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Department recognizes Correctional Officers of the Year

APEX – Twelve correctional officers from across the state were honored as Department of Correction Officers of the Year during a ceremony May 14.

The 12 were selected from more than 10,000 correctional officers who work for the Department. The officers were recognized for various accomplishments, ranging from acts of heroism to initiating projects to improve operations of prison facilities and supervision of offenders.

During the ceremony, Correction Secretary Theodis Beck expressed the importance of the jobs correctional officers do. "Each officer plays a critical role in preserving public safety, and we all owe them a debt of gratitude," said Secretary Beck. "To the officers being honored today, and to all those who work

across the state every day, I say thank you for a job well done."

The officers honored were: Roger B. Weber, Hoke Correctional Institution; Michael Todd Cooper, Morrison Correctional Institution; David Clark Cassady, Caswell Correctional Center; Angela Denise Powell, Caledonia Correctional Institution; Essex Lazzlo Hester, Polk Youth Institution; Debra Walser, Southern Correctional Institution; Elmer Reagon Macopson, Marion Correctional Institution; Timothy Kerley, Catawba Correctional Center; Christine W. Hinnant, Wayne Correctional Center; Michael Ray Harbin, Pender Correctional Institution; David Gilbert Schram, IMPACT East; and Garrett Robinson, IMPACT West.

(See *officer biographies* on pages 2-3)



Brenda Sanchez is the first bilingual employee to join the Victim Services staff. She acts as a liaison between the Hispanic community and the Department.

Victim Services Reaches Out to Hispanics

RALEIGH – The Office of Victim Services has a new employee who is helping reach out to the Spanish-speaking community to let people know about the services available to victims of crime.

"I'll be translating brochures and other materials, participating in forums and taking part in broadcast interviews to try and get the word out about what we do," said Brenda Sanchez, victim services coordinator. "There is so much that can be done and it is rewarding for me to be able to help give victims the tools they need to empower themselves."

Sanchez is the first bilingual employee to join the Victim Services staff. She will act as a liaison between the Hispanic community and the Department. She also hopes to learn more about legislation and policy to continue developing services to aid all victims of crime, not just Hispanics.

"We are thrilled to have someone with her extensive background and experience in corrections and victim services," said

(*Hispanics*, cont. on page 10)



OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

Standing, left to right: **Elmer Macopson, Timothy Kerley, Roger Weber, Michael Harbin, David Cassady** and **Angela Powell**. Seated, left to right: **Garrett Robinson, Michael Cooper, Debra Walser, Christine Hinnant, Essex Hester** and **David Schram**.

2002 Officers of the Year

David Cassady Caswell Correctional Center



An eight-year veteran of the Department, Cassady is a lead correctional officer, supervising eight inmates and one correctional officer on a medium-custody road squad that clears trash along highways in the Caswell County area. In his community, Cassady serves as a lieutenant and first responder for the Pelham Volunteer Fire Department, where he helps provide fire protection and emergency medical services. He also is responsible for the fire department's pension fund and fireman's relief fund and maintenance of the department's vehicles and buildings. In addition, he volunteers with the Pelham Community Center and the Pelham Summerfest Committee.

Sgt. Michael Cooper Morrison Correctional Institution



A seven-year veteran of the Department, Cooper is recognized for his outstanding leadership, attention to detail and administrative abilities. MCI has significantly reduced overtime costs since Cooper designed a new form for recording overtime. As one of the prison's intelligence officers, he has helped confiscate drugs and weapons and identified inmate gang members. He also serves as an instructor, teaching CPR, pepper spray usage, straight baton usage, fire safety and hazard communication.

Cooper also helped Morrison earn one of its best safety inspections and helped draft a plan to protect the prison from possible terrorist activity. A graduate of UNC-Charlotte, he has begun learning Spanish in order to communicate better with the Spanish-speaking inmate population.

Michael Harbin Pender Correctional Institution



A six-year veteran of the Department, Harbin was recognized for an act of heroism on April 14, 2002. After hearing a loud explosion while working on the yard, he located the source of the blast in the boiler room of a nearby dormitory and sounded the emergency call on the radio. Inside the boiler room, he smelled gas and saw two injured people, a maintenance worker and an inmate. He turned off the gas and then assisted the injured people. Harbin's quick thinking and actions may have helped prevent a second explosion and more injuries.

Essex Hester Polk Youth Institution



A member of the Department since 2000, Hester's strongest contribution comes in the area of public relations. He is frequently assigned to the gatehouse at Polk Youth Institution's main entrance, where he comes in contact with everyone who enters and leaves the prison. "He provides a very good first impression to our visitors and volunteers," wrote Capt. Tarquintus Walser. "He has communication skills that can calm an angry visitor or cheer up an unhappy mother."

Christine Hinnant Wayne Correctional Center



A nine-year veteran of the Department, Hinnant has worked all but eight months of her tenure at Wayne Correctional Center, where she serves as the disciplinary investigating officer. Hinnant also serves as a spokesperson for the Southeast

Region of the American Correctional Association on the subject of women in corrections, a mentor for the Wayne County Youth Outreach Program and coordinator of the employee flower fund at Wayne Correctional Center.

"Officer Hinnant goes beyond her responsibilities and ensures that each of her coworkers feels appreciated," wrote her supervisor, Sgt. Alvin Laws. "She has definitely impacted the morale of her coworkers."

Sgt. Timothy Kerley Catawba Correctional Center



A sergeant for a community work crew, Kerley shoulders many other responsibilities at Catawba, including coordinating the prison's drug testing program, supervising the armory, issuing officer uniforms and speaking to school and civic groups. He also serves on one of the department's regional drug interdiction teams, and is currently managing a caseload of 50 inmates while a case manager's position remains vacant due to a hiring freeze.

"I feel indebted to this man for the extraordinary contributions he has made at this facility," wrote assistant superintendent J. Charles Mackie. "He is a team builder and a person who tries to find a way to solve problems that inevitably come up in daily operations."

Elmer Macopson Marion Correctional Institution



Macopson works in the segregation unit at Marion Correctional Institution, helping supervise some of the state's most difficult inmates. He first joined the Department of Correction in 1970 at Western Youth Institution and served at

the old McDowell County prison unit until 1978. He left the department to join the McDowell County Sheriff's Department where he served for 17 years before coming to work at Marion.

"We have had few if any problems because of his ability to defuse tense situations and reason with the hardest of prisoners," wrote assistant superintendent Robert Benfield. "His calm but authoritative demeanor commands the respect of all who come into contact with him."

Macopson also serves as an assistant platoon leader on the Prison Emergency Response Team and as a reserve sheriff's deputy for Rutherford County. In his spare time, he instructs youth in physical fitness and weightlifting and volunteers at a local hospice.

Angela Powell

Caledonia Correctional Institution



A member of the Eastern Region Drug Interdiction Team, Powell has participated in several interdictions to help stop the flow of drugs into our prisons. Currently assigned to the mailroom, she scans incoming and outgoing mail to prevent the distribution of contraband. She also sorts and distributes the mail. Prior to assuming her current assignment, Powell supervised close custody field squads who worked on the farm, from both horseback and the ground. She is extremely competent with a shotgun, revolver and rifle. Her supervisors describe her as an exceptional officer who always exemplifies professionalism and does what is needed for the good of the Department.

Garrett Robinson

IMPACT West



A 1997 graduate of Appalachian State University, Robinson is a programs assistant at IMPACT West who takes on many additional duties.

When the legislature ordered IMPACT to reduce its staff size by 25 percent last year resulting in the elimination of Robinson's drill instructor position, Robinson accepted the programs assistant position so that he could continue working with the IMPACT program. In his new position, his supervisors say he goes beyond his regular duties to assist with intake of new trainees, DNA testing, the ropes course and in-service training. He is an eight-year veteran of the Department of Correction.

Sgt. David Schram

IMPACT East



A drill instructor at IMPACT East, Schram was recognized for his outstanding productivity and contribution to the IMPACT correctional program. He arrives early

every morning to conduct security patrols before his scheduled start time. During one snowstorm, he stayed overnight at the unit to make sure he was able to report the next morning. He also recently donated more than 140 hours of annual leave to a fellow employee on medical leave.

"Sgt. Schram always puts the mission of IMPACT first, the people under his control second and himself last," said Capt. John McGrew.

Schram is a graduate of Vicenza American High School in Vicenza, Italy. An eight-year veteran of the Department, he served 24 years in the U.S. Army, retiring as a first sergeant.

Debra Walser

Southern Correctional Institution



As the correctional officer in charge of the records section at Southern Correctional Institution, Walser is responsible for maintaining the records of

about 500 close-custody inmates and for coordinating inmate paroles and releases. She fields countless phone calls from

people requesting inmate information.

Walser also serves as the victim information coordinator at Southern, responding to questions and concerns and making appropriate referrals. In April, she organized Montgomery County's first community observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, held on the courthouse grounds in Troy. She also works with the Department's Office of Victim Services to help train victim information coordinators at other prison facilities.

"She performs her duties in a thorough and courteous manner, never receiving a complaint from outside the facility," said assistant superintendent Timothy Kimble.

Walser also serves on the boards of directors for the Montgomery County Crisis Council and the Daycare Academy of First Wesleyan Church in Troy.

Sgt. Roger Weber

Hoke Correctional Institution



As sergeant in charge of the clothes house and firing range, Weber is one of three people responsible for control and inventory of clothing and supplies, including inmate

clothing and officer uniforms. One day a week, he is on the firing range issuing weapons, ammunition and safety equipment and ensuring their safe return. He also serves as the inmate transfer coordinator while that position is vacant, and carrying a caseload of about 100 transit inmates.

"Sgt. Weber is dedicated to Hoke Correctional Institution and will gladly give whatever is asked of him," said Supt. Cordelia Clark. "He never complains when asked to assume additional duties, but just gets the job done."

Weber, who attended St. Thomas University, is a member of the American Correctional Association and the Lumbee Tribe.

Congratulations!

Spotlight on Craven Correctional Institution

Craven Correctional Institution, located in Vanceboro, N.C., is the state's largest prison processing center. Prisoners from eastern North Carolina jails enter the state prison system by first going through processing at the 700-bed prison. Inmates are tested, evaluated and interviewed to determine appropriate assignments regarding prison placement, custody level, jobs and programs.

More than 5,000 inmates are processed at Craven each year. At any given time, the prison houses between 550-700 offenders. Most offenders stay at Craven for only 15 days, but the facility houses more than 200 full-time offenders. A staff of approximately 350 people makes sure that the facility operates with maximum efficiency.

Supt. David Chester sees Craven's role in an offender's rehabilitation as critical. "We begin to prepare a person for release as soon as he gets off the bus," he said. "Changing attitudes is a long-term process."



THE SUPER

A member of the Department since 1974, David Chester has been the superintendent at Craven since April 1999. He also served as superintendent at Wayne Correctional Center from 1987-89 and Eastern Correctional Institution from 1982-87. A native of Camden, N.J., Chester enjoys scuba diving, bicycling, ballroom dancing, reading and participating in civic activities in his spare time.

COMPUTER SUPPORT

Sonny Williams spent 25 years in the Air Force, travelling the world as a jet engine mechanic. After graduating from East Carolina University in 2000, he settled down at Craven, where he provides computer support.



THE ADMIN CREW

The administrative staff handles the budget, personnel issues, maintenance, training and other areas critical to the safe and efficient operation of the facility. Standing, left to right: Phyllis Dombos, personnel assistant; Carol Williams, processing assistant; and Linda Hollowell, accounting technician. Sitting, left to right: administrative officer Nancy Smith and personnel technician Lynette Harrison.



PROGRAMS

Although most offenders stay at Craven for approximately 15 days, about 220 inmates are part of the prison's full-time population. The programs staff makes sure that all full-time offenders have jobs or participate in the prison's academic, vocational or rehabilitation programs, such as cognitive behavioral training, Alcoholics Anonymous or GED education.

Standing, left to right: Linda Tucker, administrative secretary; Bernice Thomas, records clerk; Betty Whitford, transportation coordinator; Alike Voliva, programs assistant; Audrey Fields, records clerk; Michelle Rich, processing assistant; and Carolyn Schock, horticulture instructor. Sitting, left to right: Robert Benjamin, programs assistant; Larry Dombos, programs supervisor; James Raiford, programs assistant; and Errol Reddick, classification coordinator.

DIAGNOSTICS

With more than 5,000 inmates being processed each year, the diagnostics staff keeps busy. Top row, left to right: Mildred Williams, administrative technician; Janice Bills, case analyst; Dennis Kitchin, case analyst; Tina Singleton, case analyst; Lynette Badger, administrative technician; Bridgette Ham, office assistant; Deborah Floody, processing assistant III; and Geraldine Layton, processing assistant III. Bottom row, left to right: processing assistant Crissy Boyd; Patricia Teachey, processing assistant; and administrative technician Melissa Ivery.



INTAKE

Intake officers educate offenders about prison rules and regulations, issue prison clothing, guide offenders through various analyses and take photographs and

fingerprints. The officers also conduct searches and remove contraband. "Once it passes through intake, it can get into the unit," says Officer Nelson Santiago. "This is the first stop right here."

Back row, standing left to right: Sgt. Joseph Dematty, Erick Gebson, Calvin Daniels, Gregory Goins and James Lewis. Middle row, standing left to right: Cpt. Faye Daniels, Nelson Santiago, Beverly Bell, Gloria Lecraft and Suriel Rosario. Front row, kneeling, left to right: Sgt. Ray Biggs and Jack Harris.

DENTAL



Assessing dental health is an important step in the intake process. In the photo at left, Dr. Simbarashe Jaravaza puts himself in his patients' shoes, surrounded by Ed Lassiter, dental assistant; John Griffith, contract dentist; Karen Morrissey, dental hygienist; and Susan Fornes, dental assistant.

VISITATION

Connie Mackey, right, and Yolanda Martin, left, handle inmate visitation. Surveillance officer Matthew Grady, center, pays a visit to them while at Craven to serve a warrant on an offender.



HEALTH CARE



The correctional health care team includes Geraldine Moore, RN; Cami Kingsbury, nurse supervisor, and Coreen Weldon, health care technician (see photo at left). In addition, Craven

employs one full-time doctor, two nurse practitioners and a post-release outreach nurse for HIV. The healthcare staff closes the lapse in treatment between local jails and prisons. "Our goal is stabilizing the patient before we send him to the unit," says Kingsbury.

PHOTO AT RIGHT: Staff nurse Carol McCloskey (left) and practical nurses Diana Sittniewski and Loretta Mays (right) operate the prison pharmacy.



KITCHEN



Craven's kitchen staff is responsible for feeding the facility's inmate population. The food staff includes: Marcel Benjamin, food service manager II; correctional officer Cindy Kelly; and James Pridgen, food service manager I.

DORM OFFICERS

Dormitory officers help maintain the safety of the facility. Left to right: Lt. Michael Lammonds, Internal Affairs; William Reising; Sgt. Joyce Patterson; Captain Francis Evans; Sarah Williams; and Jeffrey Bowman.



Management in Motion

Jim Godwin takes on a new enterprise

RALEIGH – After five years as director of Correction Enterprises, Jim Godwin is taking on a new challenge—retirement. He looks forward to the change, but will miss his job and his colleagues.

“Working for Correction Enterprises is the best job in state government in my opinion,” said Godwin. “It’s somewhat unique in that employees have to set goals and business objectives, i.e. profit, loss, sales. That’s why they are by far the best state employees I’ve ever worked with.”

Godwin began his career in state government with the Department of Motor Vehicles in 1973. Five years later,



Jim Godwin

he joined the Division of Prisons in programs. He worked in the Federal Grants section and Internal Audit before becoming the business officer at Correction Enterprises in 1995. In 1997, he was named director.

“Jim Godwin’s experience with the Department made him an excellent director of Correction Enterprises,” said Secretary Beck. “Under his leadership, Correction Enterprises continued to provide much-needed revenue for the state of North Carolina, while at the same time teaching inmates valuable job skills.”

Godwin hasn’t made any big plans for his retirement, but expects to play a whole lot more golf after his retirement becomes effective June 30.

Piedmont gets new superintendent

SALISBURY – Secretary Theodis Beck has named Todd Pinion superintendent of Piedmont Correctional Institution, effective June 1.

“Todd Pinion has moved through the ranks of both custody and programs working with all custody levels,” said Secretary Beck. “I am confident his experience and calm demeanor will serve the facility and the community well.”

Pinion has been with the Department nearly 22 years. He started out as a correctional officer at Piedmont and moved on to several different units serving as a programs supervisor, programs director and assistant superintendent at two facilities. He has been assistant superintendent of custody and operations at Piedmont since January 1993.

“I am very excited and hope to continue to move the facility in a positive direction,”



Todd Pinion

said Pinion. “I am looking forward to taking on new programs, the medical services changes and the many other challenges I will face. I am fortunate to have a strong staff to help me do that.”

Piedmont is a point of entry into the prison system for male felons ages 22 and older from western North Carolina who are sentenced to less than 5 years in prison. Upon arrival, inmates undergo a series of diagnostic evaluations that will determine future prison assignments.

A native of China Grove, Pinion attended South Rowan High School and holds a bachelor’s degree in sociology and criminal justice from North Carolina State University. He is married and has two sons that keep him busy with various sporting events. When he gets the chance, he also likes to take mountain trips.

Pinion replaces Joseph Pickelsimer who retired.

Flynt named regional office manager

McCAIN – Secretary Theodis Beck has named Carol Flynt as the new Southern Coastal Plains Regional Employment Office manager effective June 1.

“Carol Flynt has many years experience in various positions in the Department of Correction,” said Secretary Beck. “Her background and positive attitude make her the ideal person for this role.”



Carol Flynt

Flynt first joined the Department in 1977 as a clerk/typist in psychological services. She has worked in accounting, personnel and as a branch secretary in what was then called the Division of Adult Probation/Parole.

As manager, Flynt will oversee operations of the employment office, staff recruitment, testing and salary administration for approximately 4,000 employees in the south central part of the state.

“I am excited and look forward to the challenge,” said Flynt. “It is my goal to be as customer service oriented and as friendly towards applicants as we can possibly be.”

A Fayetteville native, Flynt attended Terry Sanford High School. She and her husband, who works at the Department of Transportation, have a daughter in college and a son in high school.

In her spare time, Flynt enjoys boating, going to the beach, yard work and walking.

She replaces Lorraine Miller who retired April 30.

Brown named director of Correction Enterprises

RALEIGH – Secretary Theodis Beck has named Karen Brown director of Correction Enterprises, effective June 1.

As director, Brown will oversee all sections and operations under Correction Enterprises, which has prison industries across the state.

“Karen Brown’s strong business and finance background makes her an ideal person for this job,” said Secretary Beck. “I am confident her experience with the Department and as a manager will help her excel in this new role.”

Brown joined the Department 11 years ago in the Central Engineering section and has been serving as assistant director for administrative services. Prior to that she managed a finance company.

“I am looking forward to working with the professional and dedicated Enterprises staff,” said Brown. “This

division is one of the best-run and most unique in state government and I hope to continue to build on the strengths already in place.”



Karen Brown

Correction Enterprises provides quality goods and services to government agencies at competitive market prices. Inmates supervised by Enterprises staff learn trades in a variety of industries, including production of license tags, printing, sewing, painting, metal sign production, furniture manufacturing and farming. CE receives no support from state budget allocations and, like a business, is totally supported through the goods and services it produces and sells.

With a father in the U.S. Marine Corps, Brown moved around a lot, but thinks of North Carolina as home. She attended Rocky Mount Senior High

School and holds a bachelor’s degree in economics and international business from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master’s degree in business administration from Meredith College. In addition, she is a graduate of the Department’s Correctional Leadership Development Program.

Brown’s husband, Richard “Mac” Brown, is a computing consultant in the Controller’s Office. He is also a major in the 130th Military History Detachment of the National Guard and is serving his country as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. When she’s not working, Brown’s two sons keep her busy at her sons’ school, where she is an officer and active volunteer in the P.T.A. She also enjoys reading, traveling and relaxing on the Pamlico River.

Brown replaces Jim Godwin who retired June 30.

Law enforcement’s best friend



CARY – PHOTO AT LEFT: Arras, one of the Division of Prisons’ drug dogs, is a crowd favorite at Law Enforcement Day at Cary Towne Center May 18, as Sgt. **Eddie Poole** (far left) knows firsthand. Meanwhile, in the photo below, Waddell Dockery and Chelsea, one of the Department’s tracking bloodhounds, are a big hit as well. The Division of Prisons, the Division of Community Corrections, Raleigh Police Department and other local law enforcement agencies participated in the annual event.



Movin' On Up

NAME	NEW TITLE	LOCATION
Cathy Adkins	Health Care Tech II	Albemarle CI
Pamela Barefoot	Prob/Par Surv Officer	District 11
Billy Bartlett	Lead Corr Officer	Craggy CC
William Branch	Food Serv Manager I	Foothills CI
Joe Bullock	Lead Corr Officer	Warren CI
Carol Carver	Office Asst IV	Marion CI
Karen Cole	Admin Secretary I	Avery Mitchell CI
Michelle Duckworth	Prob/Par Officer II	District 7
Charles George	Prob/Par Off Trainee	District 5
Herbert Hardison	Prob/Par Officer II	District 3A
Larry Hartley	Lead Corr Officer	Wayne CC
Tony Herring	Prob/Par Off Trainee	District 11
Whitney Larrimore	Prob/Par Surv Officer	District 5
Angela Locklear	Health Care Tech II	McCain Hospital
Kathleen Loughrey	Registered Nurse	NCCIW
Joann McCullah	Nurse Clinician	Piedmont CI
William McGalliard II	Nurse Supervisor II	Foothills CI
Johnny McLamb	Corr Enterprise Mgr V	Corr Enterprise
Annette McRae	Health Care Tech II	NCCIW
Katrinia Milstein	Prob/Par Off Trainee	District 16B
Michael Mixon	Prob/Par Off Trainee	District 19A
Tonya Monroe	Prob/Par Officer II	District 14
Bonnie Mosley	Lead Nurse	NCCIW
Luanne Moss	Nurse Supv I	Tillery CC
Susan Pendleton	Lead Nurse	NCCIW
Mary Raynor	Registered Nurse	Neuse CI
Elton Rogers	Lead Corr Officer	Franklin CC
Philip Rose	Lead Corr Officer	Caswell CC
Todd Sellars	Prob/Par Inten Case Off	District 6B
Sybil Snell	Prob/Par Officer II	District 25B
Margo Sorie	Corr Lieutenant	Fountain CCW
Elaina Spruill	Prob/Par Officer II	District 27A
Latashia Williams	Prob/Par Officer II	District 8B
Alicia Zephir	Personnel Asst V	Eastern Region

Retirements 30 Years or More

Raymond B. Cantrell
William C. Davis
Forrest A. Fleming
Lorraine P. Miller
Michael M. Walters

Honor Students

None

Deaths

Luther M. Farrow
William Kenneth "Mickey" "W.K." Jones
Walter Silliman II

From the Archives



This illustrious group represents the first criminal justice class at Halifax Community College in 1972. J.C. Wilson (*front row, far right*), superintendent at Odom Correctional Institution, submitted the photograph, which includes a number of DOC employees. Front row, left to right: Lt. Eugene Bryant (retired), Caledonia CI; Supt. John Williams (retired), Odom CI; Chaplain John Smith (retired), Odom CI; and J.C. Wilson, current superintendent at Odom CI. Middle row, left to right: Cpt. Joseph Magee (retired), Odom CI; Lt. Lewis Kee (retired), Fountain CCW; Williams (first name and position unknown); and retired program supervisor Wilbur Floyd, Odom CI. Standing, left to right: Sgt. Rochelle Vaughan (retired), Caledonia CI; Lt. James D. Barber (retired), Caledonia CI; William Jenkins, (position unknown); Lt. Robert Rose (retired), Odom CI; Assistant Supt. Fred Rehner (retired), Nash CI; retired program supervisor Johnny Pope, Nash CI; Cpt. Wilbur Scott (retired), Tillery CC; and Lt. J.C. Bishop (retired), Caledonia CI.



Carteret dedicates new inmate activity building

NEWPORT—Carteret Correctional Center dedicated its new Inmate Activities building May 13. From left, Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue, Mayor Derryl Garner of Newport, former Carteret superintendent C.L. Meeks, CRC Chairman John Sunburn, CRC vice-chairman Rosa Winfree, Carteret Supt. Duncan Daughtry and DOC Deputy Secretary Tracy Little cut the ribbon. The building, which was funded by the Inmate Welfare Fund, will be used for educational purposes, religious services, visitation and other programs.

News BRIEFS

DOC receives visitor from Italy

RALEIGH— Francesco Cavallucci, a counselor with the Italian Senate, visited the Department of Correction during a two-week, whirlwind study of criminal justice systems in the United States. Cavallucci serves on a justice committee working to improve Italy's penal system.

Cavallucci learned about the history of



Francesco Cavallucci, left, learned a great deal about corrections during his visit. He is shown here with his interpreter and Community Corrections Director **Robert Lee Guy**.

Community Corrections, the caseload supervision process, electronic monitoring, supervision ratios and the intricacies of community corrections programs. He was impressed that offenders must pay restitution and be employed, in school or in a specific program determined by offender needs. Cavallucci also toured Orange Correctional Center, where he learned about educational and vocational programs, efforts to reduce recidivism and transition assistance provided to offenders.

Columbus passes the torch

BRUNSWICK— Columbus Correctional Institution participated in the North Carolina Special Olympics Torch Relay run May 23. More than 36 runners from DOC, Community Corrections, the Sheriff's Department and local businesses helped carry the torch 17.4 miles to the Bladen County line. At the county line, runners from Bladen Correctional Center



Supt. J.R. Hunt Jr., left, looks on as **Chris Wilcox** passes the torch to **Sheriff Jimmy Ferguson**.

joined the caravan. The runners paired in teams and ran the relay in three hours under extremely windy conditions. Chris Wilcox, a member of the University of Maryland's 2002 NCAA national championship basketball team helped lead the run, along with Columbus County Sheriff Jimmy Ferguson and Bob Lewis, director of support services for the Department.

Cabarrus raises money to fight cancer

NORWOOD— On May 6, Cabarrus Correctional Institution sponsored its first annual golf tournament at Piney Point. Approximately 70 people participated, raising over \$2,000 for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.



Organizers of the event are shown in the photo at left. Standing, left to right: Sgt. Ronnie Yon, Officer William Hatley and Sgt. Henry Thompson. Seated, left to right: Officers David Odell and Jeffrey Kendall.

Correctional officer makes television magic

RALEIGH— On May 25, magician and illusionist Ernest Lee Brown was featured on *Carolina Calling*, UNC-TV's variety show featuring hometown, home-grown talent. A correctional officer at Western Youth Institution, Brown wowed

the audience by making his assistant disappear, piercing her with swords and transforming an ordinary scarf into a white dove.

Brown was one of approximately 500 acts that applied to appear on *Carolina Calling*. He was one of 75 acts selected to participate in a talent show that chose only 34 acts to appear on the television show.

Brown became interested in magic after seeing a boardwalk magician perform in Hollywood, Calif. After learning a few of the magician's tricks, Brown was hooked. Since that time, he has been the featured performer at various comedy clubs and has made several television appearances.

McCain area operator competes on "cruel and unusual" team

SEDALIA, VA— Darrel Cockman, an area operator at McCain Hospital, won first place in the Odyssey One-Day Adventure Race April 20-21. Cockman partnered with fellow Robbins residents William McDuffie and Mike Garner to form Team Cruel and Unusual.



Darrel Cockman and **William McDuffie**

The Odyssey One-Day Adventure Race is an 85-mile adventure that must be completed in 24 hours to qualify as an official finish. The race includes an 18-mile hike with packs, followed by a 30-mile bicycle ride, 12-miles of whitewater paddling, 5 miles of map plotting and orienteering and a ropes course. The final competition is a 20-mile bicycle race to the finish. Team Cruel and Unusual finished the race in 20 hours and 28 minutes.

Cockman and his crew trained for the race for about three months. They use the Odyssey Adventure Race to train for their primary sport, which is canoe racing.

From the Archives: The Past in Pictures



Former Governor Jim Hunt is on the far left, while former Correction Secretary Franklin Freeman is on the far right. Does anybody recognize the correctional officers or have an idea when this photograph was taken? E-mail us at smr22@doc.state.nc.us if you have information regarding this photograph or if you have a photo that you would like to see published in *Correction News*.

For information about the photo in the May issue, see page 7.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 13--Morrison Correctional Institution will sponsor a golf tournament to raise money for Helping Hands, an organization that helps Morrison employees in times of need. For more information, call (910) 281-3161.

July 17--The Department of Correction will honor the Probation/Parole Officers of the Year at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Cathy Smith at (919) 716-3112.

NOTE: The Public Information Office posts upcoming events on the Web site and in *Correction News*. If you have an event you would like posted on the Web or published in the newsletter, please e-mail us at smr22@doc.state.nc.us. Include a brief description of the event,

date, time, location and the name and telephone number of a contact person.

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Karen Taylor George, Victim Services director. "There is a large population of Spanish-speaking families who need our help and it is our responsibility to provide them service."

A longtime resident of Puerto Rico, Sanchez received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico. She worked for the Department of Correction in Puerto Rico and most recently worked for INTERACT of Wake County, a non-profit agency that provides services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

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