

EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

AS I SEE IT

by Bruce Barton



The day the cheering stopped

I notice that the Pembroke State University's Braves Club has kicked off their 1979-80 membership drive, according to a press release received from Gary Spitzer, PSU's Sports Information Director.

Since I am the founding father of the Braves Club as it is now organized I feel like a few comments from me are in order. I took a facsimile created by Coach Ed Crain and others and breathed new life in it, along with 6 other guys.

The Braves Club has always had a rocky existence; principally because the university has not supported the Braves Club, although the booster club was created expressly to support Pembroke State University.

Lacey Gane, PSU's athletic director, seemingly does not like the Braves Club period. He does not seem to even support the concept of a booster club; and acts unenthusiastic about athletic awards banquets and halls of fame and things like that. He was a disappointment to me when I was president of the Braves Club. Under my tenure, the Braves Club gave the athletic program at PSU some \$4,000 and put on a very successful annual banquet and an athletic awards banquet. Rod Griffin, a native of Fairmont and an All-American basketball player from Wake Forest University was our banquet speaker. He was a lot of good positive things. We were not applauded.

And Gane and the university seemed unappreciative. That's the day the cheering stopped (at least as far as I am concerned) because I stepped down shortly thereafter.

The problem with the university is simple: no one really (deep down) cares whether the Braves win or not. We have to "boost" athletics at Pembroke State University and make them care...they (the fans) used to care when the Braves were really the Braves. Now....

And a Braves Club, enthusiastically supported from the chancellor on down would help tremendously. I have not seen or felt that commitment or support. I know the new president of the Braves Club, Jerry Lowry, hopes that the university and fans support the Braves this year. They have not done so in the Braves Club's first two years of existence; maybe they will change their attitude this year.

But a booster club must remain autonomous, apart from the focal point of its existence. And the booster club must raise and give all the monies they can raise, and let the university spend it as it sees fit. That is the way a booster club like the Braves Club is supposed to work.

But this year's edition of the Braves Club has Lacey Gane and Ray Pennington on the board of directors. That is foolishness of the highest order. Gane is athletic director at PSU and Pennington is chairman of the department of health and physical education. It's sort of like belonging to your own fan club.

I hope the Braves Club much success; everyone likes to see their own creation make it. As the founding father of the Braves Club I hope my creation does not become a monster and turn on me.

I have supported Pembroke State University through good times and bad: I will continue to do so. But, my friends, the symbol is gone. I will frankly in the years ahead be more critically inclined. I believe that attitude will be good for The Carolina Indian Voice and Pembroke State University in that order.

director of missions for the Burnt Swamp Association, the legendary Baptist Association created principally by and for Indian Baptists some 100 years ago.

I was privileged to travel with Rev. Brewington, his lovely wife, Peggy, and their children to Rock Hill, South Carolina Sunday for church services at Catawba Baptist Church where Rev. Brewington conducted morning and evening worship.

It was a pleasant day; the Brewingtons are good company, and I enjoyed getting to know them better. While on the way I taught their second grader, Joel, how to spell "G-N-A-T." Joel seemed happy about it; after all, most second graders and adults too spell the crazy word "N-A-T." So, Joel had a good and productive trip too.

We were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Oxendine: Jim is the son of the late Rev. James Oxendine and Mrs. Oxendine who still lives in Robeson County. He is a plant manager at a chemicals research and production facilities near Rock Hill, S.C. He is also a deacon at Catawba Baptist Church.

The Oxendines are nice people; we enjoyed developing our friendship with them. Too, Jim Oxendine and I had a nice time visiting some of the Catawba Indians who live nearby.

And, God resides in Rock Hill, S.C. and is present at worship services at Catawba Baptist Church. God is a Big God; He is here and there all at the self same time. Isn't that amazing?



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"To be great is to be misunderstood." Emerson

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Needs Medical Attention

I am an inmate serving a 1 day to five year sentence up here at the Wagram Prison Unit, and believe me, it's not very much I can really say about it.

We receive The Carolina Indian Voice up here every week, and recently you have published a few articles that were about law suits filed by prisoners pertaining to medical treatment. Well, Mr. Barton, I don't understand much about those cases, but here is something you can write about.

A few months back, I injured by leg while playing softball. Now I don't have very much of a complaint with the prison department, as much as I do with their medical staff.

You see, after my injury I was taken to Scotland County Hospital. There, I was told by their doctor that I only had a broken blood vessel. Now, a few days pass and my leg just happens to turn a different color. So this time I saw the doctor who works here, and was hired by the state. His reaction to my leg: don't worry about it. It will be alright. It's only a broken blood vessel. So, now all I can do is hope and pray that the two doctors know what they are talking about. Now, here it is, three and a half months later, and this is what really scares me, my leg has begun to feel numb and I have a swollen place on it the size of a hard baseball, right around the main artery of my left leg.

So here is what happens. I go back to the unit doctor here, who happens to be Dr. Clifton Davenport. He tells me: son, you have to have an operation on that leg. You have to go to Raleigh.

Now, Mr. Barton, the mere mention of an operation was enough. But the fact that it is to be in Raleigh just made it worse.

Mr. Barton, if those doctors would have taken the time to x-ray my leg, or have it x-rayed, none of this would have happened. But, instead, they took one of their medical guesses. And now if I refuse the operation I may lose a leg.

Maybe the doctors think that because I am a prisoner they can afford to take such guesses. Mr. Barton, I love to get around. And I realize I need both my legs to do that. But, from what it looks like now, that will be impossible. Just because two doctors didn't do

their job the way they should have, and the way their profession calls for.

But, Mr. Barton, telling me that my leg needs operating on isn't enough. For I intend to take this to every court I have to so that people can see what kind of treatment a person gets when someone thinks there is no one who cares.

Now, I may not get anywhere with what I do. But, Mr. Barton, if people read about it maybe, just maybe, it can be stopped before someone else gets placed in my position.

So, you see Mr. Barton, some things happen here that are true.

Maybe if people read about me, then I can have something done about this before these people can stop it.

Thank you. And wish me luck.

Yourstruly,
Charles Locklear
Wagram, NC

Who Cares?

Who cares, whether Sunshine or Rain
Who cares, whether Love or Pain
There's One who cares, Who we Blame
He is always and forever the Same

All our Burdens on Him, we can lie
He is always Standing by He's never Absent, but Always nigh
For He has a Home for us on High

God gave His Son for You and I
That we might have a Home with Him on High
He will comfort you in Sorrow, for He is Nigh
He'll Whisper, I'm always Standing By

I'll be your Friend, if you'll be Mine
With us you can forever Dine In Sickness and Sorrow, You don't Stand in Line
For I'm "Always" on Time

Dear Friend I "Care," Don't you see
I prepared a "Mansion," You can live with Me
All your Troubles, You can

The Legalizer

One of the biggest weapons the devil is using is unforgiveness among the Christian people.

I would like to say that we have too many hand me down sayings that don't have any Bible verses to back them up. They are some of the Legalizers. That is to say, my grandma or grandpa said this or that, but as far as I am concerned, they were wrong unless they can back up what they say with the Bible. The "King James" version of the Bible.

So could I touch on "the Greatest Sin" that a man can commit now or in the future. It is the unforgiving sin of adultery. The unforgiving sin that will send a man or woman to hell, without any hope as far as the Legalizers are concerned. But listen to me, thanks be to our Blessed Lord and God, the one who loved us to death, said and I quote, I John 1:9-10 "If we confess our sins he Jesus is faithful and I st to

give to Me I First loved you, Don't you see

Written and submitted by
Ader Jacobs

forgive us of our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10- If we say we (everybody) have not sinned (preachers, deacons, Sunday School teachers, songleaders, ushers, everybody) we make him, Jesus, a liar and his word is not in us. But still you want to walk around and point a finger at everyone else, but you are so Godly, you stink, in my sight and I know you must make God sick to the guts.

You Pharisees, you see somebody headed for church and just because they won't go where you go and maybe you heard a buzzard come by and left a little stink, you tell people not to go to that church. God help you. You had better get down on your knees and ask God to forgive you. I would hate to face God with all of that hate and envy in my heart. Luke 6:36 "Be ye therefore merciful as your father is merciful." Of course, God wasn't taking to you. You're too godly. 37 "Judge not and you shall not be judged, condemn not and you shall not be condemned, forgive and you shall be forgiven." Meaning that if you don't forgive your brother or sister of their sins, then God won't forgive you of your sins.

You act as if God has to get your permission before he can do anything. But God is still in the driver's seat because if I were left up to you, the legalizers, when a Christian did something wrong, you would sentence him to hell because you have already judged him. You don't seem to care what God thinks about it and furthermore, you don't care. Why don't you try being more Christ like and forgive them and worship with them, and shout the victory and let God judge them? And I believe that God would be pleased and sinners would be saved. Over one hundred times in the Bible God commanded us to love one another. I John 1:20 said and I quote, "If a man say, I love God and hateth his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen." I am glad that no matter what a man does, God will forgive him. All of you people who have been married one time, or two times or even twenty times and your church won't forgive you or take you in, we will be glad to have you. And if there is anything you can do in the church, then do it for the glory of God.

Thank you.
A brother in Christ,
Marshall Bowen
Member, Gospel of Grace Baptist Church
Maxton, NC 28364



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COURSE	DAYS	TIME	DATES	LOCATION	BLDG./ROOM	INSTRUCTOR
Auto Mechanics	M&W	6:30-10	9-17-79/11-26-79	RTI	927	Morris Britt
Blueprint Reading	T&Th	7-10	9-18-79/11-27-79	RTI	TBA	Duvall Lennon
Bricklaying, Ornamental	M&W	6:30-10	9-17-79/11-26-79	RTI	905	Collie Brown
Cabinetmaking	M&W	6:30-10	9-17-79/11-26-79	RTI	928	Charles Wright
First Aid	M	7-10	9-17-79/10-22-79	RTI	TBA	Marilyn Howell
Front End Alignment	T&Th	6:30-10	9-18-79/11-27-79	RTI	927	TBA
Ground School for Pilots	T	7-10	9-18-79/12-4-79	RTI	TBA	Dick Harmon
Income Tax for Real Est. Agents	W	7-10	9-19-79/12-12-79	RTI	TBA	Harvey Nicholson
Intro. to Radio Broadcasting	T&Th	7-10	9-18-79/11-27-79	RTI	TBA	TBA
Machinist Fundamentals	M&W	6:30-10	9-17-79/11-26-79	RTI	103	James Bass
Method Time Management	T	7-10	9-18-79/12-4-79	RTI	TBA	Maynard Fader
National Electric Code	T	7-10	9-18-79/12-18-79	RTI	11-1	Eugene Madison
Nurses Assistant	M&W	6:30-10	9-17-79/12-17-79	RTI	822	Elizabeth Nye
Nurses Assistant	T&Th	6:30-10	9-18-79/12-18-79	RTI	822	Brenda Hill
The Paraprofessional in the Legal Profession	M&W	6:30-8:30	9-17-79/12-10-79	RTI	TBA	G.B. Johnson
Radio & TV Repair, Basic	T&Th	6:30-10	9-18-79/11-27-79	RTI	501	William Morris
Radiological Monitoring	Th	7-10	9-20-79/11-1-79	RTI	TBA	Herman Dunn
Real Estate Sales	T&Th	7-10	9-18-79/11-27-79	RTI	TBA	TBA
Residential Wiring	M&W	6:30-10	9-17-79/11-26-79	RTI	604	TBA
Small Engine Repair	T&Th	6:30-10	9-18-79/11-27-79	RTI	901	Hubert Bodiford
Welding, Electric	M&W	6:30-10	9-17-79/11-26-79	RTI	101	Julius Lowry
Auto Body Repair	T&Th	6:30-10	9-18-79/12-18-79	RTI-BT	3-1	Melford Clark
Boatbuilding	M&W	6:30-10:30	9-17-79/12-3-79	RTI-BT	2-1	Bobby Wilkins
Furniture Refinishing	T&Th	7-10	9-18-79/11-27-79	RTI-BT	6A-3	Angus Suggs
Sewing Machine Mechanics	T&Th	7-10	9-18-79/11-27-79	RTI-BT	6A-1	Clifton Smith
Upholstery	M&W	6:30-10	9-17-79/11-26-79	RTI-BT	6-1	Fairley Jacobs
Emergency Medical Technician	T&Th	7-10	9-18-79/11-10-80	Lumberton	Rescue Unit	Mike Caulder
Emergency Medical Technician	M&Th	7-10	9-17-79/11-10-80	Lumberton	Smyrna Fire Dept.	Rebecca Thompson
Emergency Medical Technician	T&Th	7-10	9-18-79/11-10-80	Maxton	Rescue Unit	TBA
Greenhouse Management	T&Th	6:30-10	9-18-79/11-27-79	Maxton	High School	Robert Fairley
Custom Sewing	T&Th	7-10	9-18-79/11-27-79	Pembroke	RTI Sewing Center	Janice Jones
Industrial Sewing	M&F	8-4:30	9-17-79/10-12-79	Pembroke	RTI Sewing Cent.	Janice Jones
Upholstery	T&Th	6:30-10	9-18-79/11-27-79	Pembroke	Community Bldg.	Fairley Jacobs
Cabinetmaking	M&Th	6:30-10	9-17-79/11-26-79	Red Springs	Junior High	Atlas Lewis
Small Engine Repair	M&Th	6:30-10	9-17-79/11-26-79	Red Springs	Peterson School	Galen Harris
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