

LRDA IN ACTION

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Dr. Brooks visits Pembroke L.L.C.

Recently local veterinarian, Dr. David E. Brooks, DVM, visited Pembroke Lumbee Longhouse Learning Center children as part of the center's Career Awareness Curriculum. Lumbee Regional Development Association's Lumbee Indian Education Project operates three Lum-

bee Longhouse Learning Centers for pre school age children in Pembroke, Magnolia and Fairgrove as a program component.

Dr. Brooks told the students about the educational requirements for becoming a veterinarian. He also showed

slides of the school he attended. A slide presentation also consisted of pictures of various pets being treated as well as slide depicting the birth of a colt.

After the slide presentation Dr. Brooks passed around some x rays and let each student view bones and organs of various animals. He told the students about the proper way to care for their pets. In summation, he told them that his duties as a veterinarian included being an animal dentist, animal surgeon, animal beautician, as well as being an animal physician. He also worked with the children in teaching them the way to pronounce Veterinarian.

Said an onlooker: "It is because of the dedication of community persons such as Dr. Brooks that we are able to help Indian students realize they can become whatever they wish to become."

Dr. Brooks is shown above speaking to the children of Pembroke Lumbee Longhouse Learning Center.

Adult Education: A Family Affair

by Patsy Lowery

Today we hear so much about how parents lose concern for their children, and vice-versa. But at the Smyrna Adult Education Center, sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association, we have found this to be a grave untruth.

Mrs. Lena Jacobs is one of those parents who shows her children, both those at home and those married and living on their own, the concern and affection we all need in a society like the one in which we live today. Mrs. Jacobs not only encouraged her children to further their education, but she is also setting the best example possible by going back to school herself. Mrs. Jacobs is the mother of 11 children—5 girls and 6 boys ranging in age from 15 to 36.

Both Mrs. Lena and her daughter, Virginia Jacobs, enrolled at the Smyrna Center on September 15, 1981. After being in the center one week, Virginia took the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) test and passed with a score of 264. Virginia, who dropped out of school after finishing the 10th grade in 1962, is the mother of two boys, ages 10 and 12. She is presently serving as an Instructional Aide at the Smyrna Center and attends Robeson Technical College two nights per week. You might be wondering what is so special about a mother and her daughter going back to school to receive their GED. Well, this is only the beginning of the story.

In the last 3 months, Mrs. Lena has had two more daughters who passed the GED. One daughter, Teresa Fields, dropped out of school after completing the 8th grade. She enrolled in the Center on October 1, 1981. She was tested on an 11th grade level. She attended classes regularly and on November 16 took the GED test at Robeson Technical College and passed with a score of 225. Since passing, Teresa has enrolled at Robeson Tech in the secretarial field. She is receiving assistance from the Basic Education Opportunity Grant (BEOG) offered through Robeson Tech.

Another daughter, Betty Jacobs Siemers began classes on December 8, 1981. She was tested on an 8th grade level.

Betty was expecting a child when she enrolled in the Center. She remained in this condition throughout her classes two nights per week, studying constantly. She took the GED test at Robeson Tech on February 23 and 25. Betty dropped out of school in 1971 after completing the 9th grade. She plans to attend Robeson Tech and major in accounting after the birth of her child.

Mrs. Lena Jacobs is indeed a proud mother, and has every right to be. Two more children, Leon Fields and Hilda Jones, have also begun classes at the Smyrna Center. Other relatives who attend the Center are: Elizabeth Fields, daughter-in-law; Shirlene Fields, daughter-in-law; Catherine Smith, Magalen Jacobs (a previous GED student), Hazel Scott and Delores Hemingway, all nieces of Mrs. Jacobs.

"I am so proud of all my children," said Mrs. Lena Jacobs. "I have a set of twins who will graduate from Littlefield High School in June of this year. Two younger children are enrolled at Littlefield-Timmy Ray in the 10th grade and James Allen in the 7th. I hope they will continue in school so we can all graduate."

Indeed, Mrs. Lena has a right to be proud. She has done a marvelous job raising her children and has been very instrumental in seeing that her children receive an education. She is a fine lady and the staff and students of the Smyrna Center are very proud of her.

Sunny Afternoon In the Park



Sunday's warm temperatures allowed lots of people to visit Pembroke's park, including Grace Strickland and one-year old daughter Natasha Lynn. (Joshua Malcolm Photo)

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Shown above, front row, left is Connie Oxendine, Educational Talent Search Counselor who accompanied senior students from Prospect High School on a Pembroke State University campus tour Tuesday, February 23. The tour of the campus of PSU was conducted by Anthony Locklear, shown above, far right, who is PSU's Admissions Counselor. The purpose of Lumbee Regional Development Association's Talent Search-sponsored campus

tours is to provide the opportunity to students interested in furthering their education to explore the many aspects of campus life.

Shown above, front row, left to right are: Connie Oxendine, Jeff Strickland, Denine Revels, Dwayne Locklear and Anthony Locklear; back row, left to right are: Kent Chavis, Brenda Moore, Stuart Locklear, Timmy Stutz and Charles Jackson.

Said Ms. Oxendine: "The Talent Search staff would like

to thank Anthony Locklear for his cooperation and assistance. He has been most responsive when called upon to conduct campus tours, make presentations, or whatever our need might be."

The students report that the campus tour was very interesting, informative and educational.

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