

LRDA IN ACTION

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The youths shown above attended the recent 1982 Annual Indian Youth Unity Conference held at Pembroke State University June 16, 17 - 18. They were sponsored by LRDA's Educational Talent Search Project, Director: Belinda Harris. This was the first Indian Youth Unity Conference attended by these three youngsters. They en-

joyed such activities as work shops, disco dances, a banquet, a Talent Show, Field Day and much much more.

Shown above, they are: Dawn Butler and Ricky McGirt of Prospect High School and Anita Lowery of Red Springs. Not pictured is Jackie Locklear of Orrum High School.

Food Co-op in Lumberton Open for Business

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Lumbee Regional Development Association is comprised of a number of effective

projects whose aim it is to solve the health, educational, economic and general welfare problems of rural and urban

Indians in and around Robeson County. The Community Food and Nutrition Project (CFNP) is an



Shown above (sitting, center) is Rev. Al Peuster, pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fayetteville presenting check for \$4,000 to the Community Food and Nutrition Project on behalf of the

Lutheran World Relief. Sitting (left) is Ken Maynor, Executive Director of Lumbee Regional Development Association. Far right is CFNP's tireless Director, Shirley Locklear.

The CFNP staff is shown standing. They are (left to right): Terry Williams, Louise Hunt, Carolyn Chavis (no longer employed with CFNP) and Theresa Bullard. (Garry Barton Photo)

exceptionally effective LRDA project. Its effectiveness is due, in large part, to the seemingly untiring efforts of the energetic director, Shirley Locklear.

The latest of many major CFNP undertakings spearheaded by Ms. Locklear and her superb staff is a CFNP Food Co-op located in Lumberton, bringing to two the number of food co-ops operated by CFNP (the other is located at the Revels Motel Complex in Pembroke).

Primary funding for the development of the eventually self-sufficient Lumberton-based Food Co-op came from a \$4,000 donation presented to CFNP by the Rev. Al Peuster, pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fayetteville, on behalf of the Lutheran World Relief. The Lutheran World Relief is unique. Unlike many individuals and organizations who simply complain about such social problems as hunger, illiteracy, etc., they take an active part in seeking solutions to these ever-present problems. The proposal was initially submitted to the National Indian Lutheran Board.

Ms. Locklear and her staff also spearheaded a Walkathon which raised approximately \$2,000 toward the

developmental costs of the new Food Co-op.

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held for the Lumberton-based Food Co-op Friday, June 18, in front of the office of Lumbee River Electric Membership Co-op located on Fayetteville Road in Lumberton. The reigning Little Miss Lumbee (at the time), Tara Nicole Sampson, did the honors of cutting the ribbon, officially opening the new food co-op for business. The Food Co-op is located directly behind the Lumbee River EMC office. You can't miss it; look for the sign out front.

LRDA is also to be commended for its assistance in the new CFNP endeavor. The community-conscious electric membership co-op furnished the building in which the food co-op is housed. They also footed the bill for the complete renovation of the building. Said Derl Hinson, Gen-

eral Manager of LREMC, at the ribbon cutting ceremonies: "LREMC is proud to play a part in the opening of this new food co-op. It gives us the opportunity to let people know that we do more than cutting people's lights out...we turn lights on too!"

Thanks to the combined efforts of many, low income families from the Lumberton and Pembroke areas can now purchase food at prices substantially below prices charged by retail stores. If interested in becoming a participant of CFNP's Food Co-ops contact the CFNP staff at 521-8602.

After all, with the present administration projecting a \$91.5 billion deficit for the next fiscal year, it is safe to assume the need for food co-ops, farmers markets, and the like, will be with us for a long, long time to come.

LRDA's Center for the Arts grads pursue goals

The senior participants of LRDA's Lumbee River Native American Center for the Arts (1981-1982) have excelled academically this summer. And many have chosen to further their education in the cultural arts fields with possibly an eye to eventually pursuing an occupation in the cultural arts field.

James Malcolm is one of the Center's most promising visual arts students. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Malcolm of Pembroke and a 1982 graduate of Pembroke Senior High School, James is attending art school in Austin, Tex.

Layton Chavis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chavis, Jr. of Pembroke is presently enrolled at Pembroke State University. Also a senior participant of the Center for the Arts, Layton's major will be music.

Norma Lowery, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Lowery of Pembroke, is yet another senior participant enrolled at Pembroke State University. She will be studying music and drama at PSU. Both Norma and Layton are also 1982 graduates of Pembroke Senior High School. Cast member of Strike at the Wind.

Kenny Hunt also chose to attend an institution of higher learning, studying drama at Pembroke State University. Also a 1982 graduate (Fairmont High School), Kenny is the son of Priscilla Hunt of Fairmont. He is a cast member of Strike at the Wind. A 1982 graduate of Pro-

spect High School, Royce Bullard, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Bullard, Jr. of Maxton, is also enrolled at Pembroke State University. Her major will also be music.

Kimberly Locklear Newton, also a 1982 graduate of Prospect High School, is also enrolled at Pembroke State University. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Van C. Locklear of Pembroke, she plans on majoring in the field of English.

Other senior participants of LRDA's Center for the Arts who are attending Pembroke State University are David Ransom, John Boyce Locklear and Phyllis Jacobs. David is the son of Mrs. Flora Ransom and the late Marvin Ransom of Rowland. He is a 1982 graduate of South Robeson High School. Phyllis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Jacobs of Pembroke. And John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Locklear of Pembroke. Both Phyllis and John are 1982 graduates of Pembroke Senior High School. Their majors will be in the health related field.

A 1982 graduate of Pembroke Senior High School, Darryl Teets plans call for him to enter the U.S. Navy in the fall. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Teets of Pembroke.

Said Janie Maynor Locklear Director of LRDA's Center for the Arts: "The Center is very proud of all the students enrolled. We are especially proud of the 1982 graduating class."

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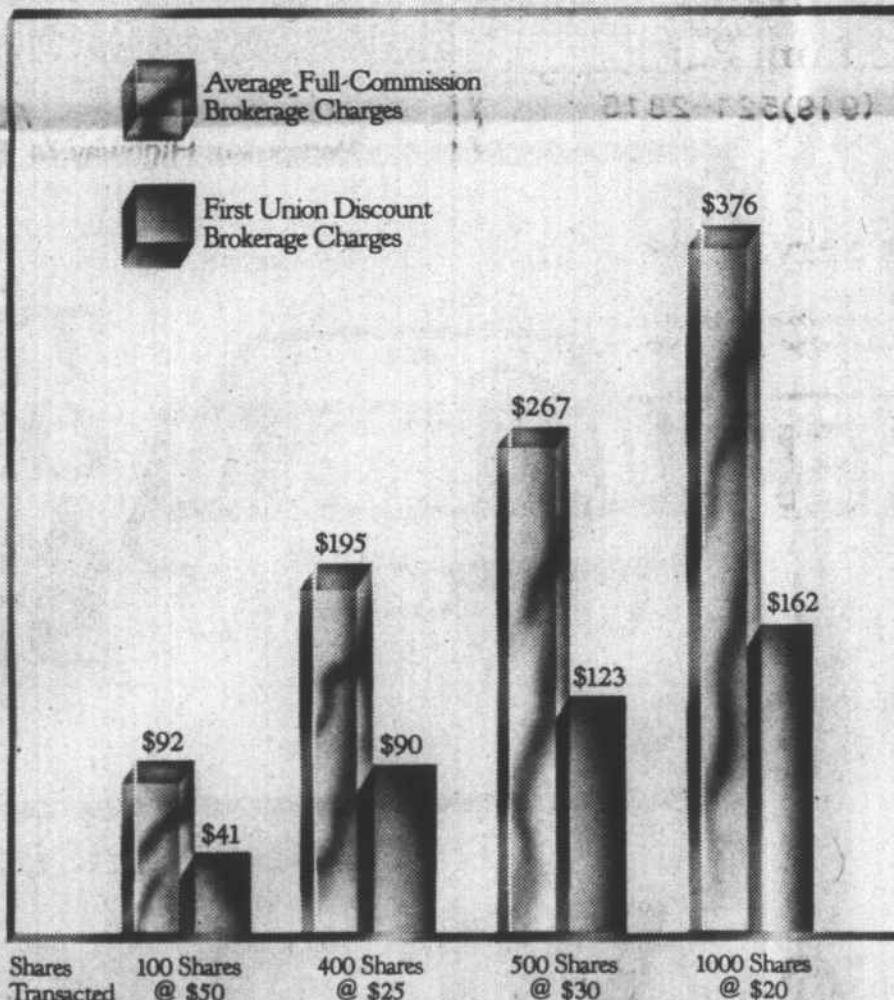
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