The Distinguished Speaker Series will bring actress Jodie Sweetin to campus on March 23, 2010. She is soon after. With the help of a local contractor, the frame was built separate-ly, and the bright LCD screen was installed later. The frame and the LCD screen cost about $100,000 each.

According to Scott Bigelow, an information and communication spe- cialist of the University and Community Relations department, the old sign was terribly outdated and had numerous permanent damages. Bigelow said that the old sign was more than 10 years old and suffered constant abuse from the elements. Bigelow said that the new sign is fully opera-tional daily during the hours of 5 a.m. through 11 p.m. to conserve electrici-ty and cut costs. He said the new sign's intent is to inform new and current students, as well as the town of Pembroke, of the many events on campus. Some of the features of the new sign include the ability to show video footage in color on the large, bright LCD screen on the front and back. It has the same screen reso-lution as the new sign in front of the Given Performing Arts Center. The new sign is controlled by Bigelow in the University and Community Relations department in Jacobs Hall, Suite A. He uses a new program called WatchFire in which he can control the text, graphics and length of time to display the infor-mation.

The sign is also capa-ble of displaying color graphics and text.

By Ashley Williams Staff Writer

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Dr. Burnette called Pembroke Day a “town and gown event.” At Pembroke Day, tables are strategically placed with student organiza-tions directly next to local businesses. Table placement provides a sense of building relation-ships with townspeople and business owners.

On average, 3,000 people from the commu-nity and the University have participated in Pembroke Day. Student Health Services will be having a Health Fair at Pembroke Day. Some 45 vendors are set to participate. At the event, door prizes will constantly be given away. In order to participate local business owners are asked to con-tinue to door prizes. At Pembroke Day, tables will be a fun and exciting day for everyone that will par-ticipate,” Dr. Burnette said.

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Cambus welcome sign gets upgraded

The new water tower resulted from lack of appropriate pressure in the water lines throughout the campus. The facilities management project is currently managed through the planning and construction department. The project is operat-ed and maintained by the Facilities Operations Department and the Town of Pembroke supplies the water.

The establishment of new buildings and renova-tions of existing ones have required sprinklers to suppress fire, which created a need for the tower.

According to Steve Martin, assistant vice chancellor for facility management, "In order for UNC-Pembroke to continue to grow and add future buildings, we required more pressure and the water tower is the solution to this."

The cost of the new water tower is expected to be around $1.8 million. Funding was part of the overall capital funding UNCP received for the nursing-health pro-jects, which is expected to begin in the spring. That building will also have sprinklers.

By Wade Allen Editor

If rubbing elbows with world-class enter-tainers, iconic actors and other leaders appeal to you, then you certainly have to check out the stack-lined list of names that will be visiting UNCP during the academ-ic year as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series.

This year’s list of speakers was chosen by students that were appointed by the Office of Student Life for the specific task of selecting a list of speakers that could be approved by former Chancellor Allen C. Meadors.

The students whittled down a list that began with more than 500 famous names on it from all walks of life and pre-sented a list of around 10 names to be approved.

Of the approximately 10, five were chosen by the Chancellor to become part of this year’s lineup.

On Sept. 8, Bill Nye the “Science Guy” will roll into town. Nye had a television program direct-ed toward children and young adults, teaching them about science and making learning appear fun.

On Sept. 29, leg-endary rapper Chuck D will speak to students and the general public.

He is the co-founder of the rap band Public Enemy and is credited for refining rap and hip hop culture.

Next on the list is for-mer CIA covert opera-tions officer Valerie Plame Wilson.

Her name became synonymous with contro-versy as senior State Department and White House officials leaked her status to national news organiza-tions.

The late journalist Robert D. Novak pub-lished her name in his syndicated newspaper column, revealing her true identity to the world.

WNBA icon Sheryl Swoopes will appear on Jan. 21, 2010. She’s been called "the female Michael Jordan," by many people over the course of her lengthy basketball career.

Many college students grew up watching Jodie Sweetin, also known as Stephanie Judith Tanner, the middle child on the hit television series “Full House.” She will speak on March 23, 2010.

All of the speaking engagements will be held in GPAC and autograph signings have often taken place in the past after the speeches. Tickets are $10 for the general public and free for UNCP students, with seating being general admission.

For more information on tickets, call the GPAC box office at (910) 521- 3661.

New speaker series includes pop culture celebrities

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