Moore says he is thankful for the residents having the opportunity to socialize with each other.

"This is a labor of love and one that can make a difference," he said. "It gives the group a chance to come together - and these people are important."

Richard McDowell has been at-

tending the event for the past three years. "I like the fellowship, the eating and talking to people," he said. "I also like it because it is a celebration of the Lord and our Savior Jesus Christ's birthday."

McDowell was dressed in his Sunday best, a navy blue suit, shiny black shoes and a black cane to match. He asked the photographer if he could

take a picture of him - one that he could keep. "I don't have pictures of myself," he said. "I sure would appreciate it."

With Christmas music playing softly in the background, the residents had their fill of turkey and stuffing, rice and gravy, corn, potato salad and tea. The food was prepared and served by volunteers from the 11 churches. Blanton's Barkey of Lumberton, supplied pies for dessert.

Priest eyed the dessert but said she was going to try to be good this year. "I don't want to gain a lot of weight," she said. "I've got to watch what I eat tonight even if it does look good."

Robert Grice, Chief of Police for the city of Lumberton, was part of the

festivities. He is also a board member and teaches most of the residents in his Sunday School class at First Baptist Church. The church is located on Walnut Street in Lumberton. He has taught the class for the past 11 years.

"I enjoy anything we can do to help these folks," Grice said. "You can't be around them and not love them."

The event culminated with each of the residents receiving a bag full of goodies, items that the residents had on a wish list they submitted to Huggins. She says the entire event is a labor of love.

"We want them to have the opportunity to experience the full meaning of Christmas," she said. "Their disabilities should not be seen through the eyes of intolerance - but as a gift entrusted to all of those paths they cross."

Priest, sporting Christmas tree earrings and an emerald green dress, was hoping for more jewelry. "I like the way it sparkles in the light," she said. "I love to get all dressed up and put on all my jewelry, it's fun."

Merry Christmas! Have a safe and happy holiday season!
Connie Brayboy
and the staff of the Carolina Indian Voice