

# Letters

## AS I SEE IT



by  
**Bruce  
Barton**

### WLUM BROADCASTING AN EXCITING ADVENTURE

I've always liked creative people like Tommie Dial, now an announced candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from the 7th Congressional District.

He has excited me anew with an announcement that his long held dream of WLUM Broadcasting (Radio, and possibly TV too) is off and running.

He and major investors Allen G. Dial, Carl Ricky Jones and Dallas Locklear, Jr. have formed WLUM Broadcasting Co., Inc. and they're hard at work making their dream of broadcasting capabilities in this area a reality.

I wish them well. I like men who dream and dare and do. Everyone is positive about WLUM. Believe it can be done, and it will.

Previously Dial has dreamed (along with others, of course) of a social action agency, a bank, and more. LRDA and Lumbee Bank are proof that dreams can come true.

Go to it, fellas. Count me as a positive supporter, and one who will help however I can. WLUM is my kind of dream!

### JULIAN BOND SPEAKS AT PSU TONIGHT

If you get a chance, come out and hear Senator Julian Bond tonight; he's my idea of the erudite man.

The chance to hear a Julian Bond is one of the many special treats that comes from Pembroke being home of a major university.

Bond, state senator from Georgia and the first black nominated for Vice President of the United States (in 1968).

## Letters Policy

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## All Indian students eligible for Indian Fellowships

To The Editor:

I would like to clarify some misconceptions relative to Indian Fellowship applications as a member of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education. Contrary to what Indian students may have heard, it is not necessary for an Indian student to be enrolled in the Lumbee Tribe in order to obtain financial assistance under the Indian Fellowship Program.

Any Indian student who is enrolled or enrolling in medicine, law, business administration, education, engineering and/or natural resources is eligible for the program simply by providing proof that they are Indian. This may be done by your birth certificate, drivers license, etc. It is not necessary to be enrolled, I say again, in the Lumbee Tribe, the Tuscarora Tribe, the Cherokee Tribe or any tribe. These fellowships are open to any Indian whether he or she has a tribal enrollment number or not.

These applications are not only available at LRDA, but from the U.S. Department of Education, Room 2177, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202.

As a member of the National Advisory Council of Indian Education, I am available to answer any questions you may have relative to this program.

**Robert B. Brewington**  
NAEI Member  
Pembroke, NC



The bagpipe, regarded as the national instrument of Scotland, was used by the ancient Romans.

## THE COACH'S CORNER

Coach Ken Johnson

There is no three second time limit for being in the lane on the home basketball court so players find themselves under the basket a great deal of the time. It is an ideal place to develop the hook shot. A player learns to bend his elbow or hook his arm for this shot. Practice hooking both left and right arms for both sides of the basket and out front and put spin on it to help the ball to go in. It is extremely hard to defend the hook shot. It is great fun to shoot it. It is Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's favorite shot and it has made him the All time leader field goals in the NBA. The learning law of drill certainly applies to perfecting the hook shot.

## Vocational students getting involved

Dear Editor:

These days when there is so much talk about youth violence, drug abuse, high school dropouts, teenage unemployment, and apathetic young people, I would like to tell you about an organization that is working actively and energetically to help prepare America's youth for the future.

I belong to FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA-BETA LAMBDA), a national nonprofit vocational association for students preparing for careers in business and business education. Nationwide, we have over 200,000 members. My local chapter at Robeson County Career Center has a membership of over 30.

One of the main objectives of my local chapter, and other chapters in some 6,500 communities throughout the country, is learning about free enterprise. We work with local businesses on projects

that can benefit not only FBLA-BETA members, but the community, too.

We recognize the importance a free economy plays in all our lives and we want to learn how to work within the system to make it better. Then, we hope to share our knowledge with others in the community. In this way, we will be working to support free enterprise and preserve the standard of living we are now able to enjoy.

Our national theme is "Getting Involved... Today For Tomorrow." We hope that our community will give us an opportunity to show our interest and dedication to this important aspect of American life by cooperating with us in our efforts.

Sincerely,  
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## Writer offers "Answers" for better education in Robeson County

Robeson County, with 5 school systems, a group of Robeson County commissioners, and help (supposedly) from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction cannot come up with the answer for better education in Robeson County. I would like to offer a few ideas that are sure to be winners.

First priority, return to one school system throughout Robeson County. All students begin from the same equal starting line, with the same equal exposure to better education.

Robeson County school administrators, teachers and instructors, parents and students, will have to become disciples of discipline in order to share the respect that is very essential to learning and the application of same. Moral standards have to be nothing less than very good to suffice. Impressions are made on young minds that are never forgotten. These impressions must be kept respectable if we are to achieve better education in Robeson County.

Robeson County school administrators, teachers, instructors and parents, should know where school students are 24 hours per day. If school students cannot pay respect to the persons who are with them day and night they cannot contribute to any worthwhile cause or endeavor. If one cannot contribute, one cannot compete. If one cannot compete, one cannot win.

All social promotions must be stopped at once. In my opinion there are those in the Robeson County school systems who are not qualified for some of the duties they are asked to perform. Yet time and less than quality education continue to bring them closer to retirement at no less cost to the taxpayer. Parents should let it be known that if a teacher is not qualified to perform the duties set forth in his or her contract with the Robeson County school systems, said parents will seek an indictment of fraud against these unqualified persons. Dr. Gerald Maynor and Dr. Dalton Brooks, professors at Pembroke State University and members of the Robeson County Board of Education, as I see it, find themselves on the short side of better education in Robeson County, because the appointment of the present chairman of the

Robeson County Board of Education is the tie-breaker in a political power play set up to continue business as usual against better education in Robeson County. Parents should let it be known that they are tired of seeing their children being deprived of better education because of power hungry politicians. Dr. Maynor or Dr. Brooks should have been elected chairman, but both of them stand for progress and improvement in education. And this makes Dr. Maynor and Dr. Brooks unpopular as board members.

Lines drawn across any area denotes divisiveness, which is a sure sign of weakness. With all the lines drawn across Robeson County denoting school districts it is no wonder there is a lot to be desired with the quality of education therein. It is not only a waste of money with 5 school systems but an insult to the intelligence of the taxpayer. It also denotes selfishness, stupidity, absurdity and discrimination. Do not forget. If you do not oppose this practice against humankind, you must surely condone it. And if you condone it, how do you explain it to our Father in Heaven?

**John L. Godwin**  
Pembroke, N.C.

## EDITORIAL AND OPINION PAGE

We Cannot Know Where We Are Going If We Don't Know Where We've Been...



So fittingly we honor our Pioneer Fathers

## MEANDERING WITH GARRY L. BARTON

Remember folk: These views are mine. They are not necessarily anyone else's. Heck! They ain't even necessarily views! Just my rantings and ravings, I guess!

### SAINT ELSEWHERE!

Well, folk. Valentine's Day, another "fantabulous" (a cross between fantastic and fabulous) celebration, has come and gone, taking with it a bunch of good people's money.

Actually, it ain't Valentine's Day. The prim and proper name of the February 14th celebration is Saint Valentine's Day, so named after a martyr of the third century. And the customary practice of giving valentines (greeting cards), candy and flowers and such to your sweetheart on February 14th has nothing whatsoever to do with the saint, God rest his soul.

I've heard that this expensive practice was the brainchild of a salesman for a greeting cards company. Yea, it seems it all began as a commercial sales gimmick to sell the company's greeting cards. And, needless to say, it worked.

Yea, folk! Looks like we've been had again. Don't get me wrong, now. I bought my sweetheart candy last year. And I bought her some this year, too. And, no doubt, will buy her some next year too. It's become a nation-wide accepted way of life now. I'm afraid that if I don't buy her candy like everybody else does, somebody else will come along and buy her some and possibly knock me out of the saddle.

If one checks closely after Valentine's Day has come and gone, he (or she) might be sadly disappointed with his (or her) findings. No doubt the man will find himself fleeced for a minimum of \$10. The sweetheart will find herself with little more than a temporarily satisfied sweet tooth and a mouthful of cavities brought on by eating pounds and pounds of candy. And everwho manufactures Valentine's Day candy and paraphanelia will make enough money off gullible suckers like me to bide him over until the next Valentine's Day rolls around.

Perhaps we gents ought to do like an enterprising young man I'm acquainted with does. Each year, it seems, he buys his wife a really large box of candy. But, the secret is,

he's always a day late delivering the sweets to his sweetheart. Finally, he admitted his little secret. You see, Valentine's candy is exceptionally expensive the few days leading up to Valentine's Day (February 14th). But most stores are instructed to start selling the candy at half price, if necessary, after noon the day after Valentine's Day (February 15th). Otherwise, I doubt the manufacturer could store the candy for a whole year, waiting for Valentine's Day to roll around again.

If enough people done like this brilliant fella' this expensive candy-giving custom on Valentine's Day would eventually die out. And, as far as I'm concerned, everybody would be better off.

Don't get me wrong, though. I'm not against honoring or recognizing your sweetie by buying her candy or flowers. But why not do it more often? Maybe if we fellas' treated every day of the year like Valentine's Day, and showed the little lady we loved them, maybe the divorce rate would drop.

Hey, fellas! That brilliant chap has a good idea, huh? Next year, let's wait until the 15th to buy her candy, if you feel she's got to have the candy. Or, better yet, why not take her out to dinner? She'd probably appreciate that...and her dentist too. No, on second thought, I doubt her dentist would like it; he makes a living on those cavities that thrive on sweets.

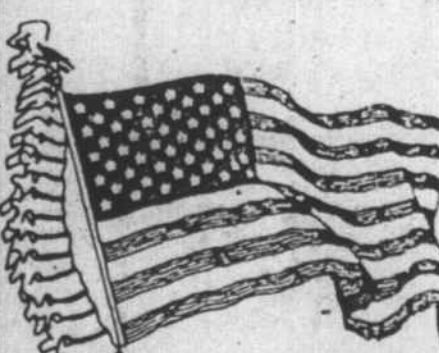
Or, heck, better yet, join with me and let's start a new custom. This Father's Day, I want my sweetheart to buy me a box of candy, preferably that taffy candy on a stick known as a "Sugar Daddy." And I want a card that reads: "Please Be My Sugar Daddy." Hey! I like that. It kind of haves a nice ring to it, don't it?

Just joshing, folk. Seriously, though, hope all you ladies had a happy Valentine's Day. And hope you men weren't fleeced for too much.

We'll talk some more later.




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