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Justice Department Examining Robeson Slaying

LUMBERTON — U.S. Department of Justice officials say they will discuss the shooting of a Lumbee Indian by a Robeson County sheriff's deputy with county officials and members of the victim's family.

Bob Ensley, who works with the community relations branch in Atlanta, said he would visit Lumberton Tuesday after being presented with "concerns by a number of community people" about the Nov. 1 death of Jimmy Earl Cummings, a suspected drug dealer who was shot by Deputy Kevin Stone, the son of Sheriff Hubert Stone.

Ensley said the length of his stay would depend on developments in a series of racial demonstrations in Cummings, Ga. — another situation he is attempting to conciliate.

Ensley told The Fayetteville Times on Monday he thinks the Robeson County situation is "just as serious" as the one in Cummings. He said his job is to try to reduce the level of tension.

"When we have this type of problem, there is a possibility of disorder," he said. "We want to get them talking, to sit down across the table and facilitate their differences."

Ensley said he and a colleague, Cloyd Hall, who has wide experience in handling Indian affairs, will meet with the sheriff and District Attorney Joe Freeman Britt, as well as with members of the Cummings family.

Ensley said questions brought to his office relate both to the circumstances of Cummings' death and the handling of a coroner's inquest that cleared Stone. A

six-member coroner's jury decided unanimously on Nov. 13 that the shooting was "an accident and-or self-defense."

"They said they were indignant and something had to be done," Ensley said. "We're coming up to make an on-site assessment to see if there is a role for our agency."

The N.C. Civil Liberties Union has pledged its support to the Cummings family and has a lawyer investigating to determine whether a suit will be filed.

Meanwhile, U.S. Attorney Sam Currin said his office is looking into allegations by members of the Cummings family of a connection between Cummings' death and a supply of drugs missing since August from a sheriff's department evidence locker.

"I don't want to call it a possible connection, because we don't know," Currin said. "But that is a part of our investigation. We are trying to get to the bottom of the drug problem in Robeson County, and anything that relates, we will investigate."

Three men, including a former Robeson deputy, have been indicted in connection with the missing drug evidence, and Currin said he expects other indictments later.

"Whether that will shed any light on the Cummings case, I don't know," he said. "My office is not investigating the shooting. But if something turns up in the course of our investigation that sheds some light on the shooting ... well, fine."

PSU Students Represent Leadership



Sophomore Penny Midgett with sister Monica, who is president of the student government association and former Miss PSU at PSU.

What's it like when you are attending a university where your older sister is (1) president of the Student Government Association, (2) former Miss PSU, and (3) vice president of the UNC System's Association of Student Governments?

"I'm very proud of her. My sister is a very determined young lady. She's a battler. She's a winner. I see her someday becoming a Barbara Walters because she is majoring in communicative arts and broadcasting," says Penny Midgett.

Penny, a sophomore, was talking about the multi-talented Monica Midgett, 22, a senior who graduates in May. They are daughters of retired m/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles O. Midgett of Fayetteville.

At a recent Christmas luncheon at the Chancellor's Residence at PSU, the Midgett sisters were present in their capacities as student leaders.

Whereas Monica is president of the student body, Penny is sophomore senator, sophomore treasurer and secretary of the SGA senate.

"But I don't plan to compete for Miss PSU and my eyes are not set on the student government presidency," said Penny. "I have plenty to keep me busy with my work-study responsibilities (she is desk person for one of the women's dorms), my sorority, the SGA, and my studies (she is majoring in elementary education (K-4). I don't want to overload myself."

Both girls are ultra petites, Monica measuring only 4-10 and Penny measuring five feet. Both have outgoing personalities and are very verbal. They also have "different" accents from the norm in Robeson County. This can in part be attributed to the two and a half years they spent in Germany where their father was stationed.

"Monica was born in Germany, and I was born at

Womack Hospital at Ft. Bragg," said Penny. They lived in Germany while Monica attended the fifth, sixth and part of the seventh grades — and while Penny attended the third, fourth, and part of the fifth grades.

Penny says she is glad she followed Monica to Pembroke State. "I love PSU," said Penny. "Here I'm a person instead of a number. And I get the attention I need when I need it."

Penny said Monica "got me interested" in being in student government along with Dr. John Rimberg, professor of sociology who teaches a PSU freshman orientation class. "Monica was also vice president of Kappa Delta sorority when I became secretary," added Penny.

When Penny enrolled at PSU, people quickly realized she was Monica's sister. "people say we talk alike and also look alike. When I was working at the desk in North Hall, some girls would come by and say, 'You're Monica's sister, aren't you?'"

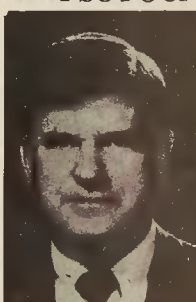
Both sisters live on campus, but don't room together. "In my freshman year last year, we lived only a couple of doors apart on the sixth floor of North Hall. This year Monica is a hall counselor and lives down on the second floor," said Penny.

Monica's achievements at PSU also include having been Panhellenic president, meaning she has headed the governing body of all sororities on campus. She has also been a cheerleader and a member of Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society.

Both Monica and Penny are graduates of Pine Forest High School in Fayetteville. They have two other sisters: Lisa, 23, a graduate of Fayetteville Technical Institute and Tara, 16, a sophomore at Pine Forest High School.

Perhaps by the time Penny graduates, a third Midgett will be ready to enroll at PSU where, as Penny says, a student "is a person instead of a number."

GOV. MARTIN TO BE SPEAKER AT PSU FOUNDER'S DAY CONVOCATION



Gov. James Martin to be speaker at PSU's Founder's Day Convocation March 5 at the Performing Arts Center.

Gov. James Martin of North Carolina has confirmed that he will be the speaker at

PSU's Centennial Founder's Day Convocation March 5 at 10:15 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center at PSU.

His confirmation was announced Thursday by Dr. James B. Chavis, PSU vice chancellor for student affairs who is in charge of the program.

The March 5 convocation will consist of the premiere performance of Pembroke State University's centennial musical composition as written by Elliott Borgo of State University of New York at Potsdam and performed by the PSU band.

A special highlight of the program will be the unveiling of a statue of Hamilton McMillan of Red Springs, the state legislator who introduced the bill on March 7, 1887, which started the school

which became Pembroke State University.

Gov. Martin served six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives before being only the second Republican governor elected in North Carolina this century. Prior to his election to Congress, he served three terms as a Mecklenburg County commissioner, was elected chairman and was elected president of the N.C. Association of County Commissioners.

Born in Savannah, Ga., Gov. Martin is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur M. Martin. Gov. Martin and his three brothers attended Davidson College where Gov. Martin earned his B.S. in 1957. He received a Ph.D. in chemistry from Princeton University in 1960.

Pembroke State Sets New Spring Enrollment Record

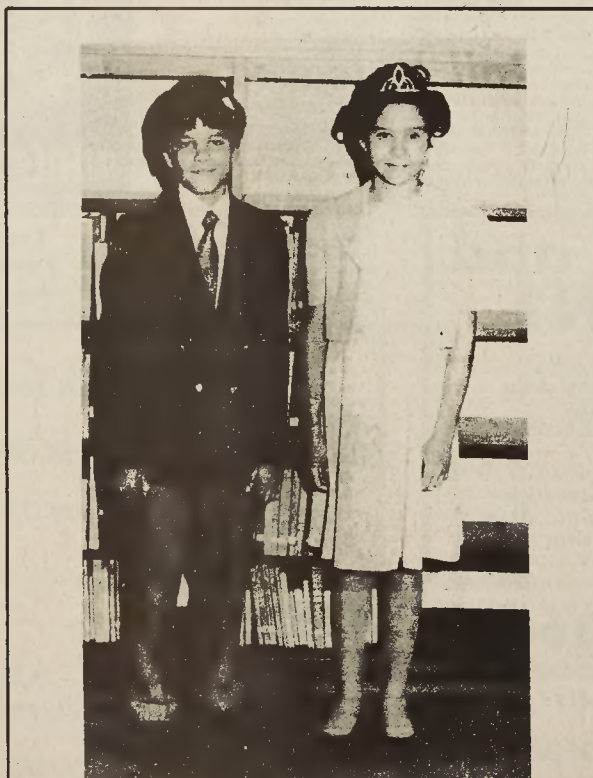
PEMBROKE — Pembroke State University has set a new spring semester enrollment record.

A total of 2,419 students have registered at PSU for the spring semester, 73 more than last year's total of 2,346, which was then a spring enrollment record.

The 2,419 students this spring include 2,007 undergraduate students

and 412 graduate students.

"We are very pleased about another record spring enrollment," said Anthony Locklear, PSU director of admissions. "It's especially nice to have this record in our centennial year. We hope this continuing growth is a trend which continues at our fine institution."



Union Chapel's 1986-87 king and queen, Brandon E. Locklear and Tawanna L. Locklear were recently named. Brandon, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Locklear, is a fifth grader in Flora McLean's class. Tawanna, the daughter of Paulette Locklear, is a sixth grader in Yvonne Wallace's class.

Lowry Appointed to Serve As Congressional Page

Clifton Lowry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oberon Lowry of Pembroke, has been appointed to serve as a Congressional Page in Washington, D.C. for the remainder of the school year.

Clifton is a sixteen year old junior at West Robeson Senior High where he is active in various honor clubs and organizations. He excels in a college preparatory curriculum with emphasis on the math and science areas.

Clifton hopes to pursue a

career in Engineering at North Carolina State University, after graduation from West Robeson.

Jeannie Buckner, a junior from West Robeson and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion E. Buckner, will be returning to finish her junior year. Jeannie served as a Congressional Page for the first semester of the school year.

Provisions are made for the students to continue their studies while they serve in their special capacity.

Fellowships Available For Local Poets

Professional North Carolina poets or fiction writers, who have made career commitments to their art, may apply for \$5,000 fellowships from the N.C. Arts Council. The deadline for applying is Feb. 1.

The Arts Council offers fellowships to encourage the continued achievement of North Carolina's finest writers and to recognize central contribution professional poets and fiction writers make to the creative environment of our state. The program provides direct support to individual poets and fiction writers who have made substantial contributions through their art.

Jean McLaughlin, literature/visual arts director for the Council, explained the

fellowships are intended to allow writers to set aside time to write, to purchase equipment, to achieve specific career goals, and other needs allowing them to devote full attention to writing.

Applicants will be evaluated on artistic excellence, importance of the fellowship to the writer's career at the time of application, and past contributions to the art form. Fellowship funds must be spent between July 1, 1987 and June 30, 1988.

For more information, or to request an application, contact Ms. McLaughlin at the N.C. Arts Council, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh 27611, 919-733-2111.

Art Contest to be part of Unity Conference

An art contest to recognize the talent of American Indian artists in North Carolina will be one of the many features of the Twelfth Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference to be held March 12-14 at the Sheraton Airport Plaza Hotel in Charlotte.

Persons who wish to enter the contest must be American Indians who are currently residing in the state.

Entries may be submitted in five categories: original drawings, paintings, basket work, wood carvings and bead work. All entries must be submitted to one of the North Carolina Indian organizations no later than March 5.

All contest entries will be displayed during the Unity Conference, which is sponsored by the United Tribes of North Carolina (UTNC). Judging will be held March 12, and awards will be presented during the conference banquet to be held March 13.

The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, a member organization of UTNC, will coordinate the contest. For more information on contest rules and regulations, contact Teresa Jones or Wanda Burns Ramsey, N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 27228, Raleigh, NC 27611, or call 919-733-5998.

LRDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETS

The Lumbee Regional Development Association Board of Directors met Saturday, January 17, 1987 for the purpose of transacting business at its annual meeting.

The major item of the annual meeting was the seating of board members from the December 4, 1986 elections and the selection of board officers for the year 1987.

The Elections Committee reported to the board on the results and findings of the committee in relation to the districts voting for candidates.

The committee recommended the seating to the board of Mr. Adolph Blue, winner from the District VI race, Mr. Grady Hunt, winner from the District III race, and Rev. Grover Oxendine of District IV who ran unopposed to the board.

The board received a report on the elections held in district seven (7) and district two (2) in which the elections were challenged by three candidates in the two districts.

After hearing the report the board voted to seat the top vote receivers in the districts. Those seated to the board

were Mr. Leroy Scott representing District II, and Celia (Janie) Hammonds representing District VIII. Mr. Rod Locklear was re-appointed to the At-Large seat on the board by vote of the board.

In other business the board elected its officers for 1987. Those elected to officer positions were: Harold Deese, Chairman of the Board, Roderick Locklear, Vice Chairman, Roy Lacy Cummings, Treasurer, Emma Locklear, Secretary. Adolph Blue was elected as the At-Large member to the executive committee of the board.

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Blood Drive Planned
Magnolia School is sponsoring a blood drive in the school library on January 30, 1987 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to participate.

Indoor Flea Market Planned
Robeson County Extension Homemakers Clubs will sponsor an indoor flea market and bake sale at the O.P. Owens Agriculture Extension Center on Friday, February 13. Other organizations who would like to participate should call 738-

8111 for details. Space is limited.

In addition to flea market items, homemade cakes, pies, cookies, and candy will be available for purchase. Sandwiches and coffee will be available during the lunch hour.

The sale will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Its purpose is to raise funds for individual clubs for charities in their various communities. The public is cordially invited to attend.