

# Pembroke State University

BY GENE WARREN



**IRA PATE LOWRY**, who chaired the Pembroke State Music Department from 1935-

57, was guest conductor for a special number last Thursday when the PSU Music Depart-

ment paid a special tribute to him for his service to PSU.

## IRA PAE LOWRY TRIBUTE: A GREAT NIGHT AT PSU

In truly what was one of the highlights of this year--or any year--at PSU, **Ira Pate Lowry** was honored in a musical tribute last Thursday.

Anyone who attended the event at the PSU Performing Arts Center had to be tremendously impressed. **Dr. Robert Romine** and his PSU Music Department deserve a salute for an evening which was first class all the way. It could have been put on just as well in the Kennedy Center. It was an event of finesse and taste.

Those who have not heard the PSU Concert Band, Concert Choir, Percussion Ensemble, and "Singers and Swingers" don't know what they are missing in their own midst. They were superb.

This writer was thrilled when Ira Pate, who organized the "PSU Music Department" and served as its chairman from the 1935-57 period, was invited to the podium to conduct the band for the stirring rendition of "Jesu, Joy of Men's Desiring" by J.S. Bach and Erik Leiden.

Ira Pate proved he had lost none of his conducting skills. **Dr. Colin Osborne** of Lumberton, himself a fine musician, commented about this as we watched together. "And look how trim he is," said Dr. Osborne of the 76-year-old Lowry, who tops at 7 a.m.

At the start of the tribute to Lowry, Chancellor **Paul Givens** praised Lowry for the warm friendship he has shown Dr. and Mrs. Givens from their first arrival at PSU in 1979. "Each time I hear the chimes of the Bell Tower ring, I think of Ira Pate and his dear wife, Reba," said Dr. Givens.

A very moving moment came when Mrs. **Janet Wellons Smith** of Lumberton, daughter of the first president of PSU, went to the stage and explained to the audience what a good friend Ira Pate and his late wife Reba, had been to her and her parents. "He and Reba provided the music for our wedding," she reflected.

Mrs. **Mary Pinchbeck Teets** of Pembroke, principal of Janie Hargrave School in Lumberton and a former student of Ira Pate's, then read letters of gratitude and love from six of Lowry's former students, all with families in this area. They were: **Dorothy Sweet Blakely**, St. Peters, Mo.; **Anson Locklear**, Columbus, Ga.; **Zill Locklear**, Fallston, Md.; **Etta Mae Lowry**, Richmond, Va.; **Betty Oxendine**, Mangum, Raleigh; and **Julian Martin**, Dearborn, Mich.

Lowry gave warm hugs of appreciation to both Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Teets for their parts in celebrating his "Day" and then the winner of the

first Ira Pate Lowry Music Scholarship was announced. The recipient is **Polly Allen**, a sophomore music education major from Dillon, SC. A scholarship of \$1,035 was established, and she will receive the first \$175 from it.

It was indeed a memorable night for Lowry, the greatest benefactor of PSU, and was most enjoyable for all who attended--and hundreds were on hand.

These are the kind of events which made PSU proud.

## ALUMNI DIRECTORS MEET DEC. 30

The PSU Alumni Association's Board of Directors will meet Thursday, Dec. 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs conference room of Old Main to begin planning for PSU's homecoming Feb. 12. All directors as well as the general public and any other interested alumni of PSU are encouraged to attend the meeting.

## NOMINATIONS FOR ALUMNI AWARDS REQUESTED

Nominations for the PSU Alumni Association's "Distinguished Service Award" and "Outstanding Alumnus Award" are now being accepted. Nominations must be received before Jan. 15.

Nominations, listing the accomplishments of the individuals, should be forwarded to: **Walter Oxendine**, director of alumni affairs, PSU, Pem-

broke, NC 28372.

To be nominated for the "Distinguished Service Award," an individual does not have to be a graduate of PSU. But he or she must have rendered outstanding service to the institution.

To be nominated for the "Outstanding Alumnus Award" an individual must be a PSU graduate and have had outstanding achievements.

## ADOLPH DIAL ATTENDS INDIAN CONFERENCE

**Adolph Dial**, chairman of the PSU American Indian Studies Department, attended on Dec. 2-3 the Indian Rights Association's 100th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Dial chaired a panel on "Indian Reform Movements," which had presentations by four authors.

Titles of the talks were: "The Indian Rights Association: The Early Years," "Indian Reform Movements and the Allotment Act," "The Indian New Dealers," and "The Emergence of Pan-Indian Organizations."

Another Lumbree, **Helen Scheirbeck**, now director of "Save the Children's Indian Nations Program, spoke on "Problems in Indian Education."

Also at the conference was famed Indian poet and writer **Vine Deloria**, professor of political science at the University of Arizona.

President of the Indian Right Association's Board of Directors is **Dr. Joe Oxendine**, professor at Temple University and also a Lumbree Indian from Pembroke.

## ANOTHER PSU TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Added to the list of 14 "Teachers of the Year" who graduated or attended PSU is **Nancy Thompson McBride**, who teaches at Red Springs High School. PSU's Education Department has a right to be proud.

## LEGISLATORS BRIEFED ON UNIVERSITY CENTER

Chancellor **Paul Givens** recently had as luncheon guests at PSU the state legislators of this area: **Sen. David Parnell**, Rep. **Sidney Locks**, Rep. **John (Pete) Hasty** and Rep. **Daniel DeVane**. They were given updates on PSU, including its plans for a multi-purpose University Center for which it is requested \$3,942,000 for the next biennium. PSU already owns the land to put the University Center on... and is asking the legislators' help in this effort.

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC ON CHANCELLOR'S PROGRAM

This Sunday's radio program on WAGR in Lumberton, called "From The Chancellor's Office," will feature PSU Christmas music by the University's Music Department. The program airs at 10:45 a.m.

## DR. HILL IS EXPERT ON PHILIPPINES

**Dr. Monte Hill**, in his first year in PSU's Political Science Department, spent four years in the Philippines, teaching for three of them at the University of the Philippines where he was also on Fulbright Scholarship. He has been selected as a panelist at the Southeastern U.S. Regional Conference of the Assn. of Asian Scholars to be held Jan. 29 at Asheboro.

He presented a lecture last month on the Philippines' contributions to the U.S. at the Philippine-American Assn. of Fayetteville. Prior to that he and **Dr. Gibson Gray**, acting chairman of the Political Science Department, attend a conference on International Foreign Student Advisors in Raleigh.

He will also present a paper on "Problems of Applied Social Science in the Philippines" at the annual conference of the Assn. of Asian Scholars in San Francisco in April. Dr. Hill has already made numerous talks on the Philippines in this area and welcomes other opportunities to do so.

## EXTENSION SCENE



**JUNN U. MILBARDON**  
Robeson County Extension Chairman

Around Christmas time there are numerous social gatherings, appreciation dinners, and other functions of this type. Naturally, there is lots of personal interaction and discussion of a vast number of subjects at these functions. While one can readily predict some of the types of conversations that will develop regarding local issues, those of us in agriculture invariably get caught up in subjects ranging from single farm problems to regional and national situations and even to worldwide marketing opportunities and economic difficulties.

Recently, at one of those functions **Morris Bennett**, an old friend who is in the trucking business, but has a keen interest in the agricultural sector, brought up a question regarding international bartering arrangements. He suggested that it looked to him like this country should swap some of our surplus agricultural products for oil or some other products that we would purchase any way. His comment is a common expression that is heard both from farmers and others who may only have a token interest in agriculture.

I shared with **Morris** that perhaps I should do one of my weekly columns on bartering farm commodities, and he suggested in return that if I did choose to do one on that subject, to make sure that I kept it simple enough for everyone to understand. After trying to figure out whether that was a compliment or a backhand slap, I decided to provide a few insights that may be interesting regarding bartering arrangements.

Countries have been bartering products for a long time. The United States was involved in a barter program through USDA until 1973. However, even though this program has been suspended, the U.S. recently agreed to exchange some dairy products, metals and cash with Jamaica in return for bauxite

(which is used to produce aluminum) for the U.S. stock pile of strategic minerals. Some countries such as China, Romania, and some other east European countries are actively involved in barter arrangements. However, the United States makes limited use of barter because commercial trade channels have proved more efficient and because U.S. policy has emphasized free trade for years with a minimum of government influence. Therefore, since most barter agreements are on a government-to-government basis, private traders sometimes object to greater government involvement in trade. But, private free trade channels generally require hard currencies or cash, and the present world-wide recession simply prevents many countries who lack hard currencies from being able to purchase products, which they might need desperately, but simply cannot find the money. Barter is really an appealing alternative to this situation since it avoids or reduces hard currency requirements and at the same time it ties imports of a needed commodity with exports of another commodity that a country is producing in excess of its domestic needs.

Some of the greatest potential barter partners appear to be Brazil, Thailand, Peru, the Philippines, Venezuela, Nigeria, Indonesia, Mexico, China and the USSR. These countries can provide strategic materials such as titani-

um, platinum, chromium, rubber, oil, zinc, tin, manganese, and other similar products. In return, these same countries need wheat, nonfat dry milk, corn, cotton, barley, and grain sorghum.

While it appears that an excellent opportunity exists for barter arrangements, and a history of bartering was especially successful during the global depression of the 1930's, a problem arises whereby government-to-government dealings and intra-governmental departmental conflicts can wreak havoc on a seemingly simple procedure. For example, one department such as the agricultural department in one of those countries may need the supplies badly, while another department such as an energy department has the product, such as oil, to sell to another country. Thus, in many countries the bureaucratic in-fighting over which bureaucratic department was going to receive most credit for initiating the project has placed numerous constraints on the final barter arrangement, rather than the arrangement being very simple and clean as one would normally expect.

These comments have only touched on some of the benefits and shortcomings of barter arrangements. Yet it does appear that much more interest is being placed on this trade alternative by U.S. officials than at any time in recent years.

## Merry

## Christmas!

May each of you have, not just a merry, but a truly blessed Christmas--as you contemplate the Christ Child and His meaning for your life. We are still grateful for the love you've shown us during the past two and a half years.

**Alta and Wanda Oxendine**

## IN ARMED FORCES

**KENNETH R. CHAVIS**  
Pvt. Kenneth R. Chavis, son of Katie L. and Luther E. Chavis of Pembroke has completed one station unit training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

OSUT is a 12-week period which combines basic combat training and advanced individual training.

The training included weapons qualifications, squad

tactics, patrolling, land mine warfare, field communications and combat operations. Completion of this course qualifies the soldier as a light-arms infantryman and as an indirect fire crewman.

Soldiers were taught to perform any of the duties in a rifle or mortar squad.

He is a 1982 graduate of Pembroke Senior High School.

Hornets  
clip  
Warriors

by Steve Tynes

The Warrior varsity presented the Hornets with an early Christmas present last Friday as they gave them their first win of the season. **Turkey** proved to be Pembroke's undoing much as it had been earlier in the week against South Robeson.

The Warriors controlled the game until the third quarter when the offense seemed to stall. With 18 seconds left in the quarter, **Littlefield's Walter Jones** scored to put the Hornets up by two 40-38. Although the Warriors managed to tie at the end of the quarter, the momentum was on Littlefield's side.

The fourth period saw the lead switch back and forth until the last minute when the Hornets took a three point advantage. The Warriors could not manage to overcome this deficit and went on to lose 58-53.

The Lady Warriors Fared much better as they upped their record to 3-1 by downing the Hornets 47-26. **Sheila Regan** and **Lisa Locklear** led the girls 18 and 10 points respectively. The hard work and experience paid off for Coach **Carmichael** as the Lady Warriors outplayed their opponents in all areas.

Coach **Wayne Leggett's** JV team also moved to 3-1, defeating the Hornet JV's 47-39. Leading the Warriors were **Victor Deese** (12 points), **Kelvin Oxendine** (11 points) and **Clayton Maynor** (10 points).

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