

LRDA IN ACTION

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Lumbee Regional Development Association News

ART CONTEST A PART OF INDIAN UNITY CONFERENCE

An added feature of the Eighth Annual N.C. Indian Unity Conference will be an Indian Art Contest to recognize talented N.C. Indian artists.

Any Native American, 6 years or older, may compete in the following categories: original drawings, paintings, etchings, bead work, and carvings. Cash prizes and certificates of achievement will be presented to the winning entries.

The procedure for entering is quite simple. Just submit entries no later than February 24, 1983 to the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 27228, 227 E.

Edenton St., Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

Entries will be judged March 10 and will be on display during the United Tribes of N.C.-sponsored NC Indian Unity Conference which will be held March 10-12, at the Bordeaux Motor Inn Convention Center in Fayetteville.

For additional information contact Teresa Emanuel at the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs at (919) 733-5998.

WON'T YOU HELP?

A Bloodmobile will be at LRDA's Lumbee River Native American Center for the Arts (formerly the Annex building) February 16th (next Wednesday). Blood donations will be received from 9:30 a.m. until

2 p.m.

You are encouraged to come out and donate a pint of blood. It will be a fulfilling experience. And furthermore, the life you save may be that of a loved one -- or your own! See you Wednesday!

"GREAT AMERICAN INDIAN LEADERS" EXHIBIT COMING TO PEMBROKE

"Great American Indian Leaders," a traveling museum exhibit produced by Encyclopedia Britannica, will appear at PSU's Native American Resource Center (in the Old Main building) Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 24, 25 and 26, according to Linda Oxendine, curator. The art exhibit consists of 12 life-size mannequins of great American Indian leaders authentically duplicated in a setting that accurately reflects the car in which the Indian leader lived.

The exhibit will be available for viewing by the public from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday.

LUMBEE ENROLLMENT DIRECTOR SPEAKS OUT

This week's guest columnist is Ed Chavis, Director of LRDA's Lumbee Enrollment Project which maintains and updates a Lumbee Tribal Roll.

Mr. Chavis reports:

"The Lumbee Enrollment Program, sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc., will forever hold a unique place in the history of the Lumbee Indian people. We have, for many years, been able to recognize each other, either by physical characteristics or by last names.

"In those days anyone could come to Pembroke and they could tell who was in town simply by seeing the cars. Everyone recognized each other's car. But that time has left us. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to determine who is a Lumbee Indian anymore. We still know that many people are Lumbee Indians by their surnames. However, there are many of our people we don't know either because they live in isolated area, or they left good ol' Robeson at a very young age. Perhaps they have married non-Lumbees, but they maintain constant contact with home so that their children know of their Indian blood. They are Lumbee Indians, too.

"The Lumbee Tribal Roll wants to include everyone that is a Lumbee Indian. The Tribal Roll will, in years to come, prove to be the most important historical document ever contrived by (or about) Lumbee Indians. This document will show exactly who you are, and who we are. The Lumbee Tribal Roll will show

family trees that go as far as possible back into the past. As others have said, 'Now do you know where you are going if you don't know where you have been?'

"The Lumbee Tribal Roll also serves as a certifying agency for those people that need to prove to some agency that they are Indian. Under the Indian Education Fellowship Program, we have certified five (5) students who receive money now. Under the Indian Health Services Scholarship there are thirty-seven (37) students now receiving that scholarship who have been certified through the Lumbee Tribal Enrollment Program.

"The state legislature last year passed a law granting 100,000 for needy Indian students from this state to be distributed by the 16 universities in the Regional University System. In the future they, too, will have to be certified by their tribe in order to receive these funds. This year 166 Lumbee Indians received a portion of that money from different universities all across the state.

"The state of Michigan allows our students who live in Michigan to attend their state supported universities tuition-free. These students, too, are certified through the Lumbee Enrollment Program.

"Many small businesses have been able to get contracts through minority businesses by being certified by the Tribal Enrollment Program.

"Have you done anything to preserve your family's history? Let us help you do that by enrolling your family as members of the Lumbee Tribe.

"There are now 10,000

official members of the Lumbee Tribe. This is a milestone in our endeavor. It is approximately one-third of the people who claim to be Lumbee Indians. Give us a call at LRDA's Lumbee Enrollment Program (521-8602) and ask the staff to come out to your home and enroll your whole family. Let us help you preserve your family's history for you and posterity."

EDUCATION IS THE KEY

Education is the key to the survival of Indian people. With this premise in mind, LRDA established the Lumbee Indian Adult Education Project.

Classes are offered, free of charge, to anyone 16 years or older who wishes to further his (or her) education. Curriculum consists of reading, writing and math. However, emphasis is placed upon the student eventually obtaining his (or her) General Equivalency Diploma (GED), the equivalent of a high school diploma.

Since classes began each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7-10 p.m. in September, 1982, 14 students have successfully passed the GED test that is administered at Robeson Technical College.

During the summer months, the Education Support Specialists worked with several students on an individual basis. One student, Angela Clark, passed the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) test in July 1982. Angela is from the Evans Center. The passing score for the GED is 225. In August, the test was given again and 4 students passed. They were: Carlene Locklear, and a student who wishes to remain anonymous; both from the Evans Center; Roger Butler, and Winford Bullard, from the Rex Rennert Center.

The most recent graduates of the program were tested on November 22 and 23, 1982. There were approximately 29 students tested with 9 of these passing. From the Evans Center, those receiving their GED were: Betty Deese, Brenda Butler and Gloria Oxendine. From the Smyrna Center: Lisa Hunt and Kathleen Hannah. From the Rex Rennert Center: Othella Locklear, Patricia Blue, Kim Oldham and Gladys McNeill.

Mrs. Gladys McNeill, 44, deserves special mention. She has attended the Rennert Center regularly since September, 1981. She was married to the late Carl McNeill and is the mother of 4 boys who range in age from 14 to 24 years. Her two oldest sons completed high school and one has gone on to complete college. "Miss Gladys," as she is fondly known, dropped out of school in 1955 after completing the tenth grade. She planned to return to

school after her marriage for various reasons was unable to do so. After the death of her husband, she decided to pursue her long time ambition to obtain her GED. "Miss Gladys" says she would like to continue her education and enter Robeson Technical College, possibly obtaining a major in nursing.

Said a spokesman for the project: "We have had 14 graduates from the three centers who have made great progress in a short period of time. The Adult Ed staff would like to congratulate them for their accomplishments and thank them for their hard work and dedication."

The GED test is tentatively scheduled again for February 21 in the day, and Feb. 23 and 24 at night. Anyone interested in attending night adult basic education classes, or studying for their GED, is encouraged to contact LRDA's Education Building at 521-9703.

Remember: Education is the key to our survival as a people.

(I would like to thank Patsy Lowery of the Adult Education Project for her assistance in writing this article.)

ECU Honor Roll

Greenville--Students earning academic honors at East Carolina University during the fall semester represent 90 of the state's 100 counties, 28 states and the District of Columbia and 18 foreign countries.

A total of 2,841 ECU students earned places on the university's official honors lists for the semester, compared to 3,278 for the spring semester.

Most elite of the honors is all A's. Those making the Dean's list have earned a B plus average with no grade below C. The Honor Roll includes students with a B average and no grade below C.

Susan K. Mangum of Pembroke was named to the Dean's list. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Mangum.

Aide

Raleigh--The United States Army District Recruiting Command in Raleigh announces that "Private Stenson K. Jacobs has been selected to participate in the Army's Hometown Recruiter Pro. He is working with the recruiters at the Army's Lumbeaton Recruiting Station at 2548 Fayetteville Road.

Jacobs, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Jacobs of Rt. 4, Lumberton, is a 1982 graduate of Pembroke Senior High School.

Having entered the Army's Delayed Entry Program in February 1982, Jacobs reported for active duty in June 1982. The Delayed Entry Program allows qualified applicants to take up to twelve months after enlisting before reporting for active duty. He received basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. At Ft. Gordon, Georgia he learned the skills of a radio teletype operator, his military occupational specialty.

Upon completion of recruiter aide duty, Jacobs will be stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado.

The recruiter aides are a select group of young men and women currently serving in the Army who are assigned as assistants to the recruiters in their native areas. The aides are selected for their outstanding appearance and military bearing and for their ability to express themselves to their peers in a positive manner. Each is nominated for the honor by his recruiter and is highly recommended by his commander.

The primary mission of the recruiter aides is to generate for the field recruiters quality non-prior service leads which ultimately result in enlistments. They assist the recruiter by telling applicants of individual experiences they have had and "what the Army is really like." Those who generate appointments which result in ten enlistments of non-prior service high school seniors or graduates are recommended for an early promotion.

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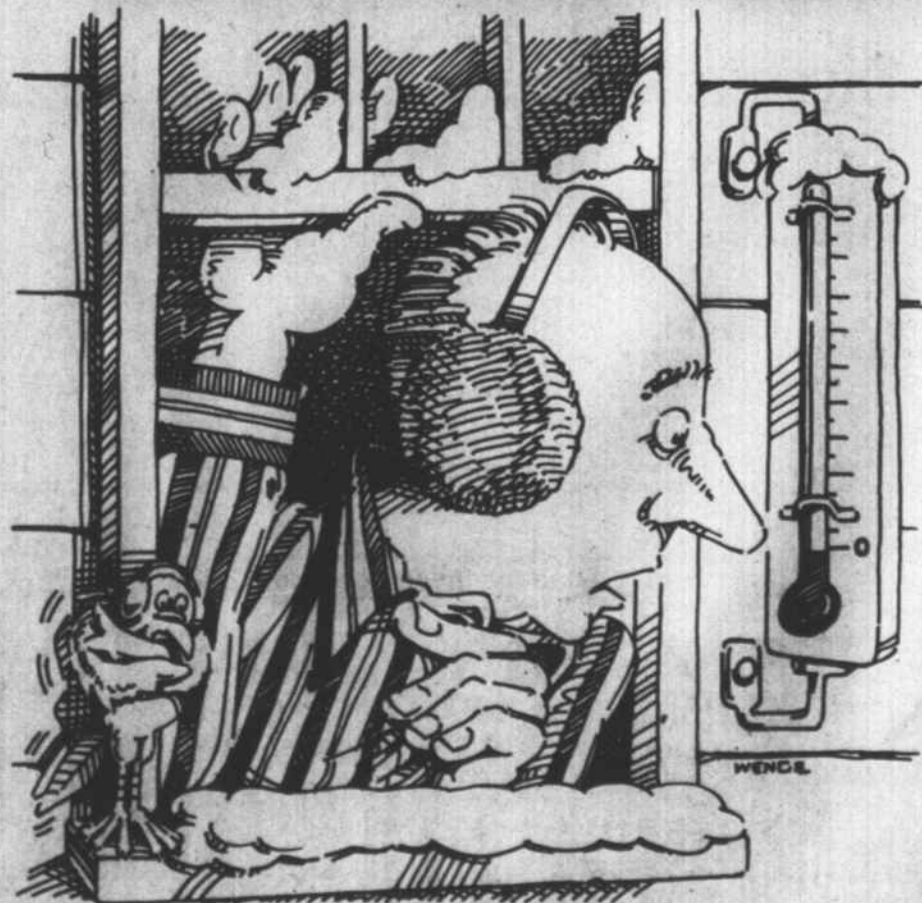


Dan Tremontozzi, CETA Program Officer from Washington, had nothing but praise when he spent January 24 - 28 evaluating LRDA's CETA Program. Tremontozzi is responsible for monitoring all Indian CETA programs to make sure they are in compli-

ance with all rules and regulations. He is also the one who can either approve or disapprove LRDA's CETA proposal each year.

"You [CETA staff] are doing a good job," he said. "In fact, LRDA's CETA Program is one of the best..."

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Thomas Edison was ahead of his time when he said: "The doctor of the future will give no medicine, but will interest his patients in the care of the human frame, in diet, and in the cause and prevention of disease." His description aptly describes Doctors of Chiropractic, more commonly called Chiropractors.

Today's Chiropractor is recognized by the United States government as a professional member of the healing arts. He is licensed by the state in which he practices. In addition to four years' study at a Chiropractic college, most states require him to have two years of pre-professional training and he must pass the same Basic Science examination as other members of the healing arts. This examination covers such subjects as anatomy, physiology, bacteriology, pathology and chemistry.

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