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## SCENES FROM LUMBEE HOMECOMING 1979



One of the most popular events of Lumbee Homecoming is the wildly successful Miss Lumbee Pageant. The pageant was held last Friday night.

The event plays to turn away crowds each year. The competition is keen, with professional judges and a chance to compete in the Miss North Carolina Pageant to the winner.

According to Ms. Florence Ransom, pageant director, more than 1700 people saw the pageant this year, held in the spacious and modern PSU Performing Arts Center.

Crowned Miss Lumbee this year is the beautiful and talented Veronica Bryant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bryant of Pembroke. She was chosen from a field of ten, including second runner up Laura Ann Tyler and first runner up, Elizabeth Renee Chavis. Ms. Chavis was also chosen "Miss Congeniality" by the other contestants.

Shown above [left to right] are Ms. Tyler; Miss Lumbee--Veronica Bryant; Ms. Chavis and Ms. Jawanna Locklear, adjudged the non finalist with the most talent. Sheila Johnson won the non finalist swim suit competition.

M.C. was Julian Pierce, executive director of Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc. quartered in Pembroke. Mistress of ceremonies was Linda Locklear, Miss Lumbee of 1976 and now associated with the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs. The beautiful Ms. Locklear recently competed in the Miss North Carolina Pageant as Miss Capitol, representing the city of Raleigh where she now resides while working for the Indian Commission.



For mamas and daddys and grandparents and brothers and sisters and aunts and uncles and assorted relatives, the most important feature of Lumbee Homecoming is the Little Miss Lumbee Pageant, held last Wednesday night.

Said one of the mothers, "I just like the attention paid to the children. It is good to see a place for the youngsters during Lumbee Homecoming."

Pageant directors are Monroe Chavis and Barbara Barton.

The Little Miss Lumbee is April Locklear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Locklear.

Shown [left to right] are Janora Revels, swimsuit winner; Shannon Nicole Dunn, outgoing Little Miss Lumbee; April Locklear, the new and vivacious Little Miss Lumbee; Bridgette Revels, talent winner; and Stacy Maynor, adjudged winner of the Best Dress.

### Miss Lumbee Judges Honored

The judges for the Miss Lumbee Pageant which was held Friday night at the PSU Performing Arts Center, were given a special luncheon on Saturday by the Town and Country Restaurant. Mrs. Florence Ransom, pageant director, extends her appreciation to the Pembroke restaurant for their hospitality.

### Legal Action Rumored to Stop Consolidation Plans

Rumors were flitting about Pembroke as press time neared that legal action was being considered as a means to stop consolidation plans, principally the plan combining Pembroke, Maxton and Prospect High Schools into a super school with more than 1800 high school students.

No one would speak "for the record," although confirmation was given that "yes, a plan is being considered. A lawyer outside Robeson County is being considered, and the action being contemplated is a legal injunction to stop consolidation plans because of 'misleading information' contained in a brochure heralding passage of the school bond package recently passed into law."

The source also noted, "this is not a plan by just people from Pembroke. Many people from the effected area are concerned and contemplating legal action, if necessary."



Jim Lowry was banquet speaker at the Awards Night Banquet Thursday night, held at the Pembroke Jaycee Clubhouse. Lowry, the son of Mrs. Myrtle Lowry and the late and beloved Rev. Harvey Lowry, spoke on "How to get ahead in life."

Lowry, who owns Lowry Chevrolet in Tryon, N.C., said, "A person should use what you have where you are; work hard; show compassion and empathy to others; and work with others in unity."

To Lowry's left [left to right] are Harbert Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lowery and A. Bruce Jones behind Dennis Lowery.

M.C. was the popular Jeff Maynor.



Long active in community development and one of the founders of LRDA, Rod Locklear was honored as the Distinguished Service Award Winner. He is presented the prestigious award by LRDA's Ken Maynor which sponsors the annual award.

Locklear, a careerist with HEW, is presently assigned to the N.C. Commission on Indian Affairs in Raleigh. He was a popular winner of the honor.



A. Bruce Jones, executive director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs was honored as the Henry Berry Lowry recipient for 1979.

He was presented his award by last year's winner, Harbert Moore. His boss, Jane Patterson, assistant director of the North Carolina Department of Administration, was present to see Jones receive the well deserved award.

Said an onlooker, "It was good to see Bruce honored; he's been fighting and fuming and caring for a long time. He is truly deserving."

Elmer Hunt & Bruce Barton Photos



Jerry Cummings [left] is shown presenting the Businessman's Award to Rabon Lowry, president of Pembroke Machine Company.

Lowry was honored for his business acumen, including his company's emphasis supplying machine needs of the federal government. Lowry professed surprise gratitude saying, "It is always good to be honored by one's peers."



A color T.V. and a set of tires were given away Saturday morning following the parade. An enthusiastic crowd milled about awaiting the announcement of the winners of the drawing, sponsored by the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce.

Onelda Jacobs won the color T.V. and Teresa Lowry won the set of tires. Both expressed delight, as did organizers of Lumbee Homecoming. Said LRDA's Ken Maynor, "It added a lot to homecoming. We appreciate the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce. They added a lot to homecoming this year."

### PEMBROKE STATE'S Lyceum Series Announced

PEMBROKE--"It will be the best Lyceum Series we've ever had."

This is how Al Dunavan, director of dramatic activities at Pembroke State University, described the university's 1979-80 lineup of entertainment events.

The list includes a folk singer, gospel singers, a Danish gym team, a British actor, Shakespearean players, an evening of classical music, and an opera.

"We will start off with two of these attractions in September plus one each from October through March with the exception of December," said Dunavan, who has been a member of the PSU faculty since 1965.

Tickets for each attraction is \$5 per person, except for PSU students who will be admitted free with I.D. cards. "Tickets for any of these attractions would cost much more if held elsewhere," said Dunavan. "This is really a great buy for people of this area."

Thursday, Sept. 6--MIKE CROSS, mountain humorist and folk singer who plays the guitar and fiddle.

Thursday, Sept. 27--THE KINGSMEN gospel singers.

Tuesday, Oct. 16--THE DANISH GYM TEAM, a group of gymnasts who will perform in the Jones Health and Physical Education Center.

Tuesday, Nov. 6--ROY SPENCER, British actor who will present a two-hour dramatic workshop plus a one-man show featuring the works of D.H. Lawrence.

Tuesday, Jan. 15--NATIONAL PLAYERS, who will present Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."

Tuesday, Feb. 5--MARSHALL and GOODMAN, in which pianist Elizabeth Marshall joins harpist Gerald Goodman for an evening of classical music.

Tuesday, March 4--NATIONAL OPERA COMPANY, who will present the opera, "A Bohemian" in English.

Pembroke State University's beautiful Performing Arts Center (seating capacity 1,700) will be the scene of all of the attractions except that of the Danish Gym team.