

# EDITORIAL PAGE

## AS I SEE IT



by  
**Bruce Barton**

**South Robeson Mustangs: The Championship Season**  
South Robeson High School—I'll admit it: until I got caught up in the championship season of the South Robeson Mustangs, I had never been on the campus of South Robeson High School. I am one of those who have not forgotten the tradition and feeling of neighborhood schools. And I have had a hard time shucking my segregated past. My memories are the Robeson County Indian High School basketball tournaments, and Randall Chavis curveballs, and Benson Locklear and Forace Qwendine fastballs. And Horace Hunt scooting about on the baseball field and on the basketball hardwood floor, clunking in long distance bombers. I remember the fierceness of competition between Fairgrove, Magnolia, Pembroke and Prospect, no matter what the sport season. As I recall it, the gyms and baseball seats were always packed. And Indian people rooted madly for their home team.

Then came West Robeson, East Robeson and South Robeson. The remnants of our determined effort to overturn double voting, and other evils. In a way, many of us felt betrayed. And times would never be as they had been. All that was left was the memories.

But the South Robeson Mustangs, the charges of coach Russell Stone, caught my fancy. I was intrigued as Jerome Hunt, Marlon Hunt, the Quick boys and the rest of the Mustangs began their jaunt through this championship season. I began to follow them in the local sports pages, and root for them as they won one impossible game after another. I began to note the effusive nature of Marlon Hunt, an 11th grader who doubles at shortstop and pitches with the heart of a lion. And Jerome Hunt, unshakable in his determination. I liked his demeanor.

nis fierceness as a competitor. I was won over.

And when Bessemer City came to South Robeson last week to vy with them in a three game series for the N.C. 2A baseball high school championship, I was swept along by their exploits. I decided to attend the games, and I am glad I did.

The school is located a few miles from Rowland, and combined former Rowland and Fairgrove High Schools into the new entity a few years ago. The school is clean, and the grounds spacious and well kept.

The series began last Wednesday, and Jerome Hunt pitched his heart out only to come up short on a 2-1 score. But I was impressed by his determination, and his high hard one. Bessemer City continued their winning ways, upping their spotless record to 25-0. The winning pitcher was Mark Toney, an imposing curve baller.

But South Robeson jumped on Bessemer City early last Thursday night, scoring two runs in the top of the first, and Marlon Hunt pitched a six-hitter as the Mustangs prevailed 4-3.

That set the stage for the deciding game last Friday night, and the opposing pitchers were the determined Jerome Hunt and the imposing Mark Toney who entered the game with a 15-0 record.

It was a nail biting, exciting game. And Jerome Hunt, who was named most valuable player, hung on for a spine tingling 4-3 win and the state 2A baseball championship for the South Robeson Mustangs.

It was truly a championship game and season, and you can put me down henceforth as a South Robeson Mustang booster. And I became a life long follower of Jerome Hunt and Marlon Hunt, and the rest of the Mustangs. I wish them the best, and compliment them on their championship season. Go Mustangs!

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By Bob Denham

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And they say he's an excellent student with an exceptional background in computers.

With enough background, in fact, that he has already passed proficiency exams in four courses that will eventually lead him to an associate degree in business computer programming.

No one, to Sarah Britt's

knowledge, has ever earned that much credit through examination in the business department, which she co-chairs.

Yet, no one with Randall Peters' qualifications has passed her way either.

That's because Peters comes to Robeson Technical College with a resume of experience that is seldom seen on the school campus. Although Peters has had a significant amount of academic training, getting a degree was not nearly as important as getting the hands-on experience.

Until now.

"I've done things a bit backward," admits Peters, who has been a computer buff ever since a field trip to the computer center at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) during his junior year in high school in San Pedro, Calif.

Peters is a programmer analyst in the data processing department at Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton. He's learned about computers here and there, at different schools, at different jobs, yet he has not stayed in one place long enough to be properly recognized by an educational institution for work he has completed.

He hopes that changes sometime this year. He's been attending RTC the past

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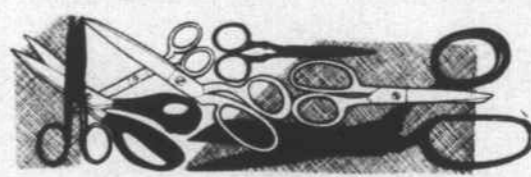
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