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CALENDAR OF EVENTS -- LUMBEE HOMECOMING 1984

- Friday, June 29th**
Archery Contest and Pow Wow--Pembroke Junior High Football Field at 5:00 p.m.-- Admission \$1.00
- Saturday, June 30th**
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- Sunday, July 1st**
Gospel Singing--Performing Arts Center, Pembroke State University at 2:30 p.m.-- Free
- Wednesday, July 4th**
Little Miss Lumbee--Performing Arts Center, Pembroke State University at 7:30 p.m.-- Admission \$3.00 (Children 12 Yrs. & Under) \$4.00 Adults
- Wednesday, July 4th**
Kick-Off Dance Presenting Contestants--Old Foundry Banquet Room at 10:00 p.m.-- Admission \$3.00
- Thursday, July 5th**
Business & Awards Banquet-- Pembroke Junior High School at 7:30 p.m.--Admission \$6.50
- Friday, July 6th**
Miss Lumbee Scholarship Pageant--Performing Arts Center, Pembroke State University at 8:00 p.m.--Admission \$5.00
- Friday, July 6th**
Coronation Ball--Old Foundry Banquet Room at 11:00 p.m.--Admission \$12.00 per couple (breakfast included)
- Saturday, July 7th**
Agriculture Awards Breakfast--Auxiliary Gym, Pembroke State University at 8:00 a.m.-- Admission \$3.00.
- Saturday, July 7th**
Activities in the Park--Pembroke Town Park at 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 7th**
Lumbee Homecoming Parade--Downtown Pembroke at 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, July 7th**
Reception and Art Display--Old Main, Pembroke State University at 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 7th**
"Strike at the Wind"--Riverside Country Club at 8:30 p.m.--Admission Children (12 Yrs. & Under) \$2.50, Adults \$5.00, Senior Citizens \$4.00 and Reserved Seats \$6.00



Wanbil Suta, Jonathan Merrill Dunn, 4-year-old son of Michael and Daphne Dunn of Pembroke, and the grandson of Mrs. Sue Jonson of Pembroke and Mrs. John M. Dunn of Norfolk, Virginia, is expected to be one of the many exciting participants in the Lumbee Homecoming Pow Wow Dance Competition. Wanbil Suta (Jonathan Merrill Dunn) recently won first place in the boys age group at a Pow-Wow held in Wilmington, N.C.

Juanita Locklear retires

by Gene Warren



Juanita Locklear...She was hired at Pembroke State University 33 years ago when there were only 125 students. PSU now has over 2,100 students.

In 1951, Harry Truman was president, and the Korean War was raging. In that July, Juanita Locklear came to work as a 23-year-old at what was then Pembroke State College.

At the end of this month, Mrs. Locklear retires after 33 years of service.

Only Mrs. Bertine Prine, who is completing her 42nd year of service, has been at Pembroke State University longer.

Mrs. Locklear is director of the Native American Resource Center in PSU's Old Main building—a position she has held since the Center was opened in the restored Old Main in December 1979.

"Someone once told me you'd always know when the time comes to retire. In January, I decided this June was the time for me. Before, I'd never thought much about it," said the kindly, soft-spoken Mrs. Locklear.

Her husband, James Ashford Locklear, has already retired. He was a mechanic. They live on a farm near Pembroke. "He likes to hunt and fish—and I fish in lakes and ponds," said Mrs. Locklear. "I've never fished at the coast, but might try it."

Mrs. Locklear says she is not interested in going to Europe or Hawaii after retiring. "I like to take small trips," she says. "I'm going to stay busy, but I don't want to watch the clock and stay on a schedule. I like going to Cherokee and visiting Black Mountain where one of our former professors, Angelika Beckendorf, lives." Mrs. Locklear's hobbies are collecting recipes and crafts.

Mrs. Locklear was hired as secretary to the PSU librarian in 1951. There were then only 125 students and 19 faculty members at Pembroke State College. Dr. Ralph D. Wellons was president. "The only other secretary was Bertine Prine, who was secretary to the president, and there was a bookkeeper, Mrs. Inez Freeman," she reflected. "Our school was small, but it was nice. Everyone knew everyone else. Now faculty members come and go, and you don't get to meet many of them." (Note: PSU now has over 2,100 students and 135 faculty members).

Looking back over the past 33 years, Mrs. Locklear said she never dreamed Pembroke State would grow like it has. Integration because of the 1954 Supreme Court decision brought a lot of it to what was an all-Indian school until then. "I was glad to see the white students come," she said. "We really started growing under Dr. [English] Jones. We had more people and more faculty. I didn't ever think we'd expand this much."

In 1967, after 16 years of being secretary to the librarian, Mrs. Locklear became periodicals librarian. Five years later she became circulations librarian. She was in charge of the Indian artifacts in the Mary Livermore Library long before the Native American Resource Center in Old Main became a reality in 1979.

The Native American Resource Center is one of the showplaces of the campus. Last year 14,273 people visited the Center. Many receptions and talks by special guests are held there. Many film showings about American and Lumbee Indians also take place there.

Mrs. Locklear's association with Pembroke State goes back to 1946 when she started attending PSU for two years. She then took a one-year secretarial course at Bryce Commercial College in High Point, working there for a short time before returning to Pembroke in 1951.

The Locklears are parents of three children: Carol Jean, a PSU graduate who teaches at Alexandria, Va.; Harry, a mechanic in the motor pool at PSU; and Pattie, a PSU graduate, who is a counselor at West Robeson High School.

She said in completing her 33 years of service: "I feel very fortunate to have had an opportunity to play a very small part in the growth of this school. The part I will miss most will be the association with the many people here on campus."

Juanita Locklear's gentle and kind ways will be remembered by her co-workers as will her long and faithful service to Pembroke State University. See more Pembroke State University News on page 6.

'Strike at the Wind!' Author on "Carolina People"



Randolph Umberger of Chapel Hill, actor, director and author of several outdoor drama including Pembroke's "Strike at the Wind" and Kenansville's "The Liberty Cart" was the guest of UNC President William Friday on North Carolina People Monday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. and

again on Sunday, June 10 at 6 p.m. on the UNC Center for Public Television. Dr. Umberger, a professor of dramatic art at North Carolina Central University, discussed the theatre in North Carolina, the increasing popularity of opera, and the creative process of writing a drama.

Death Date set for Velma Barfield

Aug. 31 was designated Wednesday as the execution date for Velma B. Barfield, the 51-year-old grandmother who may become the first woman in the nation in 22 years to pay the death penalty.

After a nine-minute hearing in Bladen County Superior Court, Judge Robert L. Farmer of Raleigh ordered that Mrs. Barfield be executed "between 12:01 a.m. and 11:59 p.m." 69 days from today.

Mrs. Barfield's attorney and children told reporters after the hearing that they would continue their efforts to save her life.

"Velma Barfield wants to live as long as she can," said her attorney, James D. Little of Raleigh.

Mrs. Barfield, 51, of Lumberton, the only woman on North Carolina's death row, was convicted in 1978 in the poisoning death of Stewart Taylor, her fiance and a St. Paul's farmer. She also

confessed to poisoning her mother, Lillie Bullard, and three others. However, she was not charged with those crimes.

Appeals have delayed her execution, which has been set five times.

The execution date was set one week after the termination of a stay by U.S. District Judge Franklin Dupree.

Robeson County District Attorney Joe Freeman Britt, who prosecuted Mrs. Barfield in 1978 told Farmer, "...this matter has lingered now in the criminal pipelines of this state and the federal government for about as long as it took Mrs. Barfield to kill her five victims—about six years."

"It has been up and down the appellate ladder through about a half-dozen courts anywhere from one to three times each... The state's position is that enough is enough and there must be some finality to these cases," Britt said.

N.C. Indian Youth Unity Conference set at PSU June 20-22

PEMBROKE--Some 300 Indian young people from all over North Carolina are expected at Pembroke State University Wednesday through Friday, June 20-22, for the fifth annual N.C. Indian Youth Unity Conference.

Theme of the three-day conference will be "Reaching Our Goals In The Spirit Of Our Ancestors."

Speaker at the opening general assembly at 1 p.m. June 20 will be Jim Lowry, chairman of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs. He will be introduced by Bruce Jones, executive director of that organization.

Other speakers during the week will be Ruth Revels, executive director of the Guilford Native American Association, and Herbie Oxendine, president of The Car Company in Lumberton.

On Thursday, June 21, four members of the faculty and staff at PSU plus others will lead workshop sessions for the Indian young people.

On Friday, June 22, activities will include the election of officers and representatives of the N.C. Native American Youth Organization.

Along with meetings, the students will engage in recreational activities, including a basketball tournament, princess pageant, awards banquet, and dances.

Tommy Swett, director of special services at PSU, will welcome the Indian youth to the campus. A leader in making the arrangements is Alec Price, dean of students at PSU.

The topics of the workshop sessions beginning at 10:45 a.m. on June 21 and the leaders of each are as follows: Leadership--Eleanor Blakely, PSU sociology professor; College Planning/Financial Aid--Esther Jacobs, PSU director of financial aid, and Anthony Locklear, PSU director of admissions; Test-Taking Skills--Dr. Ray Beatty, PSU director of counseling and testing; Postponing Sexual Involvement--Debra Houston, health educator of Robeson County Health Department; How To Make Money--Wayne Stellar, consultant of coordinated financial planning; Drug and Alcohol Abuse--Ruth B. Locklear, director of Alcohol and Drug Prevention for the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs; and Cultural Enrichment--Linda Oxendine, curator of PSU's Native American Resource Center.

The public is invited to attend the reception at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Maxton Courthouse in Maxton.

Guest speaker will be Chairman of the Seventh Congressional District Young Democrats Mike Melton. He will be speaking on young people's political involvement through the Young Democrats.

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PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

CANOE TRIP PLANNED
On 25 June 1984, the Lumber River Basin Committee will sponsor a canoe trip on the Lumber River from Boardman to Red Barn as part of its celebration of American Rivers Month.

This trip will be led by Sherwood Hinson and is scheduled to leave Boardman at 1 p.m. and take about three hours. Participants will need to furnish their own canoes. Those who do not own canoes can rent them in Lumberton from either Robeson County Parks and Recreation Commission or Al's Furniture Factory Outlet.

For more information please contact Sherwood Hinson at 628-8633.

VBS AT MT. AIRY
The Mt. Airy Baptist Church will be having their Vacation Bible School June 18-22. The hours will be from 6-9 p.m. Registration will be Saturday, June 16 at Mt. Airy Church from 2-3 p.m. All kinds of fun and games will be at the church park from 3-6 p.m. In order to be admitted to the park, you must go by the church and register. The pastor is Rev. Mike Cummings.

FAMILY REUNION
The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. John E. Woodell are planning a reunion on Saturday, July 7, 1984 at 4 p.m. at the Old Home Place (Gladys Sampson's residence on Chavis Street, Pembroke. Please come and bring a covered dish.

LRDA BOOK DISTRIBUTION CENTER OPEN
The LRDA has established a Book Distribution Center. The purpose of the Center is to allow individuals in the county to receive books, especially the elderly and low-income. The Center is designed to enable people to come by and get a book, free of charge. The books are on a variety of subjects.

The Center is located at the LRDA Annex Building (the old skating rink) in Pembroke. It is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. For more information call 521-2401 and ask for Winifred Lowery.

TENNIS LESSONS TO BEGIN
The Robeson County Recreation Department will sponsor tennis lessons for children 10-15 years of age on Monday and Thursday from 8-10 a.m. for four weeks. Registration will be June 18, 1984. The fee will be \$8. Instructor will be Cathy Everett.

For further information call the Robeson County Recreation Department at 738-9061.

ROBESON COUNTY TO HONOR JIM HUNT

The people of Robeson County will honor Governor Jim Hunt with a reception to be held Friday, June 22, at 7 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coble D. Wilson, Jr., 2600 Kenan Avenue in Lumberton.

Tickets for the reception are \$50 per person and all proceeds will go to the Jim Hunt Committee, which is organizing Hunt's campaign for the U.S. Senate. Governor Hunt will speak at the event.

"We are looking forward to this special event," said Eddie Musselwhite of Lumberton, one of the chief organizers of the reception. "The Senate race will be tough this year, but I'm confident that with strong support like the ones here in Robeson County that we can elect a new Senator with a positive vision of the future and a true concern for all of the people of North Carolina."

The reception is being organized by the Robeson County Jim Hunt Committee. Hosts for the event are Mayor and Mrs. Coble D. Wilson, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Coble D. Wilson, Sr.

Tickets may be purchased from the hosts or by contacting Eddie Musselwhite at 738-5277.

EVANDER BLUE FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of Evander and Euphrasis Blue are invited to attend a family reunion on Saturday, July 7, 1984. For more details call 521-4271 or 521-4708.

CLASS REUNION PLANNED

The 1971 class of Pembroke Senior High will hold their reunion July 2 at Sheff's Seafood Restaurant in Pembroke. For more information classmates may call Kevin Lowry at 521-2595 or Dr. D.E. Brooks at 521-8116 or call 521-8365.

ROBESON COUNTY YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO MEET

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