

## M-1 Abrams Tank Assigned



The projected assignment of the sixty-three new M-1 Abrams tanks to the 2-252d Armor Battalion of the North Carolina Army National Guard in Raeford has created a lot of excitement and anticipation statewide and nationwide. Being the first reserve component organization to receive the new M-1 Abrams tanks, this battalion has gained international attention.

With the introduction of the new M-1 Abrams tank, the North Carolina Army National Guard has a need for personnel to be trained in the operation of this new computerized weaponry. The NC National Guard has announced the assignment of a 30-man platoon to be filled by qualified Guardsmen from this area. This platoon will train under the "buddy platoon" concept...progressing through the entire Basic Training and Advanced Train-

ing phases as one group. These soldiers will be the first in the State trained to operate as crewmen on the M-1 Abrams. Departure is scheduled for 14 March 1983 so the time is now for those men in this area who want to become "the first" M-1 Abrams tank crewmen in North Carolina Army National Guard.

The 2-252d Armor Battalion has units in the Red Springs, Laurinburg, Albemarle, Sanford, Southern Pines and Raeford areas. Contact the National Guard recruiter, Charles R. Burns, SFC, for more details at 843-4031 in Red Springs, NC 28377.

The M-1 Abrams tanks is the newest tactical fighting vehicle, and is capable of travelling at 50 mph and firing while mobile. It's gun system is computerized to insure target hits while travelling at higher speeds or stationary positions.

## Finalist in National Teenager Pageant



**Gale Sampson**  
Miss Gale Sampson, age 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Sampson, has been selected to be a FINALIST in the 12th Annual Miss North Carolina National Teenager Pageant to be held at Meredith College and the Holiday Inn North in Raleigh on April 1, 2, and 3, 1983. Outstanding young ladies from all over the state will compete for the title, \$750 CASH, \$8,000.00 in Scholarships, and many other prizes.

Miss National Teenager Pageants award more than 1 million dollars in CASH and TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS annually all across the nation. Judging is based on scholastic achievement, leadership, poise, personality and appearance. Contestants may compete either in talent or essay competition. There is no swimsuit competition.

Miss North Carolina National Teenager will compete in the Miss National Teenager Pageant in August with state winners from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National Pageant is syndicated for national television.

Each contestant will participate in the Volunteer Community Service Program of the National Teenager Pageant.

Gale will be sponsored by The Car Company and Converse, Inc., both of Lumberton.



Virginians held the Presidency for 32 of the first 36 years of this nation's existence.

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED



Cynthia D. Graham

Mrs. Desser L. Graham of Route 2, Pembroke, announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Cynthia D. Graham of Gainesville, Fla. to Jesse Carl Newcomer IV of Gainesville, Fla. The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Clyde A. Graham. The groom elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Carl Newcomer III of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

The bride-elect received a B.A. degree in sociology at Pembroke State University in 1975. She is presently employed as an International Union Representative for the

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), stationed in Gainesville, Fla.

The groom-elect received a B.A. degree in Labor Studies at Pennsylvania State University in 1975. He is presently employed as an International Union Representative for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) stationed in Gainesville, Fla.

The wedding is planned for December 18, 1982 at the Second Presbyterian Church in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

"You never know what is enough until you know what is more than enough."  
William Blake



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# PEMBROKE STATE SPORTS

By Gary Spittler  
Sports Information Director

## FINAL COLUMN OF 1982 best wishes

The Christmas and New Year celebrations have already begun and the offices of Sports Information and Braves Club at PSU wish you and your family the happiest of holiday seasons.

The spots clipboard will be a regular feature again in early January 1983.

## BASKETBALL TEAMS POST FINE MARKS; SEASON BREAKS

Both the women's and men's basketball teams will go into the holiday break with a winning record. The women are 6-1 on the season and will host Elon College on Saturday in their final game before the holidays. The Lady Braves are led by center Barbara Green in both scoring and rebounding.

The Braves are 5-3 on the year and will travel to Campbell on Saturday for their next game, a 4 p.m. in the afternoon contest. The Braves last game was an exciting 63-62 win at Fayetteville State. Leading the Braves has been guard Darryl Martin in scoring and Mike Emanuel on the boards.

## WRESTLING WINS TWO; TRAVELS ON SATURDAY

The PSU wrestling team has boosted their record to 4-0 in dual meet competition with wins over Hiram of Ohio and Elon College. The Grapplers will travel to the Appalachian Quad this weekend.

## BRAVES CLUB MEMBERSHIP STILL NEEDED TO HIT GOALS

The PSU Braves Club membership drive has come



Lisa Mason will be in action again Saturday night at PSU as the women's basketball

team hosts Elon College at 7 p.m. at Jones Gym on the PSU campus.

to a close recently with 136 members joined, down from the 180 members of the previous year. You can still join the athletic booster club by writing: Braves Club, PSU, Pembroke, NC 28372 or call 521-3522. Membership prices are \$20 for a booster, \$35 for an individual, \$50 for a family and \$100 for a business. Call and join today!

## BASEBALL SCHEDULE TO FEATURE NEW OPPONENTS IN 1983

The 1983 PSU baseball schedule will feature a 32-game schedule beginning on Monday, Feb. 28.

Headed by Coach Harold Ellen, the Braves will battle new opponents Longwood (Va.) College, Princeton University, NC, Wesleyan, Trenton (NJ) State, St. Augustine, and Youngstown (Ohio) State.

## Freethrow Comes at Fairgrove School

A basketball freethrow contest was recently held at Fairgrove School. The competition involved girls and boys, ages 8-13. The girls in each age bracket competed against other girls of the same age. The same was true for the boys.

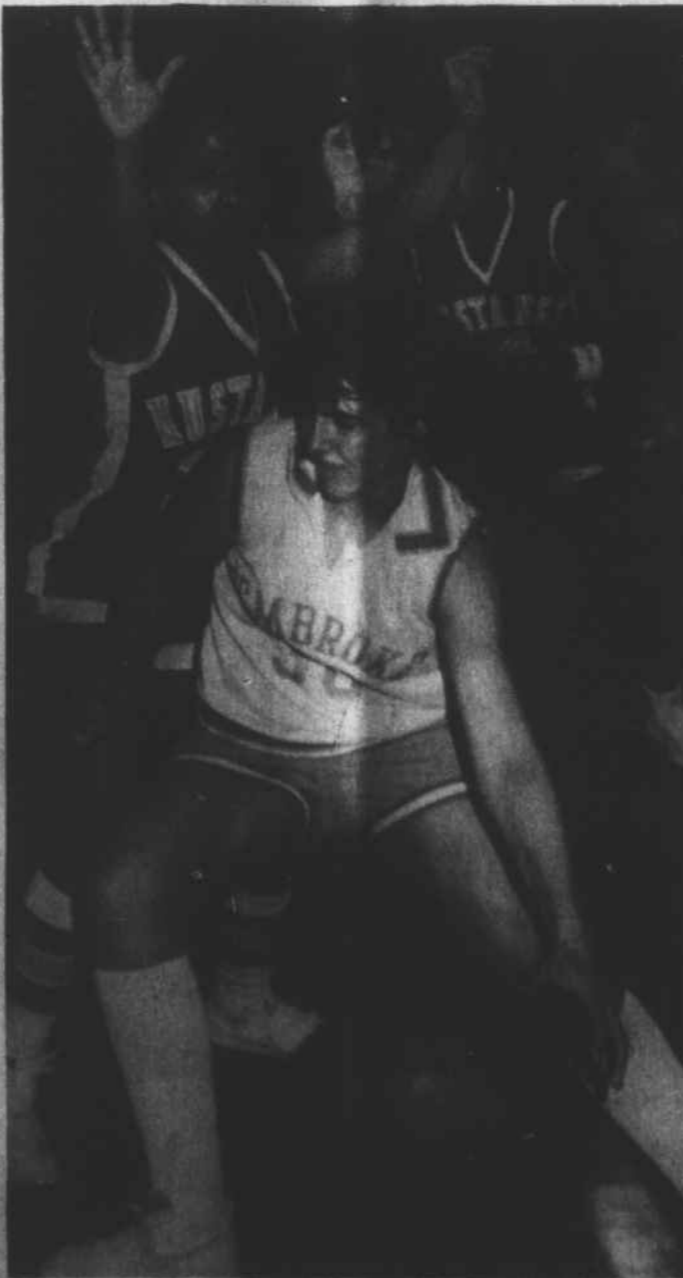
Winners in each age category for the girls were: Tasha Sampson-8-9 years old; Stacie Watson-10-11 years old; Carol Bethea-12-13 years old.

Winners in each age category for the boys were: John Wuanita-8-9 years old; Jerry Justice-10-11 years old; Eric Bethea-12-13 years old.

These local winners will compete with winners from other schools at a later date.

The contest was sponsored by the Robeson County Recreation Department. Mr. Zollie Davenport supervised the event for the school.

## Pembroke and South Robeson See Action



Pembroke's Sheila Rogan drives past South Robeson's Cheryl Sawyer on her way to the hoop. Rogan had 18 points as the Lady Warriors posted an easy 46-32 win, upping their record to 2-1. Pembroke

Varsity boys had less luck as Flynn McCallum hit a jumper with :02 left in the game, giving the Mustangs a 57-56 win. South Robeson also won the junior varsity contest, 46-43. (David Malcolm photo)

## In the Armed Forces



Sergeant John R. Brayboy of Pembroke completed the Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course conducted by the Office of the Adjutant General and the 3286th US Army Reserve School at the North Carolina National Guard Military Academy, Fort Bragg, NC.

The course consisted of five weekends of training in many areas, such as, Personnel Management, Radio-Telephone Procedures, Land Navigation, Training to Lead, and Issuing Platoon Orders.

Sgt. Brayboy is a member of Detachment 1, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 252d Armor, North Carolina Army National Guard in Red Springs.

Sgt. Brayboy and his wife, Connee have four children, Kenneth, Lenny, Raymond and Cecilia. They reside at Route 1, Pembroke.

Sgt. Brayboy is employed by Granam Company in Concord, NC.



Some experts estimate that the first dogs were tamed over 12,000 years ago.

The ancients believed the emerald had the power to heal diseases of the eye.



## RECENTLY AT ROBESON TECH...

By Tammy Higgins  
RTC Marketing and

Public Information Director

The final count for winter quarter registration reached 1080 students, the largest number of students for the winter quarter for the last five years. These are students pursuing a technical degree or diploma, and the figure does not include enrollment for Adult and Continuing Education classes.

RTC recently completed its seven-week Basic Recruit Training School for area law officers. This course, required by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Commission for all law officers within their first year of employment, was coordinated by St. Pauls Police Chief James Sanderson. Law officers enrolled were from Lumberton, St. Pauls, Pembroke, Fairmont, Elizabethtown, Rowland and Charlotte.

A graduation ceremony for the Basic Recruit Training students was held following a luncheon at the Holiday Inn December 7, 1982. Charles Barham, Director of Law Enforcement Training for the Department of Community Colleges, was the speaker.

Robeson Tech's Adult

High School classes started this week around the county. It is not too late to enroll. Interested students are to call 738-7101, Ext. 122.

The Student Government Association held its Christmas Dance Saturday night, December 4, 1982 "M & MT" PROVIDED THE MUSIC.

RTC will offer a one-day seminar, "The Nurse and North Carolina Law" December 14, 1982 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Pine Crest Country Club. Patrice Solberg a practicing attorney in Chapel Hill, has been slated as the instructor. The course is specifically designed for public and private professionals on both staff and supervisory levels. The cost is \$25 per person which includes registration, buffet lunch, breaks and class materials. For additional information, call RTC at 738-7101, Ext. 169.

RTC's Alumni Association extends an invitation for all Robeson Technical graduates to become a member. Interested persons are to contact Membership Chairperson Margaret Locklear at 738-7101 Ext. 166.

# PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

## PJHS FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE

The Young Christian Association of Pembroke Junior High School is conducting its annual Clothing and Food Drive. The drive will run until the school dismisses for the Christmas holidays. The Annual Christmas Food and Clothing Drive has been a project for several years. Last year, alone, the club provided food and clothing for more than fifty families. In addition, the club donated goods to the Robeson County Church and Community Center and the Pembroke Fire Department. The project is sponsored by the YCA but the entire faculty and student body participates in some way. Anyone knowing of a needy family is asked to contact the sponsors of the club, Sallie D. Bullard or Harvey Lowry, Jr. The club invites everyone to participate in this endeavor.

Pembroke - "A Tribute to Ira Pate Lowry" is the theme of Thursday night's winter concert by PSU's Concert Band, Choir, Percussion Ensemble, and "Singers and Swingers."

The concert begins at 8 p.m. in the PSU Performing Arts Center. Admission is free.

During the concert, Lowry, one of the greatest benefactors of PSU, will be asked to conduct the PSU Alma Mater, which he and his late wife, Reba, wrote.

A music scholarship in the name of Lowry, first chairman of the PSU Music Department, is also being established. It will go to a deserving music student each year. Donations should be made to: IPL Scholarship Fund. Checks may be mailed to: Dr. Robert Romine, Music Department, PSU, Pembroke, NC 28372. Donations will also be accepted in the Music Department Office.

## PROSPECT PTO TO MEET

The Prospect Parents Teachers Organization will meet on Monday night, December 13, at 7 p.m. President Diane Goins invites all parents and interested persons to attend. Donald A. Bonner, assistant superintendent, Robeson County Schools, will give an overview of West Robeson High School. The overview will include a film presentation.

Refreshments will be prepared and served by the cafeteria staff.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Evergreen Holiness Church will hold its Christmas Pageant on December 23, 1982 at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

## CLASS REUNION PLANNED

Pembroke High School Class of 1952 will hold its class reunion on December 28, 1982 at John's Restaurant in Lumberton. For more information, please call 738-4075, 738-3809 or 521-9000.