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## INDIAN ARTS FESTIVAL AT PSU: A WEEKEND TO LONG REMEMBER

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One word summarizes "Celebration! The Year of the Native American," the three-day festival of Native American arts and culture held at Pembroke State University Nov. 7-9. That word is: tremendous!

A vast amount of work went into putting on the proud display of Native American heritage by George Holt, director of the Folklife Section of the N.C. Arts Council, and his staff; by PSU's Native American Resource Center; by Linda Oxendine, who is working on her doctorate at the University of Minnesota but somehow managed to be in two places at one time; by the Indian tribes of North Carolina and other places; and many others.

The end result was a weekend to make Native Americans and particularly Pembroke State University proud indeed.

Publicity-wise, the event tied in beautifully with PSU's centennial because Pembroke State University was founded in 1887 to serve Indians. This is its heritage.

The Greensboro News and Record helped to set the tone of the weekend when it came out Nov. 2 with a full-page feature entitled: "Home is Where Their History Is," explaining that "Pembroke has a special place in the hearts of Lumbee Indians."

This Greensboro article was accompanied by a huge color photo of Lonnie Revels and his wife Ruth. Both Lumbee Indians are natives of Pembroke, but now live in Greensboro where he is a city councilman. Lonnie Revels is also chairman of the N.C. Indian Commission, and Ruth is executive director of the Guilford Native American Association. The article states that they return to Pembroke so frequently that "their car could be a well-trained horse that knows that way home."

Another quotation in the article came from Herbert Locklear, founder of Baltimore's American Center, in an interview for the book, "The Only Land I Know," by Drs. Adolph Dial and David Eliades, in 1975. Locklear said: "Unlike many other Americans who are drawn to the city by its exciting opportunities, most American Indians come only because they are desperate. Instead of coming to something, they are leaving something...We still call Robeson County home."

Lumbee Indians from elsewhere returned home Nov. 7-9 along with other tribes. People of other races also joined in the festivities at Pembroke State University.

Articles about the influx of Native American musicians, dancers, artists, craftspeople, writers, scholars, etc., were carried in the Raleigh News and Observer, the Fayetteville Times and Observer, the Charlotte Observer, and other publications outside Robeson County. Locally, the event was publicized in the Carolina Indian Voice, the Robesonian, the Robco News, and the Tri-County Record.

Television reports were shown on WRAL-TV, Channel 5 in Raleigh; WBTW-TV, Channel 13 in Florence, S.C.; plus the usual TV stalwarts of PSU: WECT-TV, Channel 6, in Wilmington, and WWAY-TV, Channel 3 in Wilmington.

Fred Fox, of WEWO radio in Laurinburg, was present to do interviews and other

business which will be carried on "voice of America" to Western Europe.

Dr. Oscar Patterson, director of telecommunications at PSU, and his crew were present at every event, videotaping the festival for posterity.

Each day had its special features. The reading of poetry and prose on Friday by three outstanding Indian authors received fine responses. Unfortunately Janet Campbell Hale became sick before her session, but still dauntlessly came to PSU in the afternoon to read her material. Maurice Kenny read beautifully with his deeply resonant voice. And Gerald Vizenor displayed a warmth and sense of humor which captivated his audience.

While these three were reading, some of the visiting dancers and other artists were performing at the Performing Arts Center for an auditorium full of public school youngsters. Dressed in their bright feathers and accompanied by the drums and other music, the dancers delighted the audience—especially the young dancers like three-year-old Thomas Ware. When they did their dances at a whirlwind pace, the youngsters in the audience roared. That set a marvelous tempo for the weekend.

Friday night was PSU's Centennial Class Reunion in Moore Hall. People like John Carter, alumni director, and Hope Sheppard, secretary to the Office of Institutional Advancement, did an excellent job of decorating. Old pictures of the campus were displayed, a room was set up where one could buy centennial mementoes, and there was a time of refreshments after the program. People from different class periods reflected in an almost full auditorium about life when they were attending Pembroke State University.

Saturday afternoon saw the festival reach its height in pageantry as skills in different crafts were exhibited and more Indian dancing took place in the PSU quadrangle. While this was going on outside, a forum on Native American cultural issues was taking place inside Old Main. Visiting photographers enjoyed a field day with all of the colorful sights as subject matter.

Saturday night witnessed a huge banquet in the auxiliary gym of the Jones Health and Physical Education Center with 478 in attendance. Speeches were made by a number of people, but the keynote address was by Dr. David Warren, director of research and cultural studies at the Institute of American Arts in Santa Fe, N.M. He traced the background of the American Indian and said, "The Indian is finally being discovered. The Indian has a presence we never thought of before." He also said the Indian is one of the fastest growing populations.

The entertainment at the Performing Arts Center Saturday night was followed by an old-fashioned "Dinner on the Grounds"—and gospel sing Sunday afternoon.

On Monday the many varieties of tents which had been set up especially for the festival were still standing. They served as a reminder of the splendid events which had taken place over a three-day period which will be long remembered at Pembroke State University, which was honored to host such an occasion.



Dr. Adolph Dial, chairman of PSU's American Indian Studies Department, receives an award during last weekend's Festival of Native American Arts and Culture at PSU. It was from the N.C. Folklife Society for Dial's many contributions to Lumbee Indian oral history.



Ray Littlefield of Hope Mills was Master of Ceremonies.



Indian dancers are shown above in traditional outfits.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### CONCERNED CITIZENS TO MEET NOVEMBER 13

There will be a community meeting on Thursday night, November 13, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pembroke Junior High Cafeteria. The meeting is being sponsored by Concerned Citizens for Better Government and will address several issues of importance to the community. One of them is the recent shooting of Jimmy Earl Cummings of Fairmont. Interested persons are urged to attend.

### SEND A MOUSE TO COLLEGE FUND DRIVE

The Women's Sorority of Pembroke State University is conducting a Send-a-Mouse to College Fund Drive. The drive will continue through November 20. The purpose of the drive is to raise money for laboratory research using white mice. The American Cancer Society has determined the cost of one mouse to be 87¢. Everyone is encouraged to contact Judy Davis or Tammy Sykes at PSU, 521-4214. You will receive a button for your donation and you will be in the fight against cancer.

### FAMILY REUNION PLANNED

The descendants of Dona Johnson and Ruben Jacobs will reunite on November 15, 1986 at 1 p.m. at Berea Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall. Registration begins at 12 noon. A sit-down meal will be served at 1 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring a covered dish.

### ROBESON COUNTY COMMITTEE OF 100 TO MEET

The Robeson County Committee of 100 will meet on Tuesday, November 18, 1986 at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Lumberton. Guest speaker will be Assistant Deputy Director of the North Carolina Department of Commerce Kevin Kenelley.

According to acting chairman, Charles Gregory Cummings, 300 members are expected to attend. Also on the agenda for the meeting will be the swearing in of the board of directors and the new chairman, Dr. Paul Givens, Chancellor of PSU will be appointed.

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## LRDA To Hold Elections For Members Of Board Of Directors

Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. announces that there will be an OPEN ELECTION on Thursday, December 4, 1986. This election will nominate five (5) members to serve on the LRDA Board of Directors for a three year term. The election and polling sites are as follows:

Incumbent	Polling Sites	Precincts
Paul Brooks (District VI)	Pembroke Elementary	Pembroke
Grady Hunt (District III)	Union Elementary	Union
Ralph Hunt (District II)	Mohr Plaza	Lumberton
	Mohr Plaza	Wishart, East Howellsville
	Hilly Branch (tentative)	Smyrna
	Vocational School	Britts
		Back Swamp

James E. Thomas (District VIII) Magnolia School Saddle Creek  
Magnolia School West Howellsville  
Rev. Grover Oxendine Union Chapel School Burnt Swamp, Raft  
(District IV) Swamp, Union Chapel, Philadelphia, Red Springs

On election day, the polling sites will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The ballots will be counted after the polls are closed and the winner will be publicly announced. The candidate obtaining the highest number of votes cast shall be declared the winner (plurality). A "write-in" candidate may be elected to the Board of Directors of LRDA. Eligibility to Vote: any Lumbee Indian 18 years of age or older, and residing in the above listed district/precincts may be eligible to vote. Those interested parties should declare their candidacy no later than November 17, 1986 at the Executive Director's Office, Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc., Pembroke, NC. (919) 521-8602.

## LRDA IS NOW TAKING ENERGY APPLICATIONS

Applications will be taken from November 17 through December 12, 1986 for fuel assistance through the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Low Income Lumbee Indian households in Robeson, Hoke and Scotland Counties that need help in paying heating bills may apply for assistance at designated offices of Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. (LRDA).

Eligible Lumbee Indian households will receive a check through the mail in February, 1987. Persons who think they are eligible and wish to apply are urged to contact the LRDA office near their home. If you have applied through the Department of Social Services, you can not apply with LRDA.

All applicants should bring the following items when they apply: Food Stamp I.D. card; Social Security numbers for

household members; Information about your household's income (if anyone works, wage stubs for the month of October should be included); information about your household's property, stocks, bank statements, bonds and other assets; verification of SSI, Social Security, V.A. benefits, unemployment benefits, retirement checks; verification of income from rental property, farm income, etc.

The LRDA offices and centers taking applications are: The JTPA Building (521-9761); LRDA Office-Lumberton (738-7906); (In back of EMC building/Food Lion Shopping Center.)

All applications will be taken from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. weekdays, unless stated differently above. For additional information, please call 521-8602 or 738-7906.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holidays, the Carolina Indian Voice will publish on Wednesday, November 26, 1986. News and advertising deadlines for that issue will be Monday, November 24. The staff of the Carolina Indian Voice would appreciate your help in adhering to this deadline.

## OXENDINE AND CHAVERS TO SPEAK AT PSU

The Marion Bass American Indian Lecture Series at PSU, sponsored by the American Indian Studies Department will be held November 13 and November 20 with two American Indians of national renown speaking. These are the inaugural programs in the series funded by Marion Bass, a PSU graduate from Charlotte.

Speaking twice on Nov. 13 will be Dr. Dean Chavers, president of MANAGE, Inc., a fund-raising, training and financial management firm based in Albuquerque, NM. He is a former president of Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla. He is a Lumbee Indian and the son of Mrs. Dorothy Byrd of Pembroke. He will speak at 9:30 a.m. in room 225 of Old Main on the topic "Contemporary American Indian."

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## Man Charged With Baby's Death

LAURINBURG — A 20-year-old man has been charged with murder in the death last week of his girlfriend's 21-month-old daughter.

Tony Andre Moore of the Plaza Terrace Apartments was held in Scotland County Jail without bail, Laurinburg Police Chief N.W. Quick said.

Moore, a textile factory worker, was arrested after the death of Dominique Johnson, who was taken to Scotland Memorial Hospital on Wednesday night where she was pronounced dead, Quick said.

The death was reported to police

Thursday as a possible child abuse case, and an autopsy concluded that the child died from blows to her stomach, causing extensive internal damage and trauma to the abdomen, Quick said.

The alleged beating may have occurred at Moore's residence, Quick said.

District Court Judge Herbert Richardson on Thursday ordered a second child, who is 8 months old, removed from the home of the mother, Glendora Johnson, 18, of 1509 Hickory St.

## Suspect Sought In Pembroke Slaying

PEMBROKE — Police on Tuesday said they have a suspect but have made no arrests in the weekend shooting death of a man in the living room of his home.

Charles Roscoe Brooks, about 54, of Union Chapel Road died about 12:15 a.m. Sunday from a

.38-caliber gunshot wound to his right side during an apparent domestic argument, according to police Sgt. Jeffrey Locklear.

Brooks was taken to Southeastern General Hospital at Lumberton where he was pronounced dead, Locklear said.

There has been quite a bit of interest expressed recently regarding the Robeson County Beautification Council tree distribution program. "Although the tree giveaway program will not be held until February 7, 1987, it is very important people understand and know that in order to receive trees they must register and pay \$1," according to Eddie L. Locklear, Extension agent, 4-H.

The tree distribution program—offering two red maples, two white dogwoods, two redbuds, and four Lombardy poplars for \$1 per bundle—will be held in seven locations of the county. In order to receive trees in

February, it is necessary to pre-register between October 20 and November 23, 1986. Following is a listing of

locations, tree coordinators, and telephone numbers to use to register for trees. Maxton's tree distribution is being coordinated by Barry Richards, 844-5231 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.). In Rowland, citizens should call Dr. Mary A. Masters, 422-3276, during the day. The Red Springs Chamber of Commerce is helping sponsor the tree distribution program in Red Springs. Citizens of Red

Springs can call the Chamber of Commerce Office at 843-5441 during regular office hours. Eddie Mac Locklear, 521-4710, is coordinating the Pembroke tree distribution program. Eddie Mac Locklear encourages citizens to call between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to register for trees.

People living in or near the St. Pauls area may call 865-4226

between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to register for trees. Tommy Belch is serving as the St. Pauls tree coordinator.

Citizens in Fairmont will have several numbers to call. Coordinators for the Fairmont area are: Ada Ruth Evans, 628-6547; Olivia Barnes, 739-2990; and Marilyn Bryan, 628-8814. Fairmont residents are encouraged to call these numbers from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. to register for trees. The Lumberton Chamber of Commerce is co-sponsoring the tree distribution program in Lumberton. Citizens who would like to register for trees in the Lumberton area may call 739-4750 or 739-6925 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The tree distribution program is sponsored by the Robeson County

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