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A PICTORIAL GLANCE AT LUMBEE HOMECOMING 1981

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Robeson County Indian Caucus elects officers



Lumbee Homecoming was a time of frivolity and fun. Perennial M.C. Ed Chavis handled his duties beautifully [except for his famous funny unfunny jokes] as 27 beautiful Little Miss Lumbees performed for the judges and audience. The winners were: [left to right] Sherne Danyelle Hagans [daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Ray Hagans], BEST TALENT; Melissa Hazel Bowen [daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bowen], FIRST RUNNER-UP; Tara Nicole Sampson [daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dale Sampson], LITTLE MISS LUMBEE 1981; Tiffany Locklear,

MISS LUMBEE 1980; Almee Elizabeth Dunn [daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dunn], 2ND RUNNER-UP; and April Lynn Whittemore [daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Whittemore], BEST DRESS.

But all the youngsters were winners as each was presented flowers and a trophy. The popular event kicked off Lumbee Homecoming 1981 last Wednesday evening and was held before an almost capacity crowd in PSU's Performing Arts Center.

Tara danced to "Baby Face" in the talent competition.

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Award winners at the Awards Banquet Thursday night were: [left to right] Dr. Gerald Maynor, The Advancement of Education Award; Bruce Barton, Henry Berry Lowry Memorial Award; Bobby Dean Locklear, Distinguished Service

Award; and Herbie Oxendine, Businessman of the Year.

Maynor is Chairman of the Education Department at Pembroke State University; Barton is editor of The Carolina Indian Voice. Locklear, a former county

commissioner, is guidance counselor at Pembroke Junior High School; Oxendine is president of Old Foundry Toyota in Lumberton.

The winners seemed to be well received by the audience.

LUMBERTON--The newly organized Robeson County Indian Caucus met Tuesday night at the O.P. Owens Auditorium and elected new officers for the coming year. The meeting also served as the first annual meeting of the organization.

In a show of unanimity, the caucus elected Lloyd Locklear as the first chair person: He had been serving as interim chair person during the organizational phase of the fledgling organization. Elected as vice-chairperson was Dr. David Brooks, a Pembroke Veterinarian. Mrs. Dorothy Lowry was chosen as secretary; and Renford Scott was named treasurer.

Dr. M.L. Brooks guest speaker

Dr. M.L. Brooks, Pembroke physician, and a trail blazer in Indian political circles, was the guest speaker. Dr. Brooks said, "This is a great and noble task you have embarked upon." And, quoting Victor Hugo said, "This [Indian Caucus] is an idea whose time has come... now we must sacrifice to make it a reality."

Dr. Brooks, in his stirring message, told the assemblage, "If you would change the world you must first change yourself." He urged the group to put God first in their own lives, and in the life of the caucus.

Dr. Brooks reminded them that the caucus's purpose is to "offer hope to those who have lost hope." He equated an organization like the Indian Caucus to a boat saying, "I have never heard of a boat sinking half way... it is our responsibility to save everyone on the ship... and to keep it afloat."

Membership in the organization costs \$5.00 and can be purchased from any officer or member of the caucus.

The Indian Caucus put great emphasis on unity as exemplified by the action of R.D. Locklear, a member of the caucus, who was nominated, along with Mrs. Lowry, for the position of secretary. Said Locklear, "In a show of unity, and because I believe the caucus needs the presence of a woman in a decision making position, I respectfully decline and move that we accept Mrs. Lowry by acclamation." And the Robeson County Indian Caucus did just that.

Lloyd Locklear, the new chair person, is a staffer with Lumbee Regional Development Association in Pembroke. He also urged that the members work together and "share our problems and solutions."

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR. WALTER WEISBERG

A memorial service for Dr. Walter Weisberg will begin at 8 p.m. Friday, July 10th, in the Sanctuary of Temple Beth El, 1106 Water Street, Lumberton.

Dr. Weisberg, a professor at Pembroke State University since 1975, was buried at Farmingdale, New York, last Thursday. He died while in Bolivia.



Dr. Martin L. Brooks was the banquet speaker at the prestigious Awards Banquet Thursday night at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut.

Ken Maynor, executive director of LRDA, which sponsors Lumbee Homecoming annually, introduced Dr. Brooks, a Pembroke physician, as a "Present day Robin Hood" and a man who used his "brain instead of the arrow and the vote instead of the gun" to redress wrongs perpetrated against the Indian community.

Dr. Brooks spoke glowingly of "freedom" but noted some dangers lurking about. Dr. Brooks stressed upbringing

and character saying, "I'm more concerned about our eroding character inside than I am about the threat of communism outside..."

He detailed the maladies that have brought down previous civilizations including lost religious freedom, an obsession with sex, debased character, the lack of respect for honest work, a diminishing respect for law and order, and citizens no longer willing to fight for their country--chilling reminders of America today.

Walter Oxendine, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs at PSU, served as Master of Ceremonies.



Next event was the exciting MISS LUMBEE PAGEANT. The beauties who garnered honors were: [left to right] Miss Lumbee 1980, Bridgette Brayboy; Miss Congeniality, Miss Lucy Locklear; Non-finalist Winner in Swimsuit and Talent, Miss Gina Maynor; Miss Lumbee, 1981, Miss Jackie Jacobs; First Runner-up, Miss Rhonda Flanagan; and Miss Kyle Ann Lowry, Second Runner-

up. The nine beautiful contestants exhibited their poise and talent before an overflow audience in PSU's Performing Arts Center Friday night. A coronation ball followed at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut.

The talented Miss Lumbee 1981 is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Jacobs of Hope Mills. Miss Jacobs is a junior at

Pembroke State University.

Tommy Swett, Director of Special Programs at PSU, performed admirably as Master of Ceremonies.

Miss Jacobs, by winning the Miss Lumbee Pageant, is assured a berth in the Miss North Carolina Pageant in 1982.

The theme for the pageant was "Beauty Along the Pocosin." Pocosin is an Indian word for swamps.

Eddie Mac Locklear Promoted to V.P. at RTC



Eddie Mac Locklear, Student Services counselor and director of Veteran Affairs at Robeson Technical College, has been promoted to the

position of Vice-President of Administration and Personnel. He is responsible to the president for the development and maintenance of planning and management systems for matters of personnel which include hiring and personal safety, for developing funding sources, for appropriate research, and other such functions as assigned by the president.

After graduation from Pembroke State University, Locklear taught in Maryland and at Prospect High School. He earned a Master's degree in guidance at Western Carolina, Cullowhee, in 1967, and was counselor at Pembroke High School until 1969, when he joined the RTC staff. He lives in Pembroke with his wife, Mary Ellen, and one son.

Dr. Dean Chavers resigns from Bacone College

Dr. Paul V. Moore of Norristown, Pa., has accepted the position of acting president of Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., to fill the void left by the recent resignation of Dr. Dean Chavers, president of Bacone, according to Edward D. Hamilton, chairman of the Bacone Board of Trustees. Moore will assume his new duties on Aug. 1.

In his letter of resignation, Dr. Chavers stated that he has resigned to accept a position working with Human Development Seminars, Inc., of St. Petersburg, Fla., a 10-year-old company which conducts management training nationwide. In addition to planning and conducting seminars across the country, Chavers said that he plans to do independent research.

"I am concerned about the future and the stability of the other Indian colleges around the nation, which now total approximately 30. I plan to offer my services to them in the area of fundraising and management because I believe that Indian tribes should have the

opportunity to provide sound, effective education for their members," his letter stated. Chavers resignation from Bacone becomes effective July 31.

Since coming to Bacone, Chavers has been the major invited speaker at numerous conventions or meetings, and has produced over 10 major published papers. He has just returned from the First Annual Southwest Indian Education Conference in Palm Springs, Calif., where he presented his paper for the keynote address, entitled "The Challenge of Indian Education in the 1980s."

On March 24, his article, "Periling Indians' Education," appeared in The New York Times.

Chavers, a native of Robeson County, attended the Robeson County schools and has many relatives in the area, including his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Marie Byrd, who is affiliated with the VISTA program administered by Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) in Pembroke.

North Robeson Concerned Citizens Issue

Statement of Concern

The North Robeson Concerned Citizens, in a meeting on June 23, 1981, adopted the following policy statement:

"The North Robeson Concerned Citizens have not relinquished their goals of equal, quality education for all children of Robeson County without regard to attendance zones, district lines, geographical location, or socio-economic status. Therefore, this organization will continue to be a driving force for the

establishment of a county-wide unitary school system.

"In regard to the educational needs of North Robeson we are confident that when further studies and community input are complete, the evidence will demonstrate that the needs of North Robeson can only be attained by a realistic student census, adequate funding, and a curriculum commensurate with the varied needs of all the students."