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UNCP Homecoming February 20-21

PEMBROKE, N.C. - "Building on a Legacy of Commitment" is the theme for UNC Pembroke's Homecoming 2004. Homecoming is scheduled for the weekend of February 20-21.

The week is filled with events for students including a Homecoming Parade through downtown Pembroke at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, February 19. A pep rally in Jones Athletic Center will follow at 4:30 p.m. and wrestling action begins at 6:30 p.m. against Anderson College in the center.

Alumni, students and friends are expected to turn out in large numbers for several weekend events, including a performance by the Four Tops on Friday and comedian Bruce Bruce on Saturday. Both shows are at 8:00 p.m. in the Givens Performing Arts Center. For tickets information, call (910) 521-6361.

The 2004 Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned at halftime during the men's basketball game against Kennesaw State University. The men's game is at 4 p.m., preceded by the women's game at 2 p.m. in the main gym of Jones Athletic Center.

For returning alumni, a complimentary kick-off Registration Social is Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of Lumbee Hall. It will end for the Four Tops concert at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, there will be guided golf cart and walking tours for alumni beginning from 9 a.m. to noon. A demonstration will be held from 9-10 a.m. in the University Center (U.C.).

At 10 a.m., there is an alumni soccer reunion at the Belk Track and Soccer Complex. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Career Center (Suite 210, U.C.) and the University Bookstore will be open for visitors.

The classes of 1954, 1979, 1994 and 1999 will celebrate their reunions at noon luncheon in the U.C. Cafeteria. The luncheon is \$10 per person. Reservations may be made by calling the Alumni Office at (910) 521-6533.

A highlight of every UNCP Homecoming is the Awards recipients are Dr. Waltz Maynor for Distinguished Service and his wife, Louise, as Outstanding Alumna.

A Robeson County native, Dr. Waltz Maynor earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics in 1959 from UNCP, a Master of Arts degree in Mathematics from Appalachian State University and his doctorate from Duke University in education administration and research. He is retired from faculty of North Carolina Central University, where he also served in a number of administrative positions

including chair of the Department of Education.

Dr. Maynor has been involved in community projects both in Durham, where he lives and in Pembroke, including Lumbee Tribal issues. The Red Cross, the North Carolina Museum of History, the National Museum of the American Indian and the North Carolina Museum of Art among others. He also chaired a committee that was successful in building a public library in the Town of Pembroke.

Dr. Louise Cummings Maynor, also from Robeson County, earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from UNCP in 1965. She earned of Arts degree in English from Appalachian State University and a doctorate in English education from Duke University. She currently serves as chair of the Department of English and Mass Communications at North Carolina Central University.

Dr. Maynor has won many awards for teaching, including the UNC Board of Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. She is currently serving as chair of the North Carolina Advisory Council on Indian Education.

Also at the Awards Banquet, two new members will be added to the Athletic Hall of Fame. Tecumseh Brayboy III and Major Alex Gaines will be enshrined alongside 59 former athletes and administrators.

A 1964 graduate of UNCP, Brayboy was four-year baseball standout catcher for the Braves baseball team. His career fielding percentage was an impressive .985. He recorded a solid .384 batting average during his junior year.

Currently, Brayboy works with the Halifax County Schools and lives in Warrenton, N.C.

A Native of Fayetteville, U.S. Air Force Major Gaines is a 1991 graduate of UNCP. He was a four-year letter winner and the school record for goals scored in a career at 44.

The banquet is \$25 per person. Reservations may be made by calling (910) 521-6533 before February 6.

The Alumni Dance starts at 10 p.m. in the U.C. Lounge and will feature an outstanding Charlotte band, U-Neek Flav'ur. One of the most exciting live bands in the region, the play R&B, Rock, Beach and Top 40 dance music. The cost of the dance is \$15 per person. Guest are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance.

For more Homecoming information, please visit: www.uncp.edu/alumni/homecoming/index/homecoming/index.



Baptist minister celebrates 50th birthday

On January the 1st 2004 Rev. Earney Hammonds celebrated his 50th birthday at the Ten Mile Center Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Special guests in attendance were Miss Lindsay Jacobs Teen Miss Lumbee and Rebekah Revels who performed during the celebration. The party was hosted by his wife Wanda Hammonds and children Miriam and Israel Dean Hammonds. Rev. Hammonds is shown with Revels, left, and Jacobs, right.

Jacobs passes uniform Certified Public Accounting examination



RALEIGH, NC - On February 2, 2004, the North Carolina State Board of Certified Accountant Examiner announced that Larry Jacobs of Raeford was one of the 248 North Carolina candidates who passed the two-day, four-part Uniform CPA Examination held this past November in Raleigh. Robert Brooks, the Board's Executive Director, stated that of the 248 individuals who passed the exam, 83 candidates passed all four parts of the exam and 165 candidates

passed all parts for which they were sitting. The successful exam candidates must now complete the requirements for licensure before being granted the CPA title. The Uniform CPA Examination focuses on the board range of knowledge and skills CPAs need to plan and implement a public accounting engagement. Candidates' knowledge and skills are tested in four major areas- Business Law & Professional Responsibilities; Auditing; Accounting & Reporting- Taxation, Managerial, Governmental, and Not-for-Organizations; and Financial Accounting & Reporting. Jacobs is a graduate of Campbell University with a Master in Business Administration and he is employed by Lumbee River EMC in Red Springs N.C. as Vice President of Finance and Administration. He is the son of Berline Jacobs and the late Garfield Jacobs of Fairmont N.C.

Health Fair for Strickland Heights

The Pembroke Housing Authority, in partnership with the Native American Health Ministries, will sponsor a Free health Fair located at 703 Strickland Heights. The Health Fair will include blood pressure and other health information. The Health Fair has been scheduled for February 20, 2004 from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call 521-1030 (voice) or 800 545-1833, ext 761 (TDD)

Local radio station made a difference

Fayetteville, NC - 2/9/04 - Radio station WKML hosted its annual 17th annual Country Cares for St. Jude Kids radiothon on February 4-5, 2004. The radiothon raised money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the world's premier center for the research and treatment of catastrophic childhood diseases. Last year, County Cares raised more than \$25 million in pledges nationwide and WKML helped contribute to that total, thanks to its generous listeners. WKML raised over \$145,000 for the hospital setting a station record for funds raised during this two-day event.

The Country Cares for St. Jude Kids program began 15 years ago, after Randy Owen, lead singer of the music group ALABAMA, met St. Jude founder Danny Thomas. Since its inception, Country Cares has grown to be one of most successful radio fund-raising events in the nation, with more than 200 radio station partners raising more than \$200 million in pledges. WKML was one of the pioneer stations to help implement this program over 15 years ago and even had started their radiothon before this event became a nation-wide program.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by the late entertainer Danny Thomas and based in Memphis, Tenn., St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fund-raising organization. For more information, please call 1-800-822-6344 or visit www.countrycares.org or www.stjude.org

State primary to be delayed until July 20th

Raleigh - As a result of the State Board of Elections action this morning to delay the state primary until July 20th, the North Carolina Democratic Party has implemented its Contingency Delegate Selection Plan and will hold presidential preference county caucuses to select delegates to the Democratic National Convention. The caucuses will take place in at least one location in each county from 8:00 a.m. To noon on April 17th. The Contingency Delegate Selection Plan has minor technical revisions since it was last published and will be available on the party's website- www.ncdp.org - by 2 p.m. today. As details emerge concerning the exact caucus procedures, locations and other pertinent information, will keep you apprised.

Pembroke's Charly Lowry Makes Top 32 on American Idol

By Vinita Clark

PEMBROKE, NC - Many residents of the town of Pembroke and thousands of members of the Lumbee tribe have been glued to their televisions as they watched as one of their own selected as one of the top 32 to compete for the title of "American Idol" this past week. Charly Lowry of Pembroke "amazed" the judges with her rendition of "Proud Mary" recorded by Ike and Tina Turner. In her black spaghetti string blouse and matching skirt, Lowry gave the song a "brand new meaning." However, her first comments walking into the audition were that she was a Native American and a proud member of the 48,000 Lumbee tribe who are strong and beautiful people. After her audition, Simeon Cowell said "it was an old song." He also said "you're going to Hollywood." Paula Abdul said she loved Charly Lowry, her voice, her presence and her energy. Judge Randy Jackson stated "I felt that... I felt you."

Lowry has been singing for many years. She is a former beauty queen of the Lumbee tribe. In 1999, Lowry was a cast member of the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind!" In the following years she performed in the pre-show of the outdoor drama and at other events throughout the area.

Now, the contestants are being divided into 4 groups of eight. A different group will perform each week. The person who gets the lowest votes will be sent home. There will be 3 selected from each group. Two will be selected by the viewers and one "Wild Card" will be selected by the judges. Last season, Clay Alkins of Raleigh held one of the wild card spots. Television audience will be able to call in their votes by viewing the number on the screen which is usually 1-800-IDOLO (and the contestants number.) Or by using A T & T Wireless and texting in their vote as led by the television screen. Results will be given live the following night.

You can visit the American Idol website www.idolonfox.com and see who is performing each week. You can click on the word contestants and visit Charly's web page. A person can also leave a message on the Message Board for her and show you encouragement.

Lowry's family members are not allowed to comment on the show because of her contract. We are sincerely hoping that all Native Americans, members of the Lumbee tribe, and former cast members who worked with Lowry in the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind" will vote for Lowry to be the first Native American to be selected the American Idol.

To show their support of Charly, the Lumbee Tribal Council will be holding a fund raising this weekend. You can contact the LTG office for more information.

CHARLY, WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

MBA Program at UNCP has new director

PEMBROKE, N.C. - UNC Pembroke's MBA program is starting the New Year with a new director.

MBA Director Carmen Calabrese, who comes to UNCP from an engineering and international business background, is currently developing a day program to attract a different type of student.

"Our evening program is geared towards established professionals who are interested in career growth and development," Dr. Calabrese said. "The day program will concentrate on younger students seeking to continue their college education and who wish to accelerate career growth."

The new day program is a natural development for a relatively new program, said Dr. Eric Dent, Dean of the School of Business.

"The recent growth at UNCP has allowed for a number of exciting new initiatives ranging from pursuit of the highest level of accreditation (AACSB) to possible joint ventures with prominent international universities," Dr. Dent said. "The day-time MBA program means that, for the first time promising students from this region will not have to leave the area to go to a high-quality, full-time MBA program. This important step is a milestone for increase in professional work in this region."

The day program is in the planning stages and will debut in the fall semester, 2004. Both programs will gain a new strategic focus.

"Entrepreneurship," Dr. Calabrese said. "We are focusing on the needs of our region."

The need here is for small business development. A veteran educator, Dr. Calabrese's last business stop was leading a start-up project for Nachi-Fujikoshi, Ltd., a Tokyo-based company that manufactured and marketed machine tools, robotics, bearings and cutting tools.

He will begin teaching two courses in entrepreneurship in the spring semester.

"We believe the day program will be a unique product for the region's students," Dr. Calabrese said. "We will also provide research opportunities that may be publishable and will build the student's portfolio for prospective employment."

Our graduates will gain an understanding of the global economy, especially as it affects the economic forces that impact North Carolina," he said. "We will also focus on entrepreneurial competencies." The MBA program is seeking to build its enrollment to 100 students in three years, or to nearly double size of the program.

"With a new product and new focus coming on line, we believe this goal is attainable," Dr. Calabrese said. "To accomplish our mission will require us to improve our own entrepreneurial skills, and that is another benefit."

Effort underway to preserve local Boy Scout Hut

Legal Aid of North Carolina-Pembroke, formerly known as Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc. is currently working on a project to have the local Boy Scout Hut preserved as an historic property with the State of North Carolina. If you were a member of Troop 327 under the leadership of the late Mr. Walter Pinchbeck, or the late Mr. Bernard Lowry, we would be interested in meeting with you to discuss the historic activity of the Troop. Please contact Cynthia L. Hunt at 910-521-2831 Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

FirstHealth CEO to serve as treasurer of state Hospital Association Board

PINEHURST - Charles T. Frock, president and chief executive officer of FirstHealth of the Carolinas, has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Hospital Association (NCHA). He will serve as the 2004 treasurer of the professional organization, which serves hospitals in North Carolina.

"It is a great honor to be elected to serve as treasurer of the hospital association," Frock said. "The association works closely with our elected officials, the state legislature to promote healthy communities, high-quality health care, and fair and equitable financing for health care services. I am proud and honored to be a member of its board. Frock has been in his current position with FirstHealth since 1995. Prior to that, he served as president and CEO of Moore Regional Hospital.

Free Poetry Contest Open to Pembroke residents

OWINGS MILLS, MD (USA) - The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000.00 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the Pembroke area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is May 31, 2004. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Christina Baylon, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Baylon.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19919, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by May 31, 2004. You may also enter online at www.poetry.com

The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.