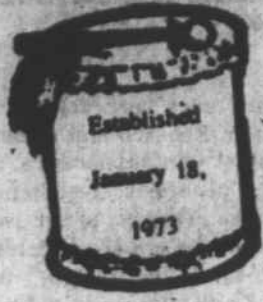


# Celebrating 100 Years of Indian Education in Robeson

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## Dr. Maynor to Keynote Jaycees Awards Banquet



Dr. Gerald Maynor

President Billy Ray Oxendine of the Pembroke Jaycees, has announced the annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, February 23, at 7 p.m. at the Jaycee Clubhouse in Pembroke.

Dr. Gerald Maynor, Chairman of the Department of Education at Pembroke State University, a former recipient of the 1978 Jaycee Boss of the Year Award will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Maynor, a native of Pembroke, studied at Pembroke State University, completed graduate studies at Appalachian State University, and received a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Miami. He has experience in both public school teaching and higher education, and was recognized in 1981 as the recipient of the Lumbee Homecoming Educational Advancement Award. In addition to his Chairmanship of the Education Dept., he serves as Chairman of the Teacher Education Committee and the Bicentennial Celebration Committee at Pembroke State University and as Chairman of the Robeson County Board of Education.

Annual awards are presented in keeping with criteria established by the North Carolina Jaycees and the United States Jaycees. The Pembroke Jaycees will recognize outstanding service and leadership in the areas of Education, Rescue Service, Law Enforcement, Corrections, and farm operations. Distinguished Service and Boss of the Year Awards will also be presented.

Special recognition is also planned for Past Presidents of the Pembroke Jaycees.

## PSU HOMECOMING QUEEN



Pandora Sampson of Rowland...PSU's 1985 Homecoming Queen.

"I've never been that excited about anything before. It was a great honor." So said Pandora Sampson, sophomore from Rowland planning to major in either accounting or mathematics who was crowned PSU's "Miss Homecoming" of 1985 here Saturday night. She won in competition with 11 other coeds.

PSU's homecoming queen is selected in a campus wide vote. Sponsoring Miss Sampson, the daughter of Quessie B. Sampson, was PSU's Native American Student Organization.

"It was the first time I had ever been in any kind of contest like this," explained Miss Sampson.

She was crowned by Chancellor Paul Givens, received a trophy, and flowers.

"My mind went blank as they were giving me those things. I can remember Chancellor Givens placing the crown on me. Otherwise, I can't remember who gave me what," she said.

Miss Sampson was a 1983 graduate of South Robeson High School where she was class salutatorian, "Who's Who Among American High School Students," and a member of the Beta. Science and Math clubs.

At PSU she has been a Chancellor's Scholar and is a member of Pi Beta Chi Fraternity. She is a member of the Native American Student Organization.

She has two aunts, Doris Sampson and Rosalyn Locklear Sampson, who graduated from PSU.

Miss Sampson said PSU was the only school to which she applied. "I didn't want to go to a big school," she said. "I had thought about transferring after my first two years, but now I'm going to stay all the way. I may go to graduate school in accounting if I choose that major."

Although she is a commuting student Miss Sampson tries to go to all of the ball games, dances, and other student activities as possible.

She is attending PSU on an Indian Fellowship Grant from Washington, D.C. "It pays for my tuition, books and provides a monthly stipend," she said.

The new homecoming queen is no stranger to hard work. "Since I was 12 years old, I've helped on the farm in putting in tobacco," she says. "Last summer I worked as a student assistant in the PSU Financial Aid Office."

She is a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church of Fairmont. Her hobbies are dancing, listening to music, and meeting people.

Escorted at homecoming by Floyd Locklear of Pembroke, she later attended PSU's Victory Dance after the twin basketball victories over Pfeiffer by PSU's men and women and "danced with 'Mr. Homecoming', David Cummings of Pembroke." One song was played just for her.

The person Miss Sampson would most like to meet? "Tom Selleck of 'Magnum', she smiled.

Other coeds who placed in the competition: first runner up-Kay Thompson, Rowland; second runner up-Sharon Williams, Salemburg; third runner up-Delores Osborne, Miami, Fla; and fourth runner up-Caroline Chang, Dix Hills, NY.

## SIX GENERATIONS!



Shown above are the six generations of Mrs. Lucy Chavis and the late Rev. George Chavis. Mrs. Chavis is 100 years old and is a resident of Kingsdale Manor in Lumberton.

She is shown above surrounded by, from left to right: Gene Chance (son of Truly Mae Chance); Truly Mae Chance (daughter of Rosa Jane Lowry); Rosa Jane Lowry (daughter of Mrs. Lucy Chavis); Gene Chance, Jr. (son of Gene Chance); and Corey Chance (son of Gene

Chance Jr.)

The six generations in chronological order are: Mrs. Lucy Chavis; her daughter Rosa Jane Lowry; Mrs. Lowry's daughter Truly Mae Chance; Mrs. Chance's son, Gene Chance; Mr. Chance's son, Gene Chance Jr.; and Mr. Chance Jr.'s son, Corey Chance.

The Chance families reside in Lumberton and Mrs. Rosa Jane Lowry resides in Pembroke. (Photo by Elmer W. Hunt)

## Johnny Dial Signs with Detroit Tigers



Johnny Dial, who starred at Pembroke Senior High and Pembroke State University as a baseball player, is shown seated as he signed his professional baseball player's contract with the Detroit Tigers last week at West Robeson Senior High School in the offices of his former coach, Ronnie Chavis (in rear, far right).

Sharing the "dream come true" with Dial were left to right in rear, Dwight Lowry, a former teammate of Dial in high school, and himself a

major league catcher with the parent club, the Detroit Tigers; Hardy "Red" Bell; Grady Chavis, Dial's uncle; Rudy Locklear and Ronnie Chavis.

Grady Dial said, "Johnny has a zeal and desire to play professional ball unlike any one I have ever known. I have high hopes for him...he is a fine young man as well as a great athlete."

Dwight Lowry, who was instrumental in interesting the Tigers in Dial, said, "I might have made a telephone call for

him but Johnny Dial made it on his own with his stats and ability."

Dial finished his career at Pembroke State and won just about every award given, including Carolinas Conference "Player of the Year." He batted .492 with 13 home runs and 37 RBIs in 1984.

He signed a class A contract and is expected to report to the Detroit Tigers' Spring Training Camp in early March for assignment. The Tigers hold their training camp in Orlando, Florida.



Tim Brayboy (seated on the left) joined his brother, Ray (right), to become the only brothers in the 21-member Pembroke State University Athletic Hall of Fame. Tim was inducted Saturday at PSU's Alumni Awards Banquet. The proud parents standing behind them are Mr. and Mrs. T.B. Brayboy of Pembroke. Both Tim and Ray were baseball stars for Pembroke State University.

## Banquet for Starving Ethiopians Saturday Night

Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned issued the following statement this week regarding the upcoming, county-wide Banquet for the Starving Ethiopians to be held at the Bill Sapp Recreation Center on Saturday night, February 16, at 7 p.m.:

"In light of the growing famine in Ethiopia and Africa, Robeson County Clergy and Laity Concerned wholeheartedly supports the county-wide Banquet for the Starving Ethiopians to be held on Saturday night, February 16, 1985. Though most churches in our county have individually collected offerings for the famine in Africa through their own denominational programs, there has not been a community or county-wide public display of Christian and citizen concern for the tragedy in Africa. We are grateful for the individuals and churches in the county who are selling tickets at this time and gathering friends to attend the Banquet. We are particularly grateful to Mr. Curtis Henderson for his devotion to make the Banquet a success. Outreach into the county for the Banquet has touched all of the major races. It is our hope that the Banquet

## to meet

Rev. James D. Dial announces an Indian meeting at 25, 1985 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. The Baptist Building on Feb.

## McMILLAN DISCOVERS THE LANGUAGE OF THE LUMBEE

by Lew, Bruce and Garry Barton

One of the most intriguing things about our people discovered by Col. Hamilton McMillan more than a century ago, was their language, not their lack of one. Although the first permanent White settlers in the Lumbee area of the state were French and Scotch, the Indians spoke a broken form of English, plus, of course, whatever other language remnants may have still remained. Thus, it was highly significant that they spoke any English at all!

But our people not only spoke some English, but a specific vintage of English, which is to say, largely Elizabethan English. It was during the Elizabethan era that the English colonization of America began, back in the 1580's! Hey, where'd you folks come from? he hastened to ask them, family head after family head.

Invariably, came back the same reply: "Our people came from Roanoke in Virginia."

McMillan investigated this universal tradition in depth. Tell me all you know about this Roanoke in Virginia! The Indians referred to a time frame when North Carolina was still Virginia, or a part of it. The descriptions they gave McMillan led unerringly to Roanoke Island, once in Virginia but now in North Carolina!

This is the site hailed today by historians as "The Birth Place of English America." It was from this meager beginning that the present United States of America has evolved.

The Indians not only spoke the language of these first Englishmen in America as McMillan discovered. They also bore their names.

There is much more evidence, circumstantial and otherwise. But we are now dealing with the educational development of the Robeson Indians during the past 100 years. And the Lost Colony connection is only incidental to that.

What is the language of the Lumbee like today? Perhaps, we shall delve more deeply into that subject shortly.

Continued next week.

## Robeson School Board Endorses Merger

LUMBERTON — Merger of Robeson County's five school systems was endorsed Tuesday by the Robeson County Board of Education.

The board's decision was unanimous and comes two weeks after a Robeson County Schools Commission recommended that the merger issue be decided by a countywide referendum.

The board agreed unanimously to endorse the merger if it were equitable and workable with officials in all five systems.

The merger resolution adopted by the schools commission states that merger take place no earlier than July 1, 1987, for minimal

disruption to students. Included in the resolution is a guarantee that the per-pupil expenditure in the new system will be 75 percent of the state average.

The Robeson County Board of Commissioners must approve the referendum, and could take action within the next month.

The guarantee to increase per-pupil expenditures would mean an increase in county taxes, according to Jack Morgan, co-chairman of the study commission and a member of the board of commissioners.

The cost per pupil for the 1982-83 school year ranged from \$237 in the Robeson County school system — 45 percent of the state average — to \$357 in the Lumberton school system — 68 percent of the state average.

The proposal to merge school systems serving Robeson County, Lumberton, Fairmont, Red Springs and St. Pauls was recommended last November by the state Department of Public Instruction.

The St. Pauls board said it would not fight merger if county residents approved it in a referendum. The Fairmont Board of Education gave its unanimous approval to a countywide vote if a merger plan is disclosed before the vote is held.

The board of education in Red Springs did not oppose the recommendation for a merger, but did not give its formal endorsement.

The Lumberton Board of Education, the only body not to give an official response, will vote on the recommendation this week.

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