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## Old Main Rededication Held Saturday JANIE MAYNOR LOCKLEAR ONE OF THE SPEAKERS



Janie Maynor Locklear is shown addressing those who attended the Old Main Rededication services Saturday afternoon. She is flanked on the left by Rev. Julian Ransom and Jesse Oxendine. Shown on her left is Dr. William Turner, one of the vice Chancellors and former Governor Jim Holshouser.

PEMBROKE--It was almost anti-climatic. The applause was mostly muted and sedate although former Governor Jim Holshouser did receive a standing ovation when he was introduced to the half filled chambers in the PSU Performing Arts Center. It was estimated that some 600 persons attended the official rededication held in the spacious center that houses 1700 when filled.

Most of those present seemed to savor the moment, especially the ardent members of the wildly successful but mostly ad hoc Save Old Main Movement. A number of them like Lew Barton, for instance, who articulated the movement, just sat and enjoyed the moment. For some like Barton it was simply a moment to reflect and be happy that the dream had become a reality.

Behind the speakers sat most of the faculty and administration of PSU in Cap and Gown. They were there at the special request of the chancellor. They added, as Dr. Givens noted, "poise and pageantry" to the special moment.

It was a special moment too for Mrs. Janie Maynor Locklear, the sparkplug of the Save Old Main Movement and later secretary of the officious Save Old Main Commission, the body appointed by former Governor Jim Holshouser following the burning of Old Main on March 18, 1973.

She was magnanimous in her remarks unlike the abrasive stance many assumed she might take if allowed to participate in the ceremonies. She initially was refused permission to participate although Dr. Givens later relented and added her to the program. She talked on the topic: Old Main--A Realization of A Dream.

Others on the program included Professor Emeritus Clifton Oxendine who gave an articulate and amusing account of Old Main--A Look at the Past.

Professor Adolph Dial, chairman of the PSU American Indian Studies Department, gave remarks on Old Main, a center of Activity. Jesse Oxendine, a Pembroke Native and chairman of the PSU Board of Trustees, talked about Old Main--a university trust.

LeJeana Hammonds, a PSU senior, talked about Old Main--a center of student services. And Rev. Julian Ransom delivered the speech of John R. Jones, chairman of the Old Main Commission, who was shaken up earlier in the day during a minor traffic accident he was involved in. He did participate in the ribbon cutting ceremonies earlier in the day.

Jones discussed Old Main--a challenge for the future.

But the crowd seemed to respond most warmly to former Governor Jim Holshouser. He was greeted with a standing

ovation. He noted, "We should never progress to the point that we forget our beginnings. Be proud of the Indian heritage of PSU...but also be aware of the larger community you serve as a regional university. Old Main marks the steps to mold the past, present and the future."

Mayor James A. "Pete" Jacobs also participated in the ceremonies, presenting Dr. Paul Givens, the Chancellor of PSU, a framed copy of the town's seal which depicts Old Main.

The official ribbon cutting took place at noon with Jones, chairman of the Old Main Commission doing the honors and Oxendine, chairman of the local board of trustees, officially opening the doors to Old Main.

Visitors toured the spacious facilities of Old Main throughout the afternoon. The focal point of Old Main is the Indian museum with the second floor housing supportive services of the university, including offices of the Indian Studies Department and Strike at the Wind.

Dr. Givens also gave general remarks, extolling those who saved Old Main but also reminding them that there are many things still to be done.

Invocation was by Rev. Welton Lowry, the incoming president of the Alumni Association with benediction by Rev. Steve Jones, the son of former chancellor English E. Jones. According to family sources, Jones did not attend because he was "not feeling up to par."

## Applications Accepted for Pembroke Postmaster

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.--The United States Postal Service has announced that applications for the position of Postmaster at Pembroke, N.C. will be accepted from February 20, 1980 through February 29, 1980 from residents of Pembroke. Although no written test will be required, a minimum of one year of management experience and three years of general experience is required. Successfully completed study in a resident college or university may be substituted for not more than half of the required experience. Such education may be substituted at the rate of one academic year of study for each nine months of experience.

their eighteenth birthday. Applicants must also reside, on the date they submit their application, within the delivery area of the Pembroke Post Office.

Copies of the basic requirements and the Standard Position Description will be available at the Pembroke Post Office beginning February 20, 1980.

All eligible, qualified candidates will receive consideration for appointment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age or other non-merit factors.

Blank application forms and additional information may be obtained from the Pembroke Post Office during the open period specified.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States and must have reached

## AN OPEN LETTER...

TO THE EDITOR:  
As a citizen, a taxpayer, and an Indian, I should like to respond to two articles published in the Sunday, February 17, 1980 edition of *The Robesonian*. The two articles to which I refer is the Public Forum with a letter to the editor and a series entitled, Carl West Opinions.

I should like first to respond to the issues addressed in the Public Forum. I am appalled at the insensitivity of the writer in equating a human service delivery organization such as Lumbee Regional Development Association to the rank and file of bricks and mortar for aesthetic beauty and appreciation of residents of the City of Lumberton in the downtown plaza. LRDA was organized and incorporated to seek programs and services which would socially and economically benefit Indian people. The organization's programs and services are directed toward attacking problems of health, employment, education, and social services. I fail to understand the charge of a rip-off to tax payers, since there are a large number of taxpaying Indians who have historically paid local, state and federal taxes. Can it be that the writer's real concern is that an autonomous Indian agency is administered and controlled by the Indians themselves, who decide for themselves what their needs are, and who successfully administer programs and services to meet their needs? LRDA was organized out of necessity, the necessity to provide programs and services for Indian people who were not being serviced by existing agencies and programs sufficiently. I cannot help but wonder if the writer would equally appreciate a similar brick and mortar project in the town of Pembroke as much as he does the plaza in Lumberton, or would he also attack such

expenditures in a predominantly Indian town as a "rip-off?"

LRDA serves to provide equal opportunity to Indian citizens--the opportunity to participate in decision-making, the opportunity to seek services without being a number to meet a quota, the opportunity to compete with other organizations and agencies for funds, and an opportunity to provide for Indian leadership. The organization was born out of concern for the lack of Indian participation and lack of sufficient programs and services for Indian people through other organizations and agencies.

I would strongly suggest that the writer take off his blinders and walk beyond the beautiful plaza in downtown Lumberton. Perhaps he could sit for a day at the Department of Social Services, at the Robeson County Health Department, at the Department of Human Resources, and the Employment Security Commission offices. In so doing, he will find that the lines are long and representative of more than Indians and Blacks, and that there are members of all ethnic groups who display a "lack of incentive" and "who are content to sit on their duffs and let the taxpayer support them." I would also suggest that he examine the types and levels of jobs held by minorities, giving careful scrutiny to the number of minorities in supervisory, management, and professional positions as compared to those held by non-minorities. And while it is true that none of us can be held accountable for the past, certainly all of us are equally accountable for the continuing discrimination and inequitable opportunities which still exist today, although in more subtle tones.

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### MOVIE SHOWING AT BAPTIST MEETING

Burnt Swamp Baptist Churches will meet Monday night at Mt. Airy, 7:30 p.m. for the regular Church Training Mass Meeting. Individual conferences are planned for the leadership in each church while others present will view the popular movie entitled "The Haunted Churchbell." In addition Mr. Bill James Brewington, Church Training Director at Harpers Ferry Baptist Church will speak to the group.

All churches are invited to participate. Don't let the children miss this movie.

### ST. PAULS SCHOOL TALKS TO CONTINUE...

The St. Pauls Board of Education, according to local news reports, came out of executive session "at about midnight" Monday night. They are continuing to debate the situation in the local St. Pauls schools.

They (the board of education) recessed with intention to resume deliberations at a later date.

The center of the controversy seems to be Superintendent Donald Kennedy. He is accused in many quarters with being "high handed." Dissatisfaction surfaced a few weeks ago when it was reported that Kennedy had intervened and over ruled the selections of a committee formed to select local students to attend the prestigious Governor's School this summer. Supt. Kennedy, according to school sources, did not follow the committee's recommendations, over ruling their choices and replacing them with selections of his own. One of his selections was his daughter, Amy.

Since that time a teacher has resigned, and then withdrawn her resignation, prompting the attention of the school board. Another teacher, Mrs. Nancy Brown, associated with the schools for many years, resigned Monday.

It has been reported in the local media that a petition is underway in the St. Pauls School area calling for Kennedy's resignation.

### GERALD B. HILL GRANTED A NEW TRIAL...

Gerald B. Hill, the controversial former head of the Lumberton Housing and Redevelopment Commission, who now resides in Beaufort, S.C., has been granted a new trial by the N.C. Court of Appeals.

Hill is the second convicted director of the housing authority to be granted a new trial after an initial conviction. James Lamb was granted a new trial last month.

Hill was convicted along with Lamb last January 1979. He was given 9-15 years by then Superior Court Judge Robert Gavin. He was convicted of charges he milked the agency of more than \$2,000 padded in a freight bill to local contractor Sammy Britt.

The court set aside three charges of corporate malfeasance and ordered the new trial on charges of aiding and abetting false pretense.

### COUNTY HELPS OUT LUMBERTON AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT...

The Robeson County Board of Commissioners met Monday and agreed to allocate \$10,000 toward the Lumberton Airport Improvement project that is ticketed to cost more than \$150,000. The county allocation was needed to match a similar grant from the Lumberton City Council. The local funding will be added to a federal grant totaling some \$117,000 along with state funding of \$20,000.

The commission also agreed to provide some \$33,700 to the improvement

program underway by Acme Electric. The money will be used to assist in the extension of a natural gas line to the plant. The plant is undergoing plant expansion expected to total some \$2 million when completed.

### LRDA INITIATES POSSIBLE TELEPHONE CALLS SAVINGS

Ken Maynor, executive director of Lumbee Regional Development Association, quartered in Pembroke, appeared before the county commissioners Monday and asked them to formally endorse a survey of customers in the Carolina Telephone exchanges area to determine if Carolina Telephone can "hook directly" into the Southern Bell System, thereby saving the customers the toll charges customers within the respective systems have to pay when calling one another.

The survey offer by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph is the direct result of an initiation by LRDA. At an earlier time, had presented Carolina Telephone a formal petition by customers in their service area who protested having to pay long distance calls when calling Lumberton for instance. A meeting centered around the issue drew some 300 people last month.

Maynor said, "Carolina Telephone people have been cooperative and helpful..." noting that similar situations have risen before...

Carolina Telephone serves the Parkton, Red Springs, Maxton and St. Pauls areas of the county while Lumberton, Pembroke, Fairmont, and Rowland are served by Southern Bell. Calls between the two areas are long distance. A call from Pembroke to Red Springs (a distance of 11 miles) for instance is "long distance."

Commissioner H.T. Taylor applauded the efforts of LRDA saying the move "may bring us closer to a countywide emergency telephone number."

### PEMBROKE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SPONSORS RAFFLE

P.S.H.S. Booster Club will sponsor a raffle for a Magic Chef Micro Wave Oven. Tickets are now available from any member of the Booster Club. The drawing will be held April 26, 1980. You need not be present to win.

## Locklear bids for Register of Deeds



James B. Locklear has filed for the office of Register of Deeds of Robeson County. Presently he is self-employed.

Locklear is a World War II veteran having served in the European Theater of Operations. He was a member of the

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## Brigitte Brayboy Crowned "Miss Homecoming 1980"



MISS P.S.U. HOMECOMING QUEEN, 1980, BRIGITTE BRAYBOY IS SHOWN WITH HER ESCORT, RAY CUMMINGS.

PEMBROKE -- Brigitte Brayboy, a 19-year-old freshman, who has five cousins who attended Pembroke State University, has been voted as "Miss Homecoming of 1980" at PSU.

She won over 11 other candidates and received a kiss from Chancellor Paul R. Givens upon being crowned during halftime ceremonies at the PSU homecoming basketball game.

"It is the first time I've ever been chosen a queen. I'm pleased and honored," said the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. Brayboy of Pembroke. She has a brother, Terry, 23, who graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a business major. He is employed by IBM in Kentucky.

Her cousins who attended PSU are Dr. Bobby Brayboy, Tim Brayboy and Ray Brayboy (all fine baseball players), Mrs. Joy Locklear, and Mrs. Patty Brayboy.

Brigitte, who is 5 feet 6 inches tall, is majoring in business administration. She was sponsored in the homecoming competition by the PSU American Indian Student Association and escorted by Ray Cummings, senior of Pembroke.

Her "subjects" at PSU didn't see her Monday because she was up bright and early to travel as a cheerleader with the Pembroke State University basketball teams for games at UNC-Ashville. "We won them both," she smiled

happily upon her return.

She had the unusual distinction of attending three high schools, graduating from Pembroke Senior High which she attended the last half of her senior year. Prior to that she attended Zebulon High School as a freshman and sophomore and then was at East Wake High School as a junior and the first part of her senior year.

In high school she was Sophomore Class vice president, Senior Class secretary, a cheerleader, a member of the yearbook staff, vice president of both the Future Teachers of America and Future Business Leaders of America, and lettered in basketball, softball and volleyball.

She is a member of Reedy Branch Church of Fairmont. Her hobbies are all types of sports, singing, dancing, and jogging.

First runner-up in the competition was Brenda Jenkins, daughter of Mrs. Sallie Jenkins of Cerro Gordo who was sponsored by the Black Student Organization (a Sociology major); second runner-up was Valerie Emanuel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Emanuel of Godwin who was sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia (an Elementary Education (K-3) major); and third runner-up was Lisa Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Allen of Lumberton who was sponsored by Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity (also an Elementary Education (K-3) major). All three of these coeds are juniors.