UNC system has come a long way

The NC General Assembly added NC State University and UNC Greensboro to the new UNC system in 1931. UNC Charlotte, UNC Asheville and UNC Wilmington joined in 1969. The General Assembly brought 10 more public universities into the UNC system in the 1971 restructuring.

In the latest addition, the NC School of Science and Mathematics in Durham, arrived in 2007.

Lumbees teach students Native ways

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Students, faculty, staff and community members gathered on Nov. 10 in the UNC Chapel Hill as the American Indian Heritage Month observance continued with a celebration and a Native Foods Way showcase.

Participants were able to taste Native foods prepared by Lumbee tribe elders and other community members. Native music played as attendees gathered at tables with food, such as bison chili, quinoa corn salad and cornbread. A student makes food at the Native Foodways celebration on Nov. 10.

“It’s a way to celebrate diversity,” said Robert Cañada, director of Multicultural and Minority Affairs.

Judy Barton and Caroline Stover, representatives from Sacred Pathways, prepared and served food to participants explaining what each food item and recipe was.

They said the goal was to serve Native foods that were healthy.

Also participating was Janice Fields, a representative from the Robeson County Cooperative Extension Service.

“That is a job to provide healthy recipes,” said John Fields, who prepared Native foods along with community members.

Robert Brenner, a senior majoring in music and business, said the food was good.

“The coming to events like this broadens your understanding of others,” he said.

“I came to learn about the Native culture,” said Amy Ethridge, who is currently taking the Native American Literature course.

R.G. Hammonds, a local farm owner, talked to attendees about raising rabbits and their nutritional value.

“I’ve always had a passion for bison,” Hammonds said.

The celebration also featured student presentations, which were about diversifying the Native American cultural food.

The Native American Resource Center also represented with a table showcasing Native grown foods.

“It’s a change for the students to be exposed to the Native traditions,” said Brenda Bowers, the associate curator for the Museum of the Native American Resource Center.

Alpha Pi Omega, the Native American Sorority, and Phi Sigma Nu, the Native American Fraternity, also participated in the event.

The event was sponsored by the Department of American Indian Studies, the departments of Biology and English and Theatre, the Office of Multicultural and Minority Affairs, the Center for Academic Excellence, the Office of University Communications and Marketing, the Robeson County Cooperative Extension Service, Lumbee Guaranty Bank and Rockwell Farms.

Registrator announces early-registration winners

By Kelly Mayo
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Five UNCP students received $1,000 scholarships as a reward for registering early for Spring 2012 classes.

The Registrar’s office awarded scholarships to:

• Freshman Kierstan Adams, Birth-Kindergarten Education and Musical Theatre

• Sophomore Abi Abumuhmmad, Art Education

• Junior Sarah Baree, Mass Communication

• Senior Jacinth Tweede, Pre-Nursing

• Graduate: Maurice Lee, MSA program

The Registrar’s office chose the winners at random based on students who registered on the day their time tickets opened.

University Registrar Sharon Kissick was happy to hand out the awards.

“Registrars don’t always deliver good news, so it definitely felt great to be able to call the winners of the $1,000 and share the news and their excitement,” Kissick said.

Kissick said the benefits of early registration extend beyond finances and peace of mind.

“There is plenty of research supporting the idea that students who register early have the best chance of academic success,” Kissick said.

Kissick said that UNCP will offer the opportunity again for students to win these scholarships.