

## LRDA IN ACTION

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### Dr. Morrison guest speaker at Staff Meeting



Dr. Matthew Morrison, Director of the PSU Public Television Station was introduced at the staff meeting of Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. (LRDA) Monday, February 8, 1982.

In December, 1980 the U.S. Department of Commerce awarded Pembroke State University a grant of \$145,829 to begin a public TV station which will be located in the rear of the Old Main building. This long-time dream came a step closer to becoming a reality in January when WECT-TV in Wilmington (Channel 6) donated over \$100,000 of television equipment to Pembroke State.

Dr. Morrison emphasized the importance or impact mental images have upon people. To get his point across, he began his presentation by reciting the mental image he has retained of his grandmother for 45 years, an image that remains vivid to this day.

He said that "Public television is designed to look at the needs of a people at a grassroots level." Also, one of the objectives of PSU's public station, according to Dr. Morrison, is to assist minorities and women gain more access to and control of the media. Another objective is simply to improve communications.

The importance of the public television station to the area was explained also: "Ever who writes the history of an area," said he, "is responsible for how people perceive the people of that area." That is why the mental image is so important, according to Dr. Morrison.

Said he, "we are in the midst of a technological revolution." The PSU Public Television Station, expected to be producing within 18 months to two years, will help this area catch up with the changing times.

Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. has expressed a willingness to work closely with PSU. Said Dr. Morrison, "I see LRDA as being involved in every phase of this program."

Dr. Morrison's presentation was as informative as it was entertaining. The staff was captivated by the relaxed and casual manner of his presentation which was interspersed with just enough humor to keep one clinging to his every word.

For further information contact Dr. Morrison at 521-4214.



John F. "Rainmaker," whose actual surname is Skierski, was also introduced by a lady who has employed him to solve the murder of her son.

According to the Rainmaker, with only a seventh grade education, he is able to "make it rain," one of many of his mind-boggling claims.

The interesting fact is the Rainmaker carries with him a photo album containing newspaper clippings written about him in just about every town and country he has visited, which adds quite a bit of credibility to his claims.

"I do not make rain except upon request," stated the Rainmaker quite emphatically. "Making it rain simply for my ego is not right."

According to one of the news articles in his album, the Rainmaker is quoted as saying: "I slipped up once in North Carolina and didn't make it rain. But a day after I had asked for it to rain, Hurricane Hazel hit North Carolina and I had predicted it to hit."

The Rainmaker, being of Indian descent with an inkling of Polish blood coursing through his veins, feels that part of his power comes from his Indian ancestry. "The key," he adds, "is faith. Indians have always been in tune with the universe."

No doubt the Rainmaker encounters a number of skeptics in his travels. But he is serious about his rainmaking, or divining as he prefers to call his dubious gift. However, he calls himself a dowser. "This is a spiritual matter," he explains. "It should be taken seriously."

Without a doubt, John Rainmaker is an interesting individual, readily admitting that he lives a nomadic howbeit interesting existence.

The remainder of the staff meeting was concerning with in-house comments to the staff from the Executive Director, Kenneth R. Maynor.

## L.L.L.C. STUDENTS STUDY CAREER AWARENESS



One of the features of the curriculum for Lumbee Indian Education Project's (LIE) Lumbee Longhouse Learning Centers is Career Awareness Study. The purpose is to increase the children's awareness of occupations found in society, and to help develop positive attitudes toward self, others and work. The Lumbee Education Project is a component of Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. (LRDA).

Each month, according to Andrena Scott, LIE Director, the three Lumbee Longhouse Learning Centers concentrate on a particular cluster of occupations. For the month of January the students studied careers in communication and media.

Jan. 18, 19, and 20 Lumbee

Longhouse Learning Center students, 3-5 years of age, visited the Pembroke State University Media Center, located in the rear of Old Main, the first brick building on campus which has come to symbolize the rich Indian history of PSU to Indians in and around Robeson County.

The highlight of the visits was the recording of each group of students on video tape and playing it back for them. For most this was the first time they had seen themselves on television. This proved to be very beneficial to the centers in their efforts to encourage the children to develop positive self concepts and realize they have the potential to become whatever they wish.

"On the air live from the

Studios of WAGR" was how the 90 students from the centers were announced at WAGR Radio Station in Lumberton Jan. 25, 26 and 27 when they were allowed to say their name on the air; this was definitely a treat for the children.

The children also visited the teletype room where the automatic typewriters print

news from other areas. The children were given copies of these news briefs to take home with them.

The Lumbee Longhouse Learning Centers are located in Fairgrove, Magnolia and Pembroke and they are funded by a grant from the U.S. Office of Education.

For further information call 521-9703.

## Visit Day Care Office

On Thursday, Feb. 4, two representatives from the North Carolina Office of Day Care Licensing visited the office of Lynneetah Jacobs, Director of LRDA's (Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc.) Day Care Program.

According to Ms. Jacobs, "The Day Care Program is currently considering petitioning the state for AA licensing." Presently, the seven day care centers operated with one additional center slated to open in the Fairgrove area Feb. 22, are state licensed.

However, June Locklear, a Lumbee Indian native of Robeson County who is AA Licensing Supervisor with the N.C. Office of Child Day Care Licensing, stated: "The AA License is the state's way of recognizing day care centers that have exceeded minimum state standards."

"The purpose of our visit," she continued, "is to conduct and overall evaluation of the LRDA Day Care Program. Hopefully Loretta Allen-Adams (Program Consultant who accompanied Ms. Locklear) will return soon to offer technical assistance."

The Day Care Program is presently accepting enrollment applications. The centers are located at Union Chapel, Wakulla, Gospel Tabernacle, Tudor Court, Rex Rennett and 5-G's (in Robeson County) and South Hoke Day Care Center (in Hoke County). The Fairgrove Day Care Center is also accepting applications for enrollment.

For further information, contact the Day Care Program at 521-9761.

## Reflections Alta Nye Oxendine

A REPORT ON MY MOTHER  
My mother, Alta Redfield Nye, is still thrilled about the many nice cards and letters she received for her 85th birthday. At last count, there were over 65, including at least one nice valentine card.

She has asked me to thank everyone in this section of the country who helped her to have a happy birthday.

So thanks to each and everyone.



Rita Maynor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Maynor of Godwin, is a member of the cast for the production of "Cabaret."

As a freshman at Pembroke State University, Rita is majoring in special education. Prior to entering PSU, Rita attended Midway High School. She is currently Miss Air Force ROTC. As an outside interest, Rita is active in the Baptist Student Union.

The Pembroke Players will present "Cabaret," a musical by Joe Masteroff, in the Performing Arts Center on Feb. 18, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. and a 1:00 p.m. matinee on Feb. 19, 1982. General admission is \$3.00 and \$2.00 for the SEASON Subscribers. All PSU students will be admitted free with a valid PSU ID. For more information and reservations, call the PSU Box Office at 521-0PSU (0778)



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## EDITORIALS The Needy

It's the custom in many parts of the country for newspapers to call attention to the plight of the community's needy at Christmas time. This is a worthwhile undertaking and it is appropriate to make a special effort at Christmas to see that every child, especially, is remembered in some way.

If there are nearby families in distress, if there are children likely to have little to be happy about Christmas morning, those with the means can make their Christmas a satisfying one by doing something about it. Parties, good food and expensive presents are less fulfilling, inwardly.



Still popular as an energy saver is the wrap and snap warmer. Evening TV watchers can lower the thermostat by using the blanket-style warmer.

## Health Scholarships available

Three health professions scholarship programs operated by the Department of Health and Human Services' Indian Health Service (IHS) under the authority of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (P.L. 94-437) and the Public Health Service Act are now available in the 1982 SCHOLARSHIP CYCLE to applicants.

The Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship Program for Indians (Section 103) provides scholarship support to Indian people for up to 2 years of compensatory pre-professional education which, upon completion, will enable the student to qualify for enrollment or reenrollment in a health professions school.

Consideration for the 1982 Scholarship Cycle will be given to qualified applicants in the following health professions:

- Nursing
- BSN
- ADN
- LPN
- Medical Technology
- Medical Records Science
- Speech Pathology/Audiology
- Optometry
- Radiology Technology

Medicine  
Dentistry  
Masters in Hospital Administration  
Health Education

Completed Applications must be received by the Grants Management Office at the applicant's IHS Area Program Office on or before close of business April 9, 1982. Applicants will be informed of actions taken on their applications by July 30, 1982.

Competition for Section 103 and 104 scholarships is high because of the strong interest of American Indians and Alaskan Native people in health professions training. Therefore, awards are made on the basis of the applicant best qualified according to the criteria listed in the Final Rules and Regulations for P.L. 94-437.

For more information about these scholarship programs, or to request an application kit, contact: Belinda Scott Harris, IHS Lumbee Office, P.O. Box 68, Pembroke NC 28372, Telephone (919) 521-8664.

## News from Ten Mile Center

by Mrs. Nora Lee Hardin  
Wayne Cummings celebrated his 13th birthday on Saturday, the 6th day of February.

James Fairley Bell was admitted to the hospital last Tuesday morning and he is doing well.

The Ten Virgins play will be at Saddletree Church of God Sunday night, Feb. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jolly visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jolly of the Saddletree Apartments on Sunday.

Mrs. Addie Mae Brewington is home after spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Scott in Pembroke. Mrs. Scott's husband, John W. Scott, is in the hospital at Fayetteville, N.C.

Visiting John W. Scott Saturday were Mrs. Myrtle Scott, Addie Mae Brewington, Dorothy Lee Hammond and Tommie Jane Dial.

A birthday dinner was given on Sunday, Feb. 14 for Miss Anne Mae Lowery, age 81. After dinner Miss Lowery was showered with many lovely gifts and flowers.

The Ten Mile Center Church Choir went to Reedy Branch Church to sing Sunday. They had a joyful singing.

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## Progress?

Twice in recent weeks, PLO leader Yasser Arafat has hinted that he could live with a Saudi Arabian Middle East peace plan that would recognize Israel's right to exist in the region in return for creation of a Palestinian state and return of seized Arab lands by Israel.

The eight-point Saudi peace plan has been denounced by hard-line Arab countries like Syria and Libya, and the U.S. has refused to publicly support it. But it has an appeal to a growing number of moderate Arabs and to many Americans and Israelis. It may be Israel's best chance to bring about permanent peace in the area, though the present Begin regime has rejected it.

The Saudi peace program could be modified, of course, and Israel should have its security guaranteed. Other objections to the plan might be negotiable.

"Patience and delay achieve more than force and rage."  
Jean de La Fontaine

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The Pembroke Elementary School T.M.H. Class presented "Salute to Valentine's Day," a program of music and oratory on Thursday, Feb. 11. The program was attended by students from grades k-3 and parents.

Shown left to right on stage are: Wayne Swett, Hattie Alsford, Michael Oxendine, Janet Locklear, Rita Lowry, Deborah Jacobs, Sherry Bullard, Sandy Dunn, Claudette Locklear, Robert Oxendine, Geneene Kerns, Wayne McMillian (seated front), Jeff Scott and Jeff Ross.

In charge of producing the program was Ms. Sandra Highsmith, T.M.H. teacher and assistant teachers Mrs. Luvenis F. Hunt, Ms. Barbara Lowry, and Mrs. Odene Warrizax. Mrs. Daphne Jones was in charge of the music. (Elmer Hunt photo)



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