

# Indians Seek To Turn Community Into Trade Center

RED BANKS—A group of Indians is seeking to turn this small Robeson County community into a farm trade center with its own tobacco market.

The group calls itself the First American Cooperative, and has lined up support from more than 300 area farmers who have agreed to sell about six million pounds of

tobacco here if the new market is set up.

The cooperative has requested federal market services for the proposed flue-cured tobacco market, which would be the first established in the state in about seven years.

"We've been needing a trading center for years and years," said

Bradie Locklear, chairman of the group. "We thought we could go with a tobacco market and use it (the area) year around."

Chairman Locklear of Pembroke said the tobacco market would be part of a farmer-oriented development at the community near Pembroke.

He said most of the supporters

are Indians, but the association is open to all farmers in Robeson and surrounding counties.

He said the campaign has been low key during the past year because of opposition from established tobacco markets in Lumberton and Fairmont.

State officials working with the

association agreed that opposition and market inspection and news services under the Tobacco Inspection Act. Government price supports are available on tobacco assigned to the markets for sale.

A hearing on the Robeson County group's application for market services had been scheduled last Thursday in Pembroke, but it was canceled.

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## Board Member Asks Disclosure For Test Scores

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By DENNIS PATTERSON

LUMBERTON — A member of the Robeson County Board of Education said Tuesday he intends to keep working for public disclosure of comparisons of college board scores between schools and races in the county.

L. Harbert Moore, who was reelected to a two-year term on the board last week, asked in September that the average college board scores for each school and each race be compiled to show how the school system was doing.

The school board, at its October meeting, voted instead to have an independent analyst examine the system and point out its strengths and weaknesses.

The analysis proposal is fine, Moore said Tuesday,

but he added that he still wants to see those Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) comparisons.

"I don't want to threaten anyone," Moore said, "but if it's legally possible for us to get those scores I want to have them."

"If we have a problem I think it's important that we have the data and statistics to show us what needs to be done," Moore said. "Without the information it's impossible for us to pinpoint the problem and correct it."

Moore said he became interested in the SAT scores when Pembroke State University trimmed its special program aimed at high school graduates who scored less than 750 on the college boards. Top score on the test is 1600.

Trimming the program, Moore said, also trimmed

the chances some county students had for a college education.

"With the university program cut down, many of our students would have to go the community college route, and then transfer their credits after two years," Moore said.

"For many of our students that would mean driving to Southeastern Community College (near Whiteville) for two years," Moore said.

"We figured that could run as much as \$60 a week in transportation, and many of our students can't afford that."

Moore's request for the SAT scores drew quick criticism from system administrators, principals and guidance counselors. The educators said releasing the scores would harm students' self-esteem.

"I was a bit surprised at all the opposition," Moore said. "I've talked to many educators outside our county who seem to think no harm would be done by comparing the scores. We're talking about comparing averages, not individual scores."

"What we're interested in is improving the opportunity for each child in our schools," Moore said. "The children are the ones we're

interested in."

The Rev. Bob Mangum, who also was reelected to a two-year term last week, supported Moore's original request and still supports the idea.

"The issue is, 'are we preparing our kids to enter and succeed in college,'" the Rev. Mr. Mangum said.

"There are members of the board that have serious reservations about revealing the SAT scores because it will affect the children adversely."

"We've got to convince the board members that this will help our children."

"The opposition has been that revealing the scores will be dehumanizing to the kids," the Rev. Mr. Mangum said. "In this world you either make it or you don't, and you dehumanize a child if he's not prepared to make it."

"What could be more dehumanizing than to know you've not met a standard (to enter college) and that you've got to go around that standard to get in?"

The Rev. Mr. Mangum said he has no fear of embarrassing blacks and Indians by revealing the

scores.

"I'm not afraid of blacks or Indians looking bad," the Rev. Mr. Mangum said.

"There are too many examples of excellence in black and Indian students for them to be crushed by SAT averages."

"I believe the scores, in fact, will reveal some excellent work that will boost our schools."

## WJSK Radio to carry 23 PSU Braves Basketball games

PEMBROKE-WJSK Radio in Lumberton, 102 on FM, will broadcast 23 Pembroke State University men's basketball games this season, including the Braves' participation in the

Carolina Conference Tournament and the NAIA District 29 Tournament.

Thad Mull, sports director of WJSK, play, and Bob Walters, news director of WAGR (WJ SK's AM affiliate), will do the color.

In addition to these two, WJSK plans to have a third announcer at courtside plus a guest analyst.

"We plan to have a five-minute show before each of our broadcast with Coach Joe Gallagher of Pembroke State," said Mull. "We will have halftime color and also a post-game wrap-up."

Mull says his station is seeking to stimulate greater interest in PSU basketball and "we hope to eventually have a network," he believes through the basketball broadcasts, he can promote all aspects of the university.

Walters, in doing the color, says he wants to expand on the basketball personalities both on and off the playing court. "We want to explore what the players are like when they are not playing basketball, how the coaches motivate them, etc. We want to elaborate on the overall PSU program," said Walters.

Mull, 38, is a native of Laredo, Tex., who has been with WJSK for four years. He received his B.A. in Business from the University of Colorado. He has served as sports and news director of KSPM Radio in Sacramento, Calif., and as a sports announcer for television in Laredo, Tex. He is a member of the North Carolina Sports Broadcasters Association.

He is married to the former Peggy Ann Rogers of Fairmont. They have two children: Tanya Lea, 2, and Alethea Nichol, born last Oct. 12. The Mulls reside in Fairmont.

Walters, 29, from Lumberton has been with WAGR 2 1/2 years. He completed his high school work in Camden, S.C., Military Academy and earned a B.A. in English at The Citadel where he served as student assistant to the sports information director. He also broadcast the Citadel basketball games on inter-campus radio.

Walters has been employed at WCC-TV in Charleston, S.C., the Palmetto Radio Network in Columbia, S.C., and WLOS-TV in Asheville, the latter as sports director. He resides in Proctorville.

The first WJSK radio broadcast will be from Asheville Thanksgiving weekend Nov. 26-27 when the Braves take part in the UNC-Asheville Tournament.

The complete list of broadcasts is as follows:

Nov. 26-27--UNC Asheville Tournament.

Dec. 3-4--Campbell Tip-Off Tournament at Fayetteville's Cumberland Arena.

Jan. 3-4--Pembroke State Invitational Tournament; 10--Catawba; 13--at Campbell; 17--UNC-Wilmington; 24--at Catawba; 27--Coastal Carolinas; 29--Atlantic Christian; 31--Fayetteville State.

Feb. 2--at Francis Marion; 5--at St. Andrews; 10--at UNC-Wilmington; 14--Fayetteville State; at Fayetteville's Cumberland Arena; 21--Campbell; 22 and 25-26--Carolina Conference Tournament; 28--March 2--NAIA District 29 Tournament.

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REPORT FROM  
**U.S. Senator**  
**JESSE HELMS**

Senator Helms will be traveling extensively the next few weeks. During this period his weekly Washington Report will be written by his Executive Assistant, Clint Fuller, a former North Carolina newspaper editor.

By CLINT FULLER

WASHINGTON—Working on a Senatorial staff is a privilege that comes to very few Americans. I consider it a privilege—as do the others on the Senator's staff. It is a position of trust and one which gives continuing opportunity for service.

Our office receives a telephone call on an average of one every three minutes during the working day. We also receive many, many calls at night and weekends—and oftentimes at home. Many of these are calls from people with real problems.

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Books could be filled with the human interest stories emanating from the thousands of cases handled by our offices in Washington, Raleigh and Hickory. But, they will never be reported. You see, that's why we're here—to be helpful.

There are other aspects to being in Washington and being a part of so much history. One has only to think back to January of 1973 to realize just how much has happened in these past few years—most of which could not have been predicted even by a wild dreamer.

Things are a bit quieter now, particularly since the Congress has adjourned; but much of the work goes on. Some of the crush of visitors in the Capitol has eased, although many people await the fall to come to Washington. During the summer months, large numbers of school groups visit the Hill.

We welcome hundreds to our office each summer. Senator Helms enjoys visiting with young people—so much so that we have a problem keeping him on schedule when such groups are around. He rides them on the subway from our building to the Capitol; takes them into the Vice President's ceremonial office; places them in the visitors' gallery to watch the Senate in action; and when he can spare the time, sits on the Capitol steps talking history with them. Most of these youngsters leave Washington with the feeling that someone up here cares.

Like these fine young people and their sponsors, those of us here full-time, are still awestruck by the thought of walking through the corridors of the Capitol or walking onto the floor of the United States Senate. If you truly love your country, you get this feeling every single day you're here.

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