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Science & Mathematics School Recruiting Native Americans

Durham--Carla Oxendine of Raeford hopes to have a career that will combine her interests in industrial engineering and medicine. Lumberton's Robbie Locklear wants to become a doctor. And Pembroke's Christopher Sampson aspires to a professorship in the biological sciences.

Although their talents and interests ultimately will carry them down different paths, they each share a common bond--they are just a few of the many Native American students who have excelled in the rigorous academic environment of the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) in Durham.

Opened in 1980 as the nation's first statewide, residential, co-educational, public high school for juniors and seniors with high aptitude and motivation for the sciences and mathematics, NCSSM today enrolls 478 students. Approximately 18 percent of them are minorities, which closely reflects the minority population of the state as a whole.

Other Native Americans in the NCSSM student body include Larry Chavis, Lumberton; Sophia Locklear, Raeford; and Bobby Downs, Washington.

But the school is not resting on its minority recruitment laurels.

In recent months, NCSSM admissions representatives have visited high schools throughout the state, kicking off the 1987 nomination process.

"It's important for the learning situation here to have a diversified student body," says Ola Stringer, admissions director. "Our students represent all parts of the state, all major minority and ethnic groups and all segments of the socioeconomic scale. Students from all kinds of backgrounds find a great deal of success here."

As the Jan. 31 deadline for students wanting to attend NCSSM in the fall is fast approaching, Stringer urges community and church leaders, school personnel and private

citizens to encourage promising Native American students to apply.

NCSSM invites applications by North Carolina tenth-graders who have special interest and potential in the sciences and mathematics.

Because the school is residential, prospective students must be willing to live on the Durham campus. But NCSSM charges no fees for tuition, room and board, textbooks, routine health care or laboratory equipment.

Applications must be postmarked by Jan. 31, 1987. Applicants must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) no later than the Jan. 24 testing date.

The NCSSM application/nomination process includes these steps:

--Nomination on an NCSSM application/nomination form during the sophomore year by teachers, parents or others acquainted with a student's work. And an evaluation form, completed by a science or mathematics teacher and a guidance counselor, must accompany all nominations.

--January 24, 1987. Completion of the SAT.

--February. Completion of an NCSSM test that measures abstract reasoning, intellectual curiosity and writing ability. The test will be administered at eight locations across the state on Feb. 21 and Feb. 28.

--March. Selection of semifinalists by a statewide group of scientists and educators, followed by interviews on campus.

--May. Notification of finalists, each of whom is invited to attend NCSSM upon successful completion of the 10th grade.

Those interested in nominating themselves or others for admission to NCSSM should contact local science and mathematics teachers, principals and headmasters, or guidance counselors for application/nomination materials.

Application booklets may also be obtained by writing to the Admissions Office N.C. School of Science and Mathematics, P.O. Box 2418, Durham, NC 27705.

Panel Formed To Review The Relationship Between Native Americans And The Criminal Justice System

Lonnie Revels of Greensboro, chairman of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, has announced the formation of an ad hoc committee to review the relationship of the criminal justice system to the Native American residents of North Carolina.

The as yet unnamed panel, authorized by a Jan. 14 vote of the commission's executive committee, will be appointed by Revels and will include individuals representing a broad range of expertise on legal matters and issues affect-

ing the Native American community.

"It is not our purpose or intention to interfere with any ongoing investigations," Revels said. He added, "Our purpose is to look at the broader questions relating to the rights of Native Americans."

The commission, administratively housed within the Department of Administration, is the only state government agency with the specific responsibility of addressing the needs of North Carolina

Indians. Through its field offices and varied programs, the commission works to assure the rights of Indians to pursue their cultural, social and religious traditions and to increase their economic and educational opportunities.

North Carolina has the largest Indian population of any state east of the Mississippi River, with 65,000 Indians composing the Cherokee, Coharie, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin and Waccamaw-Siouan tribes in the state.

Indian Art Contest Announced

An art contest to recognize the talent of American Indian artists in North Carolina will be one of the many features of the 12th Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference to be held March 12-14, 1987 at the Sheraton Airport Plaza Hotel in Charlotte, NC.

The conference is sponsored by the United Tribes of North Carolina (UTNC).

Persons who wish to enter the contest must be American Indians who are currently residing in the state. Entries are to be submitted in five categories: original drawings, paintings, basketwork, wood carvings and beadwork. All entries must be submitted to one of the North Carolina Indian organizations no later

than March 5, 1987. Locally, entries may be submitted to Lumbee Regional Development Association, P.O. Box 68, Pembroke, NC 28372 (919)521-8602.

All contest entries will be displayed during the Unity Conference. Judging will be held March 12, and awards will be presented during the conference banquet to be held the night of March 13.

The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, a member organization of UTNC, will coordinate the contest. For more information on contest rules and regulations, contact Teresa Jones or Wanda Burn. Ramsey at the Commission, P.O. Box 27228, Raleigh, NC 27611 or call 919-738-5998.

HISTORICAL MARKER FOR SITE OF 1887 CROATAN NORMAL SCHOOL APPROVED IN RALEIGH



The state has approved a historical marker to be placed near New Hope Church near Pembroke where stood the first two-story wooden building which became Pembroke State University. Dr. Clifton Oxendine, former dean of PSU, pointed out last summer the exact spot of the building in this photograph.

Pembroke--A new historical marker has been approved by the state designating the original site in 1887 of the two-story wooden building which was the forerunner of Pembroke State University.

The wooden building, long since torn down, was located near New Hope Church about one and a half miles west of Pembroke. It was known as Croatan Normal School.

The property for that building was acquired for \$8. The original building would have cost about \$1,000 had not the Indian people donated so much of their labor and material. The school opened its doors in the fall of 1887 with an enrollment of 15 students.

In 1909 the school was

moved to Pembroke-- and the two-story wooden structure which was the beginning of PSU vanished from the scene. An open field for farming is now where the building once stood.

Approving a historical marker for the original site was the N.C. Highway Historical Marker Advisory Committee which met in Raleigh. Recommending that a historical marker be placed there were Dr. Adolph Dial, chairman of PSU's American Indian Studies Department, and Gene Warren, public information director of PSU. Using Dial's and Warren's correspondence, Mike Hill, researcher for the N.C. Division of Archives and History, communicated PSU's wishes

to the committee, and the marker was approved. Hill said the marker will say as follows: "Croatan Normal School. Established 1887 to educate teachers of Indian youth. Forerunner of Pembroke State University. Building was two-tenths mile east."

The marker will go on the east side of N.C. Highway 710 at the junction of SR 1351, said Hill. "We are asking that the marker be put up by March 5-6 when Pembroke State University celebrates its centennial," said Hill.

A PSU Centennial Founder's Day Convocation will be held March 5, and a Centennial Founder's Day Banquet March 6.

PESTICIDE TRAINING OFFERED

A training session for private applicator certification has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, at the O.P. Owens Agriculture Center in Lumberton. The training will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Kevin Starr, pesticide coordinator with the Robeson County Extension Office, will be giving the training and he explains the need for it. "The law states that farmers who buy and use Restricted Use Pesticides in their farming operation must be certified as private applicators. Persons can become certified in one of three ways," said Starr. They are as follows:

(1) Attend a four-hour training session given by the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service such as the one offered on January 28 (no test required);

(2) Complete a programmed instruction workbook;

(3) Take a test by the N.C. Department of Agriculture.

Starr emphasizes that those coming to this session must attend all four hours since certification is being obtained through participation in the training rather than by passing an exam. Those who have questions about private applicator certification should contact the Robeson County Extension Service at 738-8111.

Locklear Makes Dean's List At UNC-CH

Christopher Lynn Locklear, son of Rev. George Alton and Mary Sue Locklear of Rt. 1, St. Pauls, NC, has attained the average required for honor roll status and has been placed on the Dean's List of

the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This eligibility has been established by meeting one of the following sets of require-

ments: (1) at least a 3.2 quality point average with no grade lower than "C" if enrolled in 15 or more hours of letter grade credit, exclusive of physical education activities; (2) at least a 3.5 quality point average with no grade lower than "C" if enrolled in at least 12 but fewer than 15 hours of letter grade credit, exclusive of physical education activities.

local bulletin

Deadline For Great American Poetry Contest Is Feb. 28
A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in the Great American Poetry Contest,

sponsored by the World of Poetry. There is no entry fee. There are 200 prizes being offered, totaling over \$10,000.

The rules are simple. You may enter ONE POEM ONLY, 25 lines or less. Your poem may be written on any subject, using any style. The deadline for entering is February 28, 1987. Winners will be announced on or before April 30, 1987, at which time all prizes will be awarded. A complete winners list will be sent to all entrants.

Says Poetry Editor Mrs. Addie Lou-Cole, "We are especially interested in beginning poets, and we expect this contest to produce exciting discoveries."

To enter, send your poem to: World of Poetry, Dept. Great American, 2431 Stockton, Sacramento, California 95817.



Whatever happened to... DAVID OXENDINE



David Oxendine poses in front of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York

Brooklyn, NY--David Oxendine is a natural born ham, no doubt about it. He is at home on the stage, in front of an audience.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Oxendine of Pembroke, David was recently accepted for a second year of study at the prestigious and deman-

where he is enrolled as a student.

ding American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York. Founded in New York in 1884, the American Academy of Dramatic Arts is the oldest school of professional dramatic training in the English-speaking world. Centrally located in mid-town Manhattan, the school is close to the rich variety of theatre, films,

musicals, restaurants, stores, parks and people that has made New York one of the most exciting cities in the world and enhanced the learning years for generations of aspiring artists.

Southern States Cooperative Holds District Young Farmer Meeting

Bert Dixon of Farmville has been elected to Southern States Cooperative's Young Farmer Advisory Board, at a district Young Farmer meeting held January 20th in Fayetteville.

Steve Matthis of Clinton also was elected as the alternate advisory board member.

During January and early February the cooperative is holding eleven of these young farmer meetings in the six states it serves, with an advisory board member being elected at each meeting. The advisory board will serve as a liaison between the cooperative and the young farmers it serves.

Robert W. Bryant, the cooperative's vice president of member and public affairs, says the objectives of these sessions "are to involve young farmers in cooperative activities, provide them with timely management and operational information, advise them about their cooperative and help outstanding young farmers develop leadership roles in the co-op."

One of the meeting topics was "Farm Credit: Today's Dilemma, Tomorrow's Opportunity." A regional Farm Credit representative was on hand to discuss the issue. A university Extension representative spoke on "The New

Tax Code Implications for Agriculture." "Alternative or Supplemental Enterprises" was another discussion topic and it was addressed by an Extension Service representative.

The session also witnessed a slide/tape presentation by Bryant entitled "Southern States' Story: We're Different." Members of the cooperative's regional staff also discussed the current supply situation for various farm production inputs.

Young Farmers attending the session from the local area were Danny Bullard, Felton Lowry, Terry Locklear, Danny Locklear and Lawrence Locklear.

Magnolia School Holds Homecoming



Left to right: [9-12 Division] King-Dwayne Chavis, Queen-Anissa Emanuel; [7-8 Division] King-James McGirt,

Queen-Alice Bell, [Exceptional Class] King-Michael Callahan, Queen-Vickie Britt; [4-6 Division] King-Mark Allen,

Queen-Lisa Carter; [K-3] King-Robert Chavis, Queen-Melissa Locklear.

Recently Magnolia School held its annual fund raising activities in conjunction with its homecoming events. The crowning of the various kings and queens was the highlight of the project. The K-3 king is Robert

Chavis who is in Mrs. Mary Lowery's 3rd grade class and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chavis. The queen of this division is Melissa Locklear of Mrs. Regina Brayboy's 3rd grade class and the daughter of Ms. Jacqueline

Locklear. The 4-6 king is Mark Allen who is in Mrs. Ernestine Locklear's 5th grade class and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Allen. The queen of this division is Lisa Carter of Mrs. Vanessa Jones' 6th grade class and the