Chancellor adjusts to life at Pembroke

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Chancellor Kyle R. Carter said he would like to see more student and community involvement on campus.

“We always want to make sure the student experience is a good experience inside and outside of the classroom,” Dr. Carter said.

Chancellor Carter, 62, is adjusting to life at UNCP with ease, especially since he always saw himself as being a faculty member.

The Atlanta, Ga., native first became attracted to the idea of being a full-time faculty member while attending Mercer University in Macon, Ga., where he graduated in 1970 with a B.A. in psychology.

One of his professors, Dr. Juan Hendricks, became a role model for him and he wanted to be like her. He also earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in educational psychology from the University of Georgia.

While teaching at the University of Northern Colorado, Dr. Carter felt frustrated and wanted to make a difference; that’s when he became an administrative career after being faculty for 13 years.

“Being a ‘careful what you ask for,” Chancellor Carter said. “You have to ask for another and I always thought I’d be a full-time faculty member.”

Dr. Carter became the provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Central Missouri, before he took over duties as provost and senior vice chancellor at Western Carolina in 2004.

“I was always trying to do something a little different, to make things better,” he said.

Despite his administrative role, he stills loves the faculty role.

“Being a faculty member is the best job in the world,” Dr. Carter said. “You get to interact with the best people, be creative and never stop learning.”

Chancellor Carter said there are many communalities between Western Carolina University, where he was provost and senior vice chancellor, and UNCP. Stu-

dent issues is one of them.

He mentioned how the faculties are similar by their focus on keeping students interactive in the classroom.

“A lot of the faculty lives away from the university. I would like to see more of them live close by the university,” he said.

He said Western Carolina University had many of the same issues, includ-
ing low retention and students going home on the weekends. Western Car-
olina’s retention is now higher and Chancellor Carter would like to see a similar change at UNCP along with more student in-
volved.

Chancellor Carter also mentioned the number of restaurants in the area could be more student friendly and how the fast food in the area needs to be improved.

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New nursing building set to open in 2012

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In January 2012, there will be a new Nursing and Health Professions Building right next to the new dorm that is currently being built.

It will be an environmentally friendly building.

Nursing is one of the biggest majors on the UNCP campus and there is limited space.

For five years, the pro-
gram has had to expand to Southeastern Regional Medical Center located in Lumberton, N.C.

There will be three floors in this building as well as a dining area, which will include a Chick-fil-a.

Professors are “very ex-
cited to have more students back on campus,” Barbara Synowiez, professor and chair of nursing said.

The new building will make more space for more students to be admitted into the nursing program yearly.

There will be a ground breaking ceremony held on Nov. 2, 2010.

Pembroke Day draws big crowd

By Grant Merritt
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Pembroke Day, a day set aside for the town of Pembro-
ke and UNCP to come together to strengthen uni-
versity and community relations, was held on Oct. 6 after being re-scheduled because of rain the week be-
fore.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the UNCP Quad was packed with 181 university and town organizations, 56 health organizations and more than 4,000 people.

Public Communications Specialist Scott Bigelow was the master of cere-
mies for Pembroke Day. Bigelow said this was the biggest Pembroke Day he has seen.

“From what I saw, more people than the Pembroke community came out," Bigelow said. "It was probably due to the weather.”

Assistant Dean for Re-
lations Anne Coleman said this was the most big crowd the Pembroke Day has ever seen at Pembroke Day.

“The tables were packed and spread all over the place,” Coleman said. “I couldn’t believe that because I’ve never seen so many.

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