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Editor's note: Our Indian Renaissance began with passage of 1885 N.C. Laws, Ch. 51 designating Robeson County Indians as "Croatan Indians" and providing for an Indian School System. Read the Carolina Indian Voice weekly as we tell this remarkable story throughout 1985 in celebration of our CENTENNIAL OF EDUCATION.

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INDIANS READY FOR UNITY CONFERENCE IN MARCH

Indians from across the state will gather at the Bordeaux Motor Inn in Fayetteville March 14-16, 1985, for the Tenth Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference.

The conference sponsor, United Tribes of North Carolina (UTNC), is currently finalizing plans for the annual conference which will have as its theme "Memories of Our Past, Visions of Our Future."

Workshops will be held at the conference on such topics as Indian health, economic development, women's issues, education, employment and training and Indian history and culture. Other highlights of the conference will include a banquet, art and essay contests and an intertribal powwow.

The banquet speaker will be Arlinda Locklear, a staff attorney with the Native American Rights Funds (NARF) and a

member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. Locklear has the distinction of being the first female Indian attorney to present argument before the United States Supreme Court.

The conference pre registration fee will be \$30 per person. The registration fee at the conference will be \$35. Separate tickets for the banquet only will be available for \$15.

Persons wishing more information about the conference should contact one of the member organizations of UTNC, which includes seven North Carolina Indian community organizations and the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs. Lumbee Regional Development Association is one of the seven organizations. They may be contacted by writing P.O. Box 68, Pembroke, NC 28372 or by calling 919-521-8602.

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN PUBLIC HEALTH FOR AMERICAN INDIANS

The School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is actively seeking qualified American Indian students who are interested in a graduate level degree in Public Health.

The mission of the School is to advance and apply knowledge drawn from all sciences to the understanding and promotion of the health of human populations and to assist people in translating this knowledge into reality in their own lives whatever their culture of living condition.

is one of twenty-three such schools in the United States accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

The School of Public Health offers 32 graduate degrees in nine academic program areas: Biostatistics, Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Epidemiology, Health Policy and Administration, Health Education, Maternal and Child Health, Nutrition, Parasitology and Laboratory Practice, and Public Health Nursing. Some of the degree programs are broken down into sub-areas for greater

specialization.

The American Indian Recruitment Program offers assistance in obtaining financial aid and other support.

We would be very happy to provide you with more information on the Public Health graduate programs at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Please call or write:

The American Indian Recruitment Program
University of North Carolina
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Shown left to right are Patricia Bullard Cavan, Nora Dial, and William Lonnie Revels.

Indians in Greensboro-High Point area Honored for Efforts in Race Relations

On Feb. 1, 1985, Miss Nora Jean Dial of High Point was one of the 15 recipients of the "One Community Award." This award is given annually to people who have contributed their outstanding services to the Greensboro and High Point area to promote the good race relations in the One Community spirit.

The February One Society which hosts the One Community Awards Banquet, was organized in 1979 to commemorate the Greensboro Four who staged the first sit ins at the Greensboro Woolworth's lunch counter Feb. 1, 1960 during the Civil Rights Movement. Among the honored guests were Sandra Hughes of Channel 2 and P.M. Magazine, former Congressman Robin Britt, Naomi

Tutu-Seavers, daughter of Mpho Tutu of South Africa, and three of the Greensboro Four: David Richmond, Joseph McNeill and Frankita McCain.

Nora, a Lumbee Indian, is the 20 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George and Macie Lewis, High Point & C.B. Locklear Jr., Maxton. She is a graduating student, Forsyth Technical Institute, majoring in Electronic Data Processing. Nora works part time as a youth supervisor at Guilford Native American Association and is a former Miss GNAA Indian Princess. Nora is a very active in the Greensboro High Point community in civic and educational activities.

Miss Dial is the third Native American and the only college

student ever to be so honored to receive such a prestigious award. Other members of the American Indian community to receive this award are William Lonnie Revels in 1984 and Patricia Bullard Cavan in 1983 both of Greensboro. Mr. Revels is the Chairman of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs and a Greensboro City Councilman. Mrs. Cavan is the Chairperson of the Guilford Native American Association and a member of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs Board. Both of them are Lumbee Indians from Robeson County. They like Nora, have contributed significantly to the one community concept as long time advocates and champions of good race relations.

Lumbee River Legal Services Board to meet

The Board of Directors of Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc., will meet on Monday, February 25, 1985 at 7 p.m. in the library of Lumbee River Legal Services in Pembroke, N.C.

Magnolia Athletic Club donates Van

On Friday, February 15th, Union Chapel School students were in competition for their school spelling championship. Competitors were among the top spellers of their classrooms. The winner was a sixth grade student from Mr. Ozmer Oxendine's (right) home-room. Winner was Nina Louise Chavis (center). Second runner-up was Connie Cummings. Nina will now advance to the Robeson County Spelling Bee to be held at the Robeson County Library on March 12, 1985.

Caller at the Union Chapel School competition was Mrs. Jarvis (left).



Shown left to right: Ruth Locklear, Gregory Coady, Kermit Chavis, club chairman, Horace Sampson, Noah Woods, principal, Kenny Locklear, Larry Brewington, Lynwood Locklear.

The Magnolia Athletic Club was established just over a year ago in January of 1984 but already a listing of its accomplishments are long and impressive. Mr. Noah Woods, Principal of the school, reports that the latest and one of the most appreciated contributions of the club was a van with a seating capacity of fifteen. Though purchased through funds allocated by the Athletic Club, Mr. Kermit Chavis, Club President, stresses that the van is for the whole school and is intended to serve all grade levels which encompasses grades K-12.

This attitude of trying to serve the entirety of Magnolia's student population was the idea underlying the Club's creation and is reflected in all of its activities. Its membership realizes that the high school athletic programs cannot effectively compete with out adequate funding and equipment, but they also recognize that the physical education needs of all students must be addressed. Thus they want as many students as possible to benefit from the Club's efforts.

Since its inception in 1984, the club has netted over \$8,000 through several major fundraising activities. Those funds have been used not only to purchase the van but have been distributed to each elementary class at the rate of \$50 per class for the purchase

Baltimore American Indian Center establishes Memorial Fund

The Baltimore American Indian Center, in conjunction with the family of Rev. James Dial, has set up a Memorial Fund in his honor.

Rev. Dial was one of the founders and Pastor of South Broadway Baptist Church in Baltimore. Rev. Dial served as pastor for 15 years. He was also on the staff of the Baltimore American Indian Center for over 9 years. He was a leader in the community and an inspiration to those who knew him. He was quick with a smile and always generous to those in need. Rev. Dial made friends easily and was respected by Baltimore City's top dignitaries. This situation enabled Rev. Dial to help those who had run up against misfortune, as well as contributing to the Indian community's growth and prosperity.

Rev. Dial, the person, died on January 20, 1983, but Rev. Dial's spirit and deeds live on with us.

In order to retain his memory, a yearly memorial award will be made in his honor to some person seeking to further his/her education after high school. Also, a plaque will be presented yearly to some person in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area who best exemplifies the qualities of Rev. Dial.

Donations are welcome and may be sent to: The Rev. James Dial Memorial Fund, Baltimore American Indian Center, 113 South Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21231.

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THE FREEING OF A PROUD PEOPLE:

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

SOME FEATURES OF THE LANGUAGE OF THE LUMBEE
by Lew, Bruce and Garry Barton

The word Language may be defined as the words and ways of combining them common to a nation, tribe, etc.; and under cover of this definition, we very definitely do have a language, all the gobblegook to the contrary, notwithstanding.

The language of the Lumbee is largely idiomatic, of course, with some input from the inclusive general vernacular. But there are some uniquely Lumbee words and phrases, too. And we triumphantly call upon the U.S. Department of the Interior and its Indian Bureau to read 'em and weep!... But accord.

A, in Lumbee idiomatic expression, there is but one indefinite article, a. Example: I'm a Indian. Give me a apple. The Atlantic is a ocean.

In Lumbee, you don't say, "I'm going to get a haircut." No, you say, "I'm a-gonna get me a haircut." The middle English prefix a- before verbs is very definitely still around.

What we do with the infinitive to be is really amazing. Ready examples: "I be

give-out (tired out) when I get home from work every evening. I hope my next job es easier." So much for "I be," "I bes," and the like. We just hope it bes easy for you to understand what it is we're a-trying to say here.

In reality, we have two languages--Our "Sunday-go-to-meeting" language, and he language we employ when we are conversing amongst ourselves only.

Our special words and phrases are legion. Some of our English expressions are traceable back to the times of Chaucer, or earlier. A good many more words and phrases are dated in the Elizabethan Period. And quite naturally, no group exists so long in isolation as we have been during long periods of the past without developing its own individual words, clauses, phrases, and the like. We believe that our own distinctive, even apart from their linguistic and scholarly values, are fascinating.

It is possible for literary historians to date language usage with great precision, much as a botanist is able to determine the age of a tree by its rings. Keep reading--we have some future eye-openers!

[Continued next week.]

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