

Jackie Clark Promoted to New Vice Chancellor Post

PEMBROKE, N.C. - Admissions Director Jackie Clark has been promoted to vice chancellor of UNC Pembroke's new Office of Enrollment Management, according to an announcement by Chancellor Allen C. Meadors. The appointment is effective Nov. 1.

The new office will incorporate the Offices of Admissions, Financial Aid, Advisement and Retention and some related Support Services.

Ms. Clark has been very successful in the Admissions Office with total enrollment up 32 percent and freshman enrollment up more than 50 percent in two years, Chancellor Meadors said. Average SAT scores and GPAs for incoming freshman have also risen over that period.

"Ms. Clark has shown the ability to adapt to change and to lead her staff in the change process," Chancellor Meadors said. "Over the next several years, we will need to focus on our entire enrollment management process, and I know that Ms. Clark will provide the tireless leadership necessary to move this great university forward in the area of enrollment management."

"We welcome her as a member of the executive administrative team," he said.

Ms. Clark is a UNCP graduate and a 12-year UNCP employee. She has worked in several other offices, including Advisement and Retention, Student Support Services and Freshman Seminar.

"I have enjoyed the many opportunities to serve the university over the years," Ms. Clark said. "We have set some very aggressive goals, and we have made a great deal of progress."

"UNC Pembroke was a great place to study when I was an undergraduate, and it was a great place for my daughter, who graduated in 2000," she said. "I have a natural passion for this university and for helping it grow."

The new office poses many challenges, Ms. Clark said.



Starting up a new office is always a challenge," she said. "There will be great deal of information to assess and programming to develop."

The new Office of Enrollment Management will be located at 432 Lumbee Hall.

Ms. Clark received a Master's of Education degree in Guidance and counseling from Campbell University. She was a high school guidance counselor and counselor with several programs at UNCP. She also worked for the U. S. Department of Defense in Germany as a Community Service Center manager.

She has received advanced training in enrollment management, student retention, marketing and admissions. She is an enrollment management consultant with Noel-Levitz, Inc., a national leader in higher education consulting.

Ms. Clark is married to Dexter Clark, and they have two children: Jessica, a law student at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and Tara, a doctoral candidate in anthropology at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



David Hunt Represented Lumbee River EMC in Statewide Pole-Top Rescue Competition

Raleigh, NC-- David Hunt represented Lumbee River EMC in the 8th Biannual Pole-Top Rescue Competition held this year at the N.C. State Fairgrounds on October 18. Sponsored by North Carolina's electric cooperatives, the statewide safety competition tested rescue skills of linemen representing 24 cooperatives from across the state.

David Hunt had to scale a pole to 20 feet, lower a 120-pound dummy to safety, call for emergency assistance and begin lifesaving procedures. Judges selected winners based on speed and adherence to safety rules. David Hunt's time was 2 minutes, 11 seconds.

"Everybody in the state looks forward to this event because the competition is so intense," said Tommy Greer, NCAEC's Job Training and Safety Director and former Brunswick Electric Membership Cooperative lineman. "We all understand that these lifesaving skills are the most important a lineman must have and pray will never have to use."

David began working for Lumbee River EMC in 1980 and is currently a Crew Foreman. He lives in the Rowland area with his wife, Renae, Children, Corey and Tracie, and grandson, Triston, and is a member of Reedy Branch Baptist Church.

Patricia Fields Picked to Lead GPAC



Patricia Fields has been hired as director for UNC Pembroke's Givens Performing Arts Center, the region's largest stage for the arts.

Ms. Fields has 15 years of experience in public assembly facility management at the Cumberland County Civic Center. She served as director of promotions, marketing and sales.

A GPAC, she will be responsible for overall marketing and operations of the 1,700 seat stage.

UNCP sponsors four major series at the performing arts center-the distinguished Speaker Series, the Broadway and More Series, the Nostalgia Series and the Family Night Out Series. The building is also home to university and community events,

including the Miss Lumbee Pageant. She reports to Dr. Diane S. Jones, vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

"We feel fortunate to have Ms. Fields join the UNCP family," Dr. Jones said. "She brings a wealth of experience, expertise and energy to this position."

"She will be a valuable asset to us in promoting and marketing GPAC and the wonderful performers we bring each year," she said. "Miss Fields is very personable and professional. I look forward to working with her."

"She is excited about the great product we have to offer, and I feel confident that our performing arts center will continue to expand and receive quality programming recognition under Ms. Fields' leadership."

Ms. Fields said she is pleased to join a program with a history of high quality entertainment.

"GPAC has a wonderful, wonderful product," she said. "It is my job to increase subscriptions, sponsorships and patrons and to make GPAC a household name. I hope to bring GPAC to the forefront here in Robeson County and continue expansion into the surrounding region."

"I believe there are still people in the region who do not know what a real jewel they have at GPAC," Ms. Fields said. "Our overall season is the best slate of entertainment and the best value in the region."

A Parkton, NC native, Ms. Fields graduated from UNCP in 1996, majoring in criminal justice. She is married to Richard Fields and resides in the Bladen County community of Tobermory.

Southern Gospel Music Talent Search

NASHVILLE-- Southern Communications of Nashville, Tennessee is conducting a song and artist search. The Southern Gospel Talent Search will offer grand-prize winners a national release to Southern Gospel Radio. Entry forms are now available. All entries must be received no later than Friday, December 14, 2001.

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This year's judges include Cindy Goff and Southern Communications. Credits include: The Martins, The Gaither Vocal Band, April Potter-Holleman, The Harper Agency, Legacy Five, The McKameys, Rhonda Thompson, Daywind Records, Gold City, The Steeles, Aaron Wilburn, Songwriter/Artist, Karen Peck, New River and The Happy Goodmans.

To receive entry information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2146, Hendersonville, TN. 37077, or call 615-844-1700.

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Our Tribal Constitution

by Cynthia L. Hunt

Last week we began reviewing the recently adopted Lumbee Tribal Constitution. Before we continue our review of Article I, I would like to take this opportunity to discuss the amendment process. Several tribal members have posed various questions regarding this process.

Article XIII of the Lumbee Tribal Constitution, outlines a process for tribal members and the tribal council to amend the Constitution. An amendment to the document can be proposed by either two-thirds vote of the Tribal Council or by a petition bearing the signatures of five (5) percent of tribal members eighteen years of age or older. Once this petition is complete, it must be submitted to the Tribal Elections Board for certification. Upon certification, the Elections Board is required to post the proposed amendment within ten (10) working days at appropriate public places and publish the proposed amendment in newspapers.

Within sixty (60) days after the posting and publication of the proposed amendment, the Tribal Elections Board is required to conduct a special election on the proposed amendment. The amendment shall be adopted if a majority of qualified voters votes in favor of the amendment. If the amendment is adopted, the Elections Board is required to post the amendment in the appropriate public places. They are also required to publish the amendment in local newspapers with notice that the amendment has been adopted by a special election. The amendment will become effective ten (10) working days after it has been posted and published.

It is important to note all tribal members will be given an opportunity to vote on any proposed amendment. This is true whether the tribal council or the tribal membership proposes the amendment. If the tribal council would propose an amendment, the same process would have to be followed, except they would not be required to collect any signatures of tribal members. However, two-thirds of the tribal council, or 15 council members, would be needed for that body to propose a change to the Constitution. They would be required to submit their proposed amendment to the Tribal Elections Board and at that time, Board would follow the same procedure discussed above.

Recently, Ms. Connie Brayboy has begun collecting signatures for a proposed amendment to change the definition of tribal territory. This amendment would change the tribal territory from the State of NC to Robeson and adjoining counties. Several reasons have been stated as to why this proposed amendment is important. However, some tribal members have questioned why one would want to change a document that they just voted to adopt. Personally speaking, I voted for the document to provide parameters for the tribal council. I did not agree with the definition of tribal territory, however, I felt it was important to adopt a tribal governing document. It was my opinion that the document should be adopted and that any necessary changes could be made at a later date. Please remember that a constitution is a living and breathing document. The US Constitution was adopted in 1789 and contains 25 amendments.

In conclusion, please encourage your representative on the tribal council to focus on appointing the Lumbee Tribal Elections Board, as they are required to do under our Constitution. This Board is an independent body appointed by the Council to oversee all tribal elections. The Board will consist of five (5) tribal members serving six (6) year terms and they can only serve one (1) term.

Next week we will continue our review of our tribal constitution.

Scholarship Program Offers \$1,000 Awards to Agriculture Students

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 8, 2001-- Students pursuing careers in agriculture are encouraged to apply for a scholarship from the Careers in Agriculture scholarship program, jointly sponsored by Agrilience, Land O'Lakes Farmland Feed and Croplan Genetics. High school seniors from throughout the country who will enroll in a two- or four-year agronomy or livestock curriculum in the fall of 2002 are eligible to apply. Fifty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

"Students with leadership abilities and an interest in agriculture are needed to fill a variety of positions in our industry," said Annette Degnan, scholarship committee chairperson. "The Careers in Agriculture scholarship program helps promising students gain the education they need to obtain these positions."

For the past 13 years, Careers in Agriculture has encouraged bright young students to pursue agricultural careers by awarding more than \$300,000 in scholarships.

To qualify for the program, students must meet the following criteria: Be a high school senior planning to enroll in a two- or four-year livestock or agronomy-related curriculum in the fall of 2002; Reside in one of the 50 states; Demonstrate both leadership abilities and academic performance;

and Write an essay describing why he or she is interested in an agricultural career.

Applications are available from participating local cooperatives or on the Agrilience web site at www.agrilience.com in the Careers section. All applications must be returned via regular mail by March 1, 2002, to be eligible. Winners will be notified by mail in May. For more information or to request an application, call 800-232-3639, ext. 4584.

Agrilience, LLC, St. Paul, Minn., is an agronomy marketing joint venture formed by Land O'Lakes, Inc., CHS Cooperatives, and Farmland Industries, Inc. Agrilience markets crop nutrients, crop protection products, seed, information management, and crop technical services to farmers and ranchers through local cooperatives and independent dealers in all 50 states, Canada and Mexico.

Croplan Genetics is a full-line seed company serving Agrilience, LLC. Seed is marketed in 32 states, primarily in the northern half of the United States and Canada.

Land O'Lakes Farmland Feed, LLC is a national farmer-owned agricultural cooperative serving more than 1,000,000 producers and their families through 2,800 community cooperative throughout the United States.

Maxton Plans Christmas Parade

The Town of Maxton is again making plans for an exciting and wonderful Christmas Parade for this upcoming holiday season. Participation in the parade is free. You may also purchase Booth Space for \$30 for food and \$35 for food and crafts and \$25 for crafts.

The town office is now accepting call in entries for the parade through December 5, 2001. When you call, make sure you leave a telephone number where you can be reached and the name of a contact. Please call between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Town of Maxton welcomes cars, floats, bands, marching groups, trucks, etc., in the parade. Line-up will start at Townsend Middle School on December 8th around 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, December 8 in the date of the Maxton Parade. For further information call the Town Office of Mrs. Delia Quaison at 910-844-3431 during the day.

Oxendine & Locklear Family Reunion

On November 24, 2001, at 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Deep Branch Annex Building next to Deep Branch School we will get together for our family reunion. Please contact: Jeff Oxendine at 521-3346, Dollar Bill Oxendine at 422-8129, Viola Oxendine at 521-4590 or Leola Oxendine at 521-8032 for more information.

First Bank Employees and Customers Help Family Relief Efforts of the September 11, 2001 Attack

If you have seen the little flags that many folks around the Pembroke area are wearing on their clothes, than it was probably made by the staff and the Pembroke office of first bank. Thanks to the customers, family and friends of First Bank we collected \$1020.00 and the funds were mailed to the family Relief Fund in New York and Washington DC.

The First Bank staff would like to thank the many customers; friends and family for supporting this cause and helping to raise the funds.



Angela Chavis, Customer service Rep; Peggy Hunt, Loan Officer; Tellers: Stephanie Jacobs, April Dial, Lynette Jacobs, Kim Shoemaker, and Rebecca English, and Lucille Locklear, Branch Manager in the Pembroke office would like to wish each and everyone of You a Blessed Holiday Season.

Emergency Physician Joins SRMC Medical Staff



Mark T. Nelson, M.D.

Mark T. Nelson, M.D. has joined the medical staff of Southeastern Regional Medical Center as an Emergency Services physician.

A native of Tacoma, Washington, Dr. Nelson earned his medical degree from the University of Kansas in Kansas City in 1989. After finishing a one-year internship at the University of Illinois in Chicago in 1990, he

completed a three year residency in anesthesiology there in 1993.

"After working in a small emergency room, I felt the necessity to become educated in emergency medicine," said Dr. Nelson. "I still practice anesthesia as well. I intend to do both the rest of my life. Any time I think of only doing one I feel incomplete."

Dr. Nelson completed a one year fellowship in emergency medicine at Duke University Medical Center in 2000. He decided to work at SRMC after his fellowship because he felt it was a good place in which to enhance his skills.

"This is an emergency room that has high volume and high acuity. I get to cultivate, develop and not lose any of my skills," he said. "The people here are very sincere and are among the most grateful people I've had the pleasure to treat. They are pleasant and un-demanding."

He is certified by the American Board of Anesthesiology. He makes his home in Southern Pines, NC.