

Accounting Students Association establishes book scholarship

PEMBROKE, N.C. - Accounting students at The University of North Carolina understand the effects of rising cost on the economy. That was the case this spring at UNCP when the Accounting Students Association established a scholarship to provide relief from the high textbook prices. Officers of the undergraduate student club met in March 24 with Chancellor Allen C. Meadors to discuss the \$500 book scholarship they funded. "Textbooks are so expensive for us," said Tracey Hankins, club vice president. "Last semester, I spent \$800 on books." Club President Carla Jacobs said book scholarship was the first item on the group's agenda during the 2003-4 school year. "When we were elected last spring, a scholarship was the first thing on our list," Jacobs said. "We planned the whole year around raising money, and we raised \$3,000 altogether." Chancellor Allen C. Meadors thanked the club members for its support of their support of fellow students. "Few things are more important in our society than philanthropy,"

Chancellor Meadors said. "The students in the Accounting Students Club have demonstrated their support of others by breaking down some of the financial barriers of earning a college education." Club Advisor Sharon Bell, a professor in the School of Business, said it has been a good year for the Accounting Students Club. "This has been a very active group," Bell said of the 15-member club. "There were no book scholarships for accounting students before this group established one." Funds from the Accounting Students Association Book Scholarship will go to an accounting student, who is in good academic standing at the University and with a demonstrated financial need. The \$500 annual scholarship will be available at the campus Bookstore in amounts of \$250 per semester. For more information about this scholarship or other ways to give to UNCP, please contact the Office of Donor Relations at (910) 521-6213 or email teresa.oxendine@uncp.edu.



Accounting Students Book Scholarship—From left: Club President-elect Crystal Caton, a junior from Swansboro; Treasurer-elect Cheryl Joseph, a junior from Laurinburg; Tracy Hankins, and Secretary Tracy Hankins, a senior from Fayetteville; Chancellor Meadors; President Carla Jacobs, a senior from Lumberton; Rebecca Giddens, a senior from Fayetteville; Treasurer Crystal Luther, a senior from Fayetteville; and Advisor Sharon Bell.

Pembroke area poets sought for contest

A \$1,000.00 grand prize is being offered in a new poetry contest sponsored by Celestial Arts, free to everyone. A whopping \$50,000.00 in prizes will be awarded during the coming year! "Even if you have never entered a competition before," says Poetry Editor Michael Thomas, "this is your opportunity to win big. Even if you have written only one poem it deserves to be read and appreciated. Beginners are welcome!" To enter send one poem 21 lines or less: Celestial Arts, PO Box 1140, Talent, OR 97540. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com. Be sure your name and address is on the page with your poem. The deadline for entering is May 22, 2004. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

Swing for Good Health Tournament is June 3

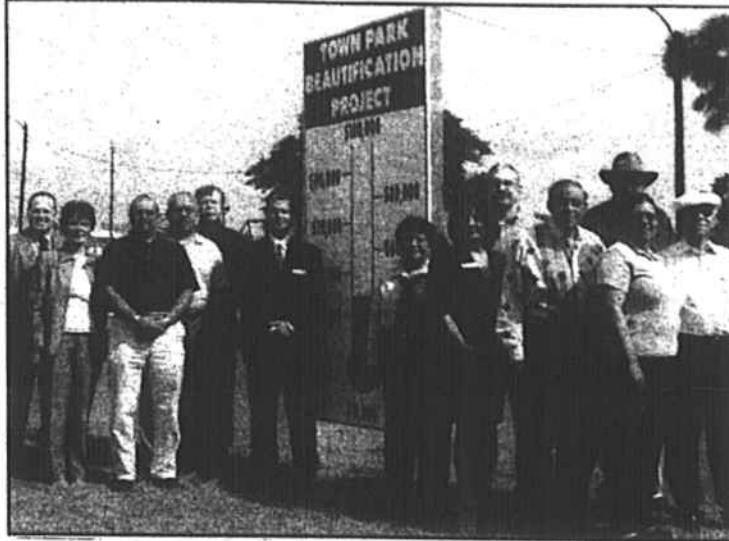
Southeastern Regional Medical Center Foundation will host their 14th annual golf tournament on Thursday, June 3 at Pinecrest Country Club. Proceeds from the event will fund health care scholarships for county residents who plan to work locally after completing training for careers in medicine, nursing and allied health. Registration and lunch begin at 11 a.m. and continue until the shotgun start at 1 p.m. The tournament format is SuperBall/Captain's Choice. Cost is \$65 per person. The fee includes mulligan and ladies' tees, cart, refreshments, lunch and prizes. A silver sponsorship costs \$125 and includes publicity and corporate recognition. A gold sponsorship is \$225 and includes entry fees for two players, mulligan, ladies tee, cart, refreshments, lunch, prizes and corporate recognition. Trophies, prizes and gift certificates will be awarded at the tournament. A hole-in-one on No. 2 wins an all expense paid trip to Hawaii. A hole-in-one on No. 12 wins two round trip airline tickets to anywhere in the continental United States. The hole-in-one contests are sponsored by Wright Travel Services, Hill-Rom and US Airways. Players should register no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, May 28. Call 671-5583 for registration information. P.O. Box 1408 300 W. 27th St. Lumberton, NC 28359 (910)671-5000 www.srmc.org

Free health checks in Maxton

Free health screenings will be held Thursday, May 20 from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Evans Crossroads Fire Department, 3440 Elrod Road in Maxton. Checks for total Cholesterol/HDL, blood pressure and blood sugar will be offered to all adults 18 years and older. Only one finger stick is required. Results are available in five minutes. These free screens are sponsored by Robeson County Partnership for Community Health. Call 671-5595 for more information.

Happy Hearts Cardiac Support Group to meet

Happy Hearts Cardiac Support Group, for people with heart disease and their family members, meets quarterly at 7 p.m. in the SRMC Assembly Room. Call 671-5067 for more information.



Park Beautification Committee—From left: Keith Branch, Diane Jones, Mike Clark, R.D. Locklear, Ron Brown, Bryan Maynor, Lucille Locklear, Teresa Oxendine, Spencer Howington, Noah Woods, Buddy Bell, Guenevere Locklear, Monroe Lowry and Larry McNeill.

Pembroke park project off to a good start

PEMBROKE, N.C. - Fundraising for the beautification of the Pembroke Town Park is off to a fast start, the steering committee announced Friday, April 30. Corporate gifts and other pacesetter contributions, totaling \$40,000, were marked on the park's fundraising "thermometer." The group hopes to raise \$175,000 to improve the park, which is at the corner of Third Street and Odum Road at the entrance to The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The project includes a veteran's memorial walkway, history exhibit, playground equipment, wrought iron fencing, landscaping, a water feature and bathrooms. "It should be a great addition for the town and the University," said Pembroke Town Manager McDuffie Cummings. "Because of its location, the park is very important to the town, and it is widely used now by Pembroke residents and visitors."

Lumbee Guaranty Bank, Healthkeeperz and Shaw Office Supplies of Lumberton contributed to the pacesetter phase of the campaign, said R.D. Locklear, president of the Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce, which is working with the town on the project. Architect Mike Clark of Native American Design Services of Pembroke is providing designs services without charge, Locklear said. Katrina Locklear of Locklear and Son Funeral Home is leading the design committee, and

Spencer Howington of Shaw Office Supplies is leading the fundraising committee.

"We've got some strong early commitments," Locklear said. "We will break ground July 1 right after the Lumbee Homecoming parade, and we hope to complete fundraising by Thanksgiving."

A part of the fundraising program is an "Own a Piece of the Park Program," said Dr. Diane Jones, UNCP's Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

"Because the park is a gateway to the University, we are partners in this project," Dr. Jones said. "We are building the park's future brick by brick with this program."

A personalized brick in the veteran's memorial walkway may be purchased for \$125. Other naming opportunities are available for benches and other features of the park.

Teresa Oxendine, a chamber director and director of donor relations at UNCP, said a brick in the veteran's walkway is a good way to remember a loved one. "I will be able to remember my father, who was a World War II veteran," Oxendine said.

An architect's model of the park is in the Pembroke Municipal Building for the public to view.

"We've got big plans for the park," Locklear said. "We will create a park like the historic parks of Savannah Ga.," he said. For information about the park, please call the Town of Pembroke at (910) 521-0647.

New four-year program expected for spring 2005

PEMBROKE, N.C. - A four year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke is expected to win full approval to admit students in the 2005 spring semester.

Dr. Roger Brown, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, updated the Board of Trustees at their quarterly meeting on April 30. The program will be added to UNCP's BSN program for registered nurses.

"The BSN program is going forward," Dr. Brown said. "The good news is that at the first reading before the state Board of Nursing, we proposed a 100-student program, and they asked us to enroll 200 students. It is a quality proposal."

Dr. Brown said the program is expected to win final approval this summer, and students will be admitted in the spring. Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton will partner with the University to provide the clinical side of the program, Chancellor Allen C. Meadors said.

Twenty new faculty members will be hired for the entire University for the next academic year, Dr. Brown said. Ten are new positions and 10 are replacement positions.

Newly elected Student Government Association (SGA) President Vanessa Jones was introduced as a new member of the board. On July 1, she will replace outgoing SGA President Nadean Hafner.

Jones is a senior, business marketing major. A Raleigh, N.C., native, she has been active on campus, volunteering as a peer tutor and as a new student orientation leader.

She is a member of UNCP's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team, which will compete for the national championship in May. She is also a founding member of UNCP's new NAACP chapter.

UNCP is preparing for another round of state budget cuts of between 1-3 percent in its 2004-05 budget. The cuts would mean a loss of \$320,000 to \$960,000.

The UNCP Board of Governors has approved a campus-based tuition hike for UNCP of \$225, which may net the University \$900,000. Several groundbreaking dates have been set for the new and renovated buildings. The new Walter J. Pinchbeck Maintenance Building will break ground May 24. The Regional Center for Economic, Community and Professional Development will break ground August 25 and the Hubert C. Oxendine Science Building August 25.

Construction is on schedule at the Oxendine Science and Adolph L. Dial Humanities building to re-open for the 2004 fall semester. The Dial Building is undergoing renovations for mold remediation and Oxendine Building is undergoing major renovation and addition of laboratories.

PSRC Boasts Ten Teaching Fellows Participants

Ten students from the Public Schools of Robeson County have been invited to participate in the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program. The most ambitious teacher recruitment program in the nation, the Teaching Fellows Program provides \$6,500 per year, for a maximum of four years of college, to 400 high school seniors who agree to teach for four years in North Carolina's public schools after being graduated from college. The qualifications for becoming a Teaching Fellow are stringent. Applicants are screened and interviewed by committees within their school district and, then, by a regional screening committee. Criteria examined includes high school grades, a writing sample, class standing, SAT/ACT scores, extracurricular activities, references, and an interview.

Graduating seniors selected for the Teaching Fellows Program from the high schools in PSRC are the following: April Lynn Cain, Darryl Matthew Howington, Chadwick Jackson Lewis, Whitney Hunter Parker, Devin Shantee Patterson, and Catherine Grace Warner from Lumberton Senior High; Gary Keith Inman, Jr. from St. Pauls High; Stephanie Marie Stutts from South Robeson High; and Anthony Andrew Barton and Matthew Brandon Blue from Purnell Swett High.

Mary Lindsay Noble from Lumberton Senior High is an official alternate. The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program is currently offered at 14 North Carolina colleges and universities.



Sen. Elizabeth Dole

Senator Elizabeth Dole to speak at UNCP Commencement

PEMBROKE, N.C. - U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole will deliver the Commencement address on May 8 at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The Saturday, 10 a.m., Spring Commencement will be held outdoors on the old soccer field next to Lumbee Hall Admission tickets are required. More than 400 students will receive diplomas and Chancellor Allen C. Meadors will preside. Sen. Dole, who grew up in Salisbury, N.C., graduated with distinctions from Duke University and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She earned a degree from Harvard Law School in 1965 and also holds a master's degree in education and government from Harvard. As Republican Senator representing North Carolina, Dole serves on the Senate Armed Services, Agriculture, Banking and Aging committees. Every year since 1996, the Gallup Poll has named her one of the top 10 most admired women in the world. Before winning election on the Senate in 2002, Sen. Dole had a remarkable public service career, serving five presidents. As Secretary of Transportation, Dole was the first woman to serve as the department head of branch of the military, the U.S. Coast

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