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"Building Communicative Bridges
in A Tri-Racial Setting"

NEW "MISS LUMBEE" A RISING JUNIOR AT PEMBROKE STATE

by Gene Warren

The new "Miss Lumbee"--Pam Oxendine, who was crowned during the annual Lumbee Homecoming at Pembroke, is a personable rising junior at Pembroke State University with many distinctions. Among them is the fact that she is the first member of her family to attend college.

She was also the first among the five children in her family to go through the pomp and ceremony of a high school graduation. Both of the brothers received their degrees via the GED (General Education Diploma) route.

Pam also had the broadening experience as a youth of spending six years in Germany. Her father was a 21-year Army veteran who spend part of that time stationed in Europe.

"I went from kindergarten through the first grade in Germany," said Pam. "We were transferred to another place for a short time, then returned to Germany where I went from the third through the fifth grade." Her home address is now Rt. 1, Rowland.

The new "Miss Lumbee," the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Oxendine, also took part in the widely-hailed Pembroke State University "Upward Bound" program for two years. This is a program where high school juniors and seniors live on the campus during the summer and are helped instruction-wise in preparing for college and also graduate school. It is for students who meet certain financial criteria.

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Pam Oxendine Miss Lumbee

Pam Oxendine... "Miss Lumbee" from Rt. 1, Rowland, who is a rising junior at Pembroke State University.



Mrs. Vera Lowry to Chair "Wheels for Life" Bike- A-Thon

Mrs. Vera Lowry has been appointed Chairman for the annual "Wheels for Life" Bike-A-Thon in Pembroke. The event is scheduled for September 15, 1984, with a rain date of September 22, 1984. This ride will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A special meeting for volunteers to meet is scheduled for Friday, July 20 at 7 p.m., at Sheff's Seafood Restaurant in Pembroke.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a research-treatment-education center where physicians and scientists working side by side have actually succeeded in rewriting medical textbooks through painstaking research and treatment advances.

This institution, now the largest childhood cancer research center in America, owes its establishment to a promise made years ago by entertainer, Danny Thomas. His dream became reality when the doors of this non-sectarian research hospital opened in 1962 dedicated solely to the conquest of hopeless diseases of children.

When St. Jude Hospital accepted its first patient, the survival rate for children diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia was less than five percent. Today, the disease-free survival figure for children in long-term remission has grown to more than 50 percent. Procedures that originated at St. Jude are now being used to treat children throughout the United States and other parts of the world. St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has treated children from 39 states and 29 foreign countries. Upon referral from their physician they are admitted to a research study without regard to race, creed, national origin, or ability to pay. The sole criteria is a medical determination that their disease is under study. They receive the very best and latest total medical care because it is through these children that we will learn how to save others.

St. Jude Hospital is largely supported by voluntary contributions which are tax deductible. Events such as the "Wheels for Life" bike ride raise the funds to continue the research and treatment programs which are freely shared with all physicians and research scientists, extending the benefits of its work beyond its walls to children throughout the world.

MSFA TAKING APPLICATIONS

The Pembroke office of the Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Association is taking applications for enrollment in anticipation of the new grant year which begins July 1st.

MSFA is funded to assist low income farmworkers in securing full-time employment through job development and training. To be eligible for program services you must:

- 1) Be at least 18 years old and interested in a full-time job;
- 2) Must have worked on a farm for wages within the last (24) months;
- 3) Must meet JTPA guidelines.

If you are interested in putting in an application, please call (521-8511) or come by the office at College Court in Pembroke.

Migrant & Seasonal Farm
Workers Assoc., Inc.
P.O. Box 1120
Pembroke, NC 28372

HOKE COUNTY'S JAMES MARTIN NAMED ROBESON COUNTY MANAGER

It was a bit of a surprise Monday night as Hoke County manager James Martin was named to replace the retiring Paul Graham as Robeson County manager effective September 1. Martin will serve under the tutelage of Graham who is retiring December 31.

Martin's hiring was presented on a motion by H.T. Taylor without comment and carried unanimously. Commissioner Jack Morgan was not present at the meeting.

Martin, 36, and county manager in nearby Hoke for seven years was called "very capable" by Carl Britt, County Commission Chairman.

HEARING HELD ON UNIFYING SMITHS PRECINCTS

A public hearing was held Tuesday in reference to the recent 2-1 vote by the Board of Elections to re-unite North and south Smiths precincts into one precinct again. The board voted at a recent meeting to rejoin the precincts, subject to a public hearing and the approval of the Justice Department since Robeson County is subject to the '65 Voting Rights Act.

Some 100 people attended the hearing, and the majority seemed to be in favor of a single precinct in the mostly Indian area, anchored by the Prospect Community.

Pros and cons were heard, including remarks by former Elections Chairman and Prospect notable Harbert Moore who led the effort to split the Precinct during his stint in office. Moore cited inconvenience and unequal distances to the polling place as reasons for splitting the precinct noting that "you are bound by law to establish a convenient number of polling places..."

Dexter Locklear was one of those in favor of one precinct and remembered that he gathered some 900 signatures last year opposing the splitting of the precinct. Locklear and proponents believe one central location eliminates confusion among the Smiths electorate.

Mrs. Emma Locklear presently serves as Chairperson of the Elections Board and voted in favor of re-uniting the precinct on June 1. Like Moore, she is a leader in the Prospect Community and Smiths Precinct.

Pembroke Kiwanis News

Dr. Ken Johnson

Program Chairman Wade Hunt presented Anthony Locklear, Director of Admissions at PSU. Mr. Locklear said we are very pleased with our progress with admissions. "We are evaluating our procedures and our enrollment is up in transfer students. And we are also up in our enrollment of male students."

The State Department of Public Instruction has presented a projection chart dealing with the number of high school graduates in the State of North Carolina each year. "In admissions," he said, "we use these charts and have found that there is a drop in the number of high school graduates from 70,000 in 1982 to 67,000 in 1983 and 65,000 in 1984. We are more competitive in recruiting as we have a closer working relationship with high school counselors. We have them visit our campus. We send out news letters to them informing them as to what is going on in the campus and what is projected for the future. We have excellent brochures and we have a computer system in touch with the Raleigh Triangle where we get all kinds of information on prospective students. This data is very important as we are able to use it and make decisions from it. We draw 80% of our enrollment from eastern North Carolina and 50% from Robeson County. PSU has been the most economical in cost. Costs of out-of-state students is lower than most other institutions. The Consent decree helps us in looking for outstanding minority students. This year our publications created desire to attend PSU. We have excellent full-color photography for our attractive brochures. The admissions staff now has funds to travel to other

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Health Careers Awareness Project Summer Program Ends



Students [left to right] are--[front row]: Colette Dial, Curtis Brigman, Lizette Harris, Lisa Ellis, Deborah McCallum, Kim McCartney, Billy Fields, Jr., James F. Bridges, Randy Carlyle and Cora Lena Locklear (assistant); [Middle row]-Lynn Ivey, Brenda Willoughby, Renee Thomas, Barbara Oxendine, Deena Strickland, Frances Hunt, Carol Rogers, and Gwen Jones; [back row]-Ivan Edwards, Sylvia Chavis, Danielle Brooks, Benita Brewer, Cassandra Hunt, Michelle Lowry, Rickey Halley and John Boris Locklear (assistant).

by Marcia Locklear

The Health Career Awareness Project of the Robeson County Board of Education recently completed the 1984 Health Careers Summer Enrichment Program. The program, held June 11 - July 11, involved 24 high school seniors representative of all six county high schools. The summer program was held on the campus of Pembroke State University and at the Robeson County Educational Resource Center.

Participating in the program were seniors who are aspiring to become health professionals. The Health Careers staff utilizes resources

during the four-week program to expose the students to different health careers and enhance their interest toward that career.

This exposure is achieved by role models who talk with the students individually and by tours to different health curriculums throughout the state. There are tours to local institutions of health care as well as East Carolina University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Wake Forest University, and Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem.

Along with exposure to different health careers, the

students receive instruction in study skills, reading, memorization and test taking. These skills were taught by Dr. Mary Boyles, Dr. Ray Beatty, Dr. Kathy Sullivan and Ms. Fay McKethan of Pembroke State University. Also during the program, students received training in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. They were involved in mock interviews to strengthen their skills for health professional schools' interviewing processes.

The project's activities are not only to expose the students to different health careers, but to assist the students in making their career

plans more realistic and obtainable. The project staff feels the skills learned will enhance the ability of the students to succeed in their chosen health profession.

The summer program ended on July 11, 1984 with certificates of attendance presented to all twenty-four participants. Working with the participants during the four weeks was health careers counselors Marcia Locklear and Rhonda Dial. Student assists were Cora Lena Locklear and John Boris Locklear. Coordinating the many activities for the summer program was Rose Marie Lowry.

Professor Dial interviewed about "Lost Colony" Comments



WPCQ-TV of Charlotte was at Pembroke State University last week interviewing Adolph Dial (right), chairman of the American Indian Studies Department of PSU, concerning his views of what happened to the "Lost Colony" at Roanoke Island. In a recent issue of U.S. News and World Report, Dial said there is evidence that the colonists joined friendly Indians and eventually intermarried with them. Those Indians, he said, are now centered in the Lumbee Indian country of Robeson County. Doing the interview was John Alexander (center), producer of special projects for WPCQ-TV. The cameraman is Jim Karpelich.

Coharie Indian news

By FRANCES MAYNOR

Coharie United Methodist Church will sponsor a chicken and fish plate sale Saturday on the church grounds beginning at 11 a.m. Plates will be \$3 each.

Homer and Barbara Faircloth and children spent last weekend in Bassett, Va., with Barbara's mother, Mrs. Linda Meeks. Mrs. Meeks brought the girls home and spent a night with them.

Mrs. Bobby (Gracie) Ammons celebrated her birthday in July. Herbert Ammons treated his sister Doris to a cookout last Saturday for her birthday. Mrs. Viza Ammons and family and William Smiling were guests along with members of the Willis Ammons family. The family spent Friday night at Surf City.

Sara Louise Maynor, granddaughter of Frances Maynor, is spending some time in Clinton with her grandmother. She enjoyed a trip to Fayetteville on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Irene Faircloth, In Phillips and Lillian Brewington visited yours truly on Monday.

Mrs. Blanche Chance is visiting her daughter Betty Lou and family in Charlotte this week.

Rudy Maynor and family of Benson visited relatives in Clinton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Simmons traveled to Fayetteville last week to see their grandson Marcelo and Brian Maynor play baseball at Brewwood School.

Golden and Ferman Maynor celebrated birthdays in July.