

The Reader's Forum

EDITORIAL PAGE

AS I SEE IT



by
**Bruce
Barton**

**Odds and Ends,
And This and That...
What About Glenn Miller,
And The White Patriot Party?**

One of the interesting happenings in these parts is to call 628-8583 and listen to the latest tape recording from Glenn Miller, the head of the White Patriot Party. I succumbed, and listened in amazement as Miller, among other things, berated White men for not standing up and Blacks raping White women and, etc. He let the Indian male off the hook by saying, in essence, that we don't do that kind of stuff. I hate to disillusion Mr. Miller but rape is not the province of a particular race. All of us do it, and, of course, it is horrible and demeaning to all of us.

Violence (and that includes rape) is not a trait common to any particular race. It is an affliction of the human race, all of us. Black men are no more guilty than Indian men or White men. And females do it too. Only Jesus can turn our hate to love, our violent bent to peace.

I have a suggestion. As far as Mr. Miller is concerned, simply ignore his ravings. He speaks to our baser selves, and that side needs no instruction from Mr. Miller or anyone else.

We should listen to those among us who speak of brotherhood, understanding and higher spiritual planes. Those who advocate tearing down, destroying and mislabeling people should simply be ignored. This probably will be the last reference to Mr. Miller in this column. I just wanted him to know that I have heard his sentiments and disagree with them with every fiber of my being.

**Wilma Godwin Cited
As Top Teacher**

The Saturday Extra, the insert of the Saturday edition of the combined Fayetteville Times-Observer has a very nice feature called "Doers". And one of those honored last Saturday was Wilma Godwin, a teacher at South Robeson High. She was acknowledged for having recently been chosen as one of 26 outstanding secondary science teachers and supervisors who participated in an intensive seminar on "Uses of Computers in Life and Physical Science," from August 11-23. Mrs. Godwin was the only North Carolina teacher chosen to participate in the seminar, held at Pocono Environmental Center in Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Godwin was also recently honored as the "Teacher of the Year" at her school. Nice honors, Mrs. Godwin. Congratulations!

DEATH AND TAXES

Tax his cow,
tax his goat,
Tax his pants,
tax his coat,
Tax his crops,
tax his work,
Tax his tie,
tax his shirt,
Tax his chew,
tax his smoke;
Teach him taxes
are no joke.
Tax his tractor,
tax his mule,
Teach him taxes
are a rule,
Tax his oil,
tax his gas,
Tax his notes,
tax his cash;

Tax him good
and let him know—
After taxes
he has no dough.
If he hollers,
tax him more;
Tax him 'til
he's good and sore.
Tax his coffin,
tax his grave,
Tax the sod
in which he lays.
Put these words
upon his tomb:
"Taxes drove me
to my doom."
And after he's gone
he can't relax;
They'll still be after
Inheritance Tax!

CONSUMER'S COMPLAINTS

by **Law Barton**

Mark Twain once said, "Everybody's down on the Devil. But you never hear his side of the story."

In a newspaper, everybody sings the praises of the advertisers. But you seldom hear any criticism of them when they aren't all that wonderful. I think we need a column for the consumer.

If we had a column like that, I'd tell you about the darn gas company which came by and got my big tank several weeks ago, 70% full of gas, and still haven't returned with the smaller tank they claimed I needed, or my several hundreds of dollars worth of gas.

I'd tell you about the Robeson land surveyor who charged me \$100 for a map which he hasn't delivered after well over a year. He got my money, but all I get out of him for my money are more promises.

I'd tell you about a misrepresented stereo bought from Radio Shack in Lumberton and the lousy attitude of the sales person afterwards.

I could tell you of deals that amount to rip-offs, plain and simple.

Every town in Robeson needs an active Better Business Bureau, in addition to a Chamber of Commerce. And I do mean one that really works.

Most businesses are honest, but there are still too many which aren't, and need somebody looking over their shoulder all the time. The bad ones, needless to say, give a foul odor to the good ones, too.

I've found out to my sorrow that my father was right when he told me many years ago, "Sonny, there are people in this world who would rob a blind tumblebug and put him on the wrong road home."

Halloween Safety

Vampire bats, werewolves, ghosts and goblins make Halloween one of the scariest nights of the year, but carelessness and deadly surprises in holiday treats can make it one of the most dangerous.

Dr. Thad Wester, director of the Robeson County Health Department, advises parents to find fire-retardant costumes for their children and to beware of masks that restrict a child's visibility.

Make-up is a good substitute for plastic Halloween masks, which can keep small trick-or-treaters from seeing oncoming cars, porch steps and other obstacles that could mean danger.

"Children often get excited and are not thinking about cars," Wester said, so a good rule of thumb is to carry a flashlight, "not only for children to see where they're going, but for drivers to see them coming."

The North Carolina Medical Society reminds parents of things that can spoil Halloween fun for young children: dangerous dress, deadly treats and roadway accidents.

Dangerous dress means flammable wigs or costumes, shoes that are too big or have high heels, outfits that are too dark to be seen at night and costumes or toys with sharp or pointed edges.

Buy costumes, wigs, masks and beards labeled "flame resistant." Although these items could still catch fire, the label indicates they will resist burning and will be easier to extinguish once they've been removed from the ignition source.

Check costumes to be sure

they are not long enough to trip up trick-or-treaters. Well-fitting, sturdy shoes are a good idea. Mother's high heels are not.

If your little goblin has selected a Halloween mask, make sure it fits securely and has large eyeholes. Better yet, use make-up instead of masks.

Deadly treats can be anything from a stranger, so check each piece of candy very carefully. It is also a good idea to cut up any fruit from the trick-or-treat bag, just in case there is a dangerous trick hidden inside like a pin or razor blade.

Warn children not to eat any treats before they get home.

Remind children of these important rules: Look both ways before crossing the road, never accept a ride from a stranger, and don't talk to strangers.

Use reflective strips on light clothing after dark, and visit only the homes of friends and relatives. Have a responsible adult walk with the children, especially when trick-or-treating after dark, and urge children to stay on walks and sidewalks.

Remember that you may be liable for accidents that occur on your property Halloween night. Homeowners should take every precaution to make their homes as safe as possible. That includes filling in holes that tiny feet can trip in and keeping on enough lights to show the way.

For extra caution, wear a necklace of garlic to ward off vampires, and don't accept treats from tall, fuzzy men who howl at the moon.

Family of Victim of Fatal Shooting Seeks Answers Concerning Case

Dear Sir:

In October of 1983 our loved one, Robert Junior Scott, then a vigorous 37 years old, was killed in a shooting accident at Taylor's Mobile Home Court in Lumberton. To date, no one has been charged with his death, nor has a reasonable explanation been given to his family. Our brother was shot on October 2, and he suffered in the hospital for two weeks before finally dying. His family suffered with him, and we sat by his side until he died. The lack of attention given his case has hurt us more than mere words can ever express.

The news reports in the Robesonian stated that he was shot as he entered a mobile home there, and, as stated earlier, died at South-eastern General Hospital. He attempted to drive himself to the hospital but passed out before arriving there. Why has Lumberton Detective Jackie Taylor never been quoted in local newspapers and television about this case, as has happened in other cases? Where is the gun that Taylor, and others, said was on our brother's person? Why has Taylor, and the other law officials, not been so quick to seek justice in the murder of Robert Junior Scott?

Who will speak for Robert Junior Scott now if we his family do not do so? Robert

Junior Scott can no longer speak for himself. Questions remain, and cry out for answers. Who shot him, and why? Could he have been saved if he had received prompt medical attention? And why have local law enforcement officials refused to inform the family fully as to the circumstances surrounding his death?

We also ask Joe Freeman Britt, the "famous" district attorney, why he has not pursued justice for our son, brother and loved one. We loved Robert Junior Scott, and ask that justice be done in his case...in the name of justice, if for no other reason. His life was not in vain because we loved him, and a full disclosure of the details surrounding his death will set the record straight and give justice and understanding to his tragic death.

If the Lumberton Police Department and (Robeson County) sheriff's department will not investigate his death fully, then hopefully the SBI or FBI will. We are attempting to speak for our loved one, and hope that this letter will cause the wheels of justice to turn again after two years of silence and a standoff attitude by local law enforcement officials.

Sincerely,
**The family of
Robert Junior Scott**

UNC Efforts To Address Shortage Of Indian Health Professionals Boosted By Grant

CHAPEL HILL--Boosted by a one-year grant, a University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill program will help address today's shortage of Indian health care professionals, says the program's director.

The \$67,942 grant, awarded to UNC's Master of Public Health Program for American Indians, will maintain a non-residential, degree program and will support efforts to recruit qualified Indian students, said Director David McCoy.

UNC is one of four universities in the United States receiving grants from the Indian Health Service, a U.S. government agency responsible for providing health care to American Indians.

With the grant, UNC will identify talented young Indian citizens and offer additional public health training to employees of the Indian Health Service, McCoy said.

The shortage of Indian health care professionals exists because most Indians do not have the same educational and job opportunities as their non-Indian counterparts, he said.

"The grant will provide an opportunity for Indians to enter the health care field as well as provide upward career mobility for Indian employees of the service," McCoy said.

"The need for Indian health care professionals is great because non-Indian professionals may not be culturally sensitive to Indian practices and needs," he said. "They

may isolate the Indians by not understanding these needs."

American Indians trained in public health also are needed to combat the greater incidence and severity of disease and illness among Indians, McCoy said.

"It is the most cost-effective way to provide health care--prevention through providing information," he said.

Major health problems on reservations include exposure to environmental risks, alcohol-related accidents and malnutrition. And 72 percent of all suicides among children age 15 or less are committed by Indian children, McCoy said.

The UNC degree program allows Indian employees of the Indian Health Service to continue their education while working at their own jobs. The program is available through the Regional Master's Degree program in the Department of Health Policy and Analysis.

Students in the program are required to complete 39 semester hours of study on a flexible, part-time basis. Requirements include 12 weeks of classroom instruction, which must be completed during two summer institutes. Students then can take up to 15 semester hours, which will include 14 weeks of home-based study under an instructor's supervision.

For more information, call McCoy at (919) 966-4152, or write Director of MPH Program for American Indians, Rosenau Hall 201H, UNC, Chapel Hill, N.C., 27514.

New Indian Affairs Nominee Experienced In Tribal Leadership And Business

Secretary of the Interior Don Hodel said today he was "absolutely delighted" that the President had nominated Ross Swimmer for Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. "We are exceedingly fortunate that Mr. Swimmer is willing to accept this position," Hodel said. "for he has extraordinary qualities of leadership and business experience vital to the success of U.S. Indian programs."

"Ross Swimmer combines a solid knowledge of tribal and Indian affairs with understanding and skill in modern business management," Hodel said, noting that the nominee has served for 10 years as the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, which includes more than 67,000 registered members living mostly in 14 counties of northeastern Oklahoma. At the same time he was president of the First National Bank of Talequah.

"He is dedicated to helping tribes achieve economic success in a competitive society while preserving the rich Indian heritage," Hodel said.

Swimmer, 41, was appointed by President Reagan in 1983 as Co-Chairman of the

Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economics.

Swimmer earned a political science degree in 1965 and a law degree in 1967 at the University of Oklahoma. From 1967 to 1972 he was a partner in an Oklahoma City law firm. He became general counsel for the Cherokee Nation in 1972, serving in that capacity until 1975 when he was elected Principal Chief. In 1974, he was named executive vice president of the First National Bank in Tahlequah and was promoted to president the following year.

He is a member of the Oklahoma and American Bar Associations, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma Industrial Development Commission; Oklahoma Bankers Association; Chairman, Board of Directors of the Council of Energy Resource Tribes; and Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of America in Eastern Oklahoma. He is also the president of Cherokee National Historical Society and Chairman of the Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes.

Swimmer and his wife Margaret, a Tulsa attorney, have two children.

PEMBROKE STATE UNIVERSITY SPORTS

GARY SPITLER
Sports Information Director

PSU Announces 1985-86 Basketball Schedule

PSU's 1985-86 men's basketball schedule will feature a season-opening tournament, nine non-conference matchups and the usual competitive Carolinas Conference schedule.

And with practice starting on Tuesday, First-Year PSU Coach Dan Kenney is looking forward to the new season.

"Our schedule this season is very challenging. The NAAI District 26 play is always tough," commented Coach Kenney. "A successful year for us will depend on the ability to develop depth and establish an inside game."

The Braves, after back-to-back 20-win seasons and three Carolinas Conference titles in the past five years, will be counting on 6-4 senior Ryan Tuck of Lumberton and 6-5 senior forward Tony Hayes of Goldston to lead the way. Tuck was all-conference and all-district last season.

Other players back will include 6-0 senior Richard Hobbs of Lumberton, juniors Steve Johnson, a 6-7 forward from Wilmington and Kent Southern, a 6-8 forward from Fayetteville as well as sophomore returning guard Alfredo DiPinto of South Bend, Ind.

Newcomers to the program this season include Rodney Cannon of Shelby, along with freshmen Lorenzo McCormick of Parkton, Eddie Buchanan of Swansboro, and Leon Crandup of Zebulon. A few walk-ons will be added this week to complete the Braves' roster.

The 1985-86 PSU men's basketball schedule is as follows:

Nov. 22-23--at Liberty University Tournament in Lynchburg, Va. (first round vs. West Chester State, Pa.);

27--at High Point; 30--UNC-Asheville (3:00 p.m. game time).

Dec. 3--Coastal Carolina; 6--at UNC-Asheville; 7--at Lenoir-Rhyne; 14--at Methodist.

Jan 7--at St. Andrews; 10--Winthrop College; 11--Gulfport College; 13--Catawba College (DH); 16--Wingate College; 18--at Coastal Carolina; 20--at Atlantic Christian College; 23--Lenoir-Rhyne College; 25--at Guilford; 27--at Catawba; 29--High Point College.

Feb. 1--at Elon College; 3--at Pfeiffer College; 6--at Mt. Olive College; 8--Pfeiffer [Homecoming]; 12--Atlantic Christian College; 15--Mt. Olive College (DH); 17--at Wingate College; 20--Elon College.

Feb. 26-Mar. 1--Carolinas Conference Tournament at Catawba College in Salisbury; Mar. 4, 5, 6--NAAI District 26 Tournament at highest seeded teams.

All PSU's men's games begin at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the first home game this season vs. UNC-Asheville which will be at 3 p.m. plus the homecoming game vs. Pfeiffer which will be held at 8:30 p.m.

PSU To Hold Media Day Tuesday

PSU will hold their eighth annual Winter Sports Media Day Tuesday, October 22, 1985, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the English E. Jones Health and Physical Education Center on the University campus.

The purpose of the media day is to give the press the opportunity to interview the players, take pictures, interview the coaching staff, and find out important information about the 1985-86 PSU basketball program for men and women and also wrestling.



Another championship season could be underway. PSU's women's and men's basketball teams began practice last Tuesday.

Dr. Sherwood Hinson, Jr.

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STUDIES FROM THE BOOK OF JOHN

17:4) And this is eternal life that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.