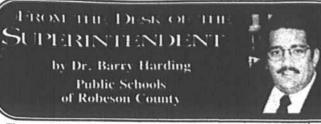
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The novelty may be gone but it still takes a little bit of concentration to realize that a new school year has arrived and our students are already attend-

ing classes and we're barely into the month of August. A new school year affects virtually everyone in the county. It goes without saying that it's true for teachers and everyone else associated with the school system along with the students and their families- especially their parents. Also affected, though, are the motorists who must recognize their duty to drive very carefully when those orange school buses are on the road they're driving on. Those motorists must also be on the lookout for children waiting for their bus who may be too close to the road or who are walking home along the road.

The students, for the most part, view the return to school with mixed feelings. Their age and grade in school affect their feelings. For the older students, returning to school after a summer of fun and possibly, a summertime job, it's a time when they know they have to buckle down to work in the classroom. If they are seniors, they may realize its their last opportunity to work towards making themselves eligible to attend a good two or four year

College when they graduate. Young students probably view the return in a kind of happy way even though they will have to give up the freedom to play that they had. Students in be-tween those two groups are affected pretty much by how they feel about education

Most parents are probably pleased about school being back in session. That may be especially true for parents of younger children who may have run out of ways to keep the youngsters occupied. Now, though, the parents have other responsibilities. The word 'transportation' comes to mind. It could be trans-porting their child to and from school if bus transportation is not an option or driving them to various activities. Speaking of those activities, it's important that parents lay out a schedule for proper balance between those activities and time required for their studies. While there's no doubt that many activities are important to the development of a child, it should be remembered that the major reason for being in school is to learn. Thus homework and the like should account for the lion's share of that schedule to ensure the child's academic success.

Teachers have really not had as much time off as have students and parents. When you consider the fact that teachers have work to do after the students' last day of school and have to report a week before the students return to school, it's easy to see that their summer is quite a bit shorter. Additionally, many a dedicated teacher uses at least a part of the summer to devote to attending meeting of educators or enrolling in summer courses to improve themselves in such a way to be able to contribute to their students' education in a meaningful way. If they spend a part of the summer taking a vacation, they often visit places which they can discuss with their students so that the students are able to learn about places which they may not get the opportunity to visit themselves.

Everyone looks forward to the start of a new school year to one degree or another. Let's hope that everyone contributes to making it a happy and successful one.

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Along the Robeson Trail

By Dr. Stan Knick, Director-UNCP Native American Resource Center

elements of human culture to me has answer"). It's the same word, but it knew what it meant to "gnaw a bone," always been words - their has had many meanings. meanings; their spellings; where they came from and how they are used; how they change through time. a process called "folk etymology." Perfectly ordinary English words This describes "the change that occurs is one possible explanation for how which we use in everyday in the form of a word over a period of the Lumbee River came to be recorded conversation sometimes have prolonged usage so as to give it an as "Lumber" River in the early 1800s. undergone such changes in meaning apparent connection with some other through time that when we read the same words in a text from long ago we may not know how they were process by which "cole slaw" has in was Lumbee. Is it possible that the being used at the time of the original writing

"Silly" comes to us from Old English stuck. Similarly, some people refer to came time to write the word down on sælig, which meant happy or blessed. By the time of Middle English it had disease." It makes a kind of sense, and word ... to give it an apparent become seli or sili, meaning blessed or it sounds enough like the original word connection with some other wellinnocent. Webster's New World to work its way into usage. Dictionary reports that in modern usage "silly" originally meant plain, folk etymology is the name of a were in the lumber business, and innocent or helpless. The Oxford community in southern Indiana. It maybe it just made more sense to them English Dictionary says that the word was settled by a Frenchman long ago - through folk etymology - to call writers of his period to mean bun), and travelers in the area came to possibility. "deserving of compassion or call the settlement by his name. Many meaning "blissful" to meaning on some official map), the local campus of The University of North "foolish," which is the way we changed so much that it came to be address is generally use it today (as in, "Ask a known as Gnaw Bone. And now, there nativemuseum).

One of the most fascinating silly question, you get a silly it is: Gnaw Bone, Indiana. The locals

One way that words change World Dictionary)." This is the Take the word "silly" for example. someone along the way, and the change

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So what does folk etymology have meaning or usage through time is by to do with Native Americans in Robeson County, North Carolina? It

Hamilton McMillan and Angus well-known word (Webster's New McLean both wrote in the late 1800s that the ancient name of the river some areas come to be called "cold earliest white settlers who moved slaw." "Cold" made more sense to into the area heard local Native Americans call it Lumbee, and when it "Alzheimer's disease" as "Old Timer's a map they changed "the form of the known word" as in folk etymology? One of my favorite examples of Some of the founders of Lumberton was used by Shakespeare and other named Norbonne (pronounced nor- it "Lumber" River. It's an interesting For more information, visit the sympathy." However it happened, years later, when someone wanted to Native American Resource Center in "silly" went from meaning "happy" to write down the word (maybe to put it historic Old Main Building, on the "unaware of reality" to meaning pronunciation and explanation had Carolina at Pembroke (our Internet www.uncp.edu/

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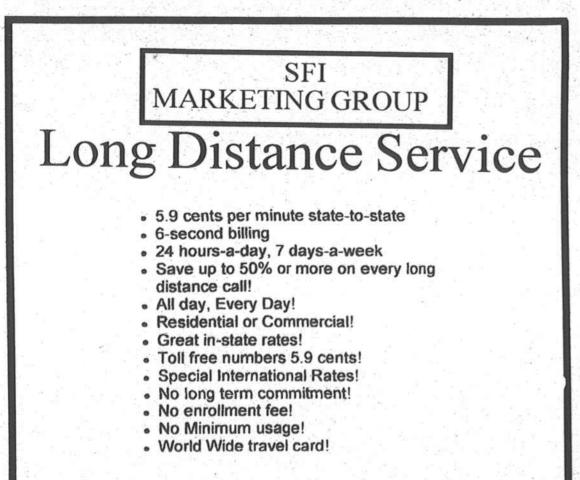
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