



PUBLISHED EACH THURSDAY

THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

PEMBROKE, N.C.

"Building Communicative Bridges
In A Tri-racial Setting."



ROBESON COUNTY

Navajo County, Calif., Library
Tulsa Branch Post Office
Tulsa, AZ 86556

VOLUME 15 NUMBER 17

25 CENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1987

MARCHERS RALLY FOR JUSTICE

Changes Demanded in County

BY CONNIE BRAYBOY

Many people of three races gathered on Monday, April 20, for a peaceful Justice March. The march was held for many reasons according to the organizers, the Concerned Citizens for Better Government. Some of those reasons were: to end the mockery of coroners' inquests, to require thorough investigations using state and federal grand juries, to demand fair treatment and respect in the court. The marchers asked for quality law enforcement, more specifically to solve the unsolved murders; to stop the use of excessive force; to end major drug trafficking; to raise the level of education, training and pay of officers. The people asked also for a Public Defender's Office in the district. People feel that a Public Defender's Office would counter the tyranny of the prosecutor's office; make sure the poor get a fair trial; and bring more independence & responsibility to the courts. John L. Godwin, Chairman of Concerned Citizens for Better Government, stated that the first county-wide March for Justice marked a new beginning for Robeson County. He spoke at the rally held at the Robeson County Courthouse after the 3-mile march from the Lumberton Fairgrounds to the Courthouse. He stated that the tri-racial coalition had grown twenty-fold since the first meeting in January where 156 people were in attendance.

"Those looking on," he said, "saw more than 2500 Robesonians united for one cause. They saw determination. They saw a commitment for change in the judicial system in our country. Onlookers saw more than one percent of the county's population demanding to be treated as first-class citizens."

Many speakers addressed the crowd after the march. Although it was hot and people were obviously tired, they stayed and remained enthusiastic over the speeches. Among the speakers was Skeet Cummings, brother of Jimmy Earl Cummings who was shot and killed by Kevin Stone, son of Sheriff Hubert Stone; Ms. Linda Cromartie, sister of Joe

Sinclair whose murder in St. Pauls remains unsolved; Felicia Locklear, sister of Kenneth Shod Bullard, whose murder remains unsolved.

Many dynamic speakers were heard. Among them were Herbert Locklear, uncle of Jimmy Earl Cummings; Dr. Joy Johnson, President of the Robeson County Black Caucus and Pastor of First Baptist Church in Fairmont. Dr. Johnson responded to a local letter from the Robeson County NAACP advising Blacks not to participate in the march. The letter stated that the NAACP would not take responsibility for the effort, if the Blacks chose to march, "Go tell that Judas..." said Dr. Johnson, "go tell that traitor...Go tell the man that the NAACP has never been responsible for me..."; Rev. Bob Mangum, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Rural Advancement Fund, Friend in Court Program; Rev. Franklin Reeves, National Director of Operation Help; and Leon White, United Church of Christ. Rev. white stated: "I didn't come here to preach... But I'm going to tell you what the problem is in Robeson County. The problem is Joe Freeman Britt... Get rid of Joe Freeman Britt... What we want is justice. What Hubert Stone needs to do is arrest his son, Kevin Stone, for the murder of Jimmy Earl Cummings. Joe Freeman Britt should try Kevin Stone for first degree murder."

And Rev. White continued, "Let Joe Freeman Britt pick a jury of his (Stone's) peers. Give us five Blacks, six Indians and one white on the jury. And let Joe Freeman Britt expound to the jury how Jimmy Earl Cummings laid in that ditch for five minutes gasping for breath before life left his body... Let Joe Freeman Britt ask this unbiased jury to try and hold their breath for five minutes to get a feel of how Jimmy Earl Cummings, the victim felt."

Many interesting signs were seen during the march and the rally... Much enthusiasm was shown and people left afterwards more determined than ever to bring about change in the Robeson County Judicial System.

Kelvin Sampson Becomes Head Basketball Coach at Washington State University



Washington State University head basketball coach, Kelvin Sampson.

BY GENE WARREN

Speaking by phone from Pullman, Wash., Kelvin Sampson sounded like his same old self - warm, polite, friendly, affable. But his station in life had changed dramatically at a press conference there on April 10.

The 31-year-old Sampson, a '78 cum laude graduate of Pembroke State University where he had been a varsity athlete in both baseball and basketball, had been named head basketball coach at Washington State University, an NCAA Division 1 school of over 16,000 students.

He had been moved up from an assistant's position for two years when his boss had taken the head basketball coaching job at the University of Nevada at Reno two weeks earlier.

"This is a tremendous opportunity," said Sampson, the son of PSU Athletic Hall of Fame great John W. (Ned) Sampson and Eva Sampson, PSU nurse supervisor. "It is the kind of things I've been looking for. I've been very lucky. I've been at the right place at the right time."

Sampson inherits a team which during his assistantship has had records of 10-18 and 15-16, but among their victims have been UCLA and Wake Forest.

His salary--counting base salary, the school's summer basketball camp (which Sampson says is the largest in the northwestern part of the nation), TV-radio show, and endorsements from Converse--will run over \$80,000.

He will have a staff of two full-time assistants, one part-time assistant, two graduate student assistants and a secretary. After the press conference April 10, Sampson and his wife, the former Karen Lowry, were flown to different parts of the state to meet other press people. Washington State University used one of its two private jets for this purpose. Accompanying them were members of his staff. One of his staff members is Chip Motta, the son of Coach Dick Motta of the Dallas Mavericks.

Washington State University has a 13,000-seat arena "right on the campus," said Sampson. He also spoke of the thrill of taking his team to places like Pauley Pavilion where UCLA plays.

In the glow of his success, he paid tribute to his father "for the good basketball background he provided me."

"You have to remember that I played for my dad in high school--and I've been around basketball forever."

Sampson was recruited to Pembroke State by Lacey Gane, played one year for him, and three years under Joe Gallagher, now an assistant coach at Boston College. "The coaching philosophies of my dad and Coach Gane were very similar," said Sampson. "Coach Gallagher called me to congratulate me. I had seen him in New Orleans during the NCAA Tournament."

Sampson said on a previous trip to Kansas City when he was head basketball coach and athletic director at Montana Tech College, Coach Gane, Dr. Howard Dean (chairman of the PSU Athletic Committee), and he had met at a hotel and gone out to dinner together.

Sampson was a head coach at the youthful age of 25 at Montana Tech College. His team there the first year was 7-20, but then it improved to 22-9, 22-9, and 22-7. His club lost in the district finals twice, once by a point on the road. But its success led to the assistant job at Washington State--and now to the head coaching position.

"I hope to do well here and eventually get closer to home," said Sampson.

He wanted to reflect about the folks at home in Pembroke before concluding his telephone conversation.

"I've tried to take advantage of my opportunities, but I want to especially thank my mother and father," he said. "They have been such a big influence on my life, always wanting me to do the right thing. They have given me the values to live by."

He also spoke of his love for the community of Pembroke. "My heart and my loyalties are still in the community of Pembroke," he said. "Wherever I go, I tell people I'm a Lumbee Indian. People always comment that is the most interesting thing and want to know more about the Lumbees."

When will he be home again?
"I really don't know," Sampson replied. "I'll have to check my calendar. I know I will have to be in Atlanta in early July so I would like to tie that in with a trip home July 4 for the Lumbee Homecoming."

But for now, he is enjoying his new role in life. "To me, it is like a dream come true," he said.

local bulletin

STRIKE AT THE WIND AUDITIONS PLANNED
Strike at the Wind is looking for a few good actors, dancers and technicians. Auditions for the outdoor drama will be held Friday, April 24, 1987 from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center at Pembroke State University and on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Moore Hall Auditorium at PSU. Auditions will also be held on Sunday, April 26 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Carolina Civic Center in Lumberton.

Technicians are asked to bring resumes, pictures and portfolios where applicable. Positions are available for production stage manager, technical director, choreographer, costume designer, lighting and sound technicians, and armorer.

Be a part of an exciting experience in outdoor theater. Plan ahead to attend one of the auditions. If you can't attend, be sure to send a resume and picture so you may be considered for the 1987 cast of Strike at the Wind.

BENEFIT SINGING PLANNED
Temple Baptist Church, Hwy 211, South of Raeford, will sponsor a benefit sing on April 25, 1987 at 7 p.m. Featured singers will be Sis. Pink Barton, New Bethel Singers, St. Mary's Choir, the Jacobs Family, The Traveling Echoes, Sister Clare Belle, the Creek Road Church Choir, the Gospel tabernacle Trio, the Raeford Trio, the Zion Young Adults and the D & L Gospel Singers. Pastor of Temple Rev. Elias Rogers.

Proceeds raised at the singing will be used to defray medical expenses for Shahara Gales, 8 years old, of Wagram, and Kenneth Brayboy, 20 years old, of Pembroke. Both of them suffer from kidney failure and are on dialysis three times a week. Gales also suffers from Asthma and Brayboy has high blood pressure.

Any contributions for this event may be sent to Route 1 Box 489, Red Springs, NC 28377.

The public is invited to attend.

NEW GAMES FESTIVAL AT PSU APRIL 27
The fourth annual New Games Festival will be held Monday, April 27, 1987 from 2-4 p.m. at the Pembroke State University soccer field. There will be activities for everyone. The public is invited to attend.

FRIENDS OF THE ROBESON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY TO MEET APRIL 27

The annual meeting of the Friends of the Robeson County Public Library will be held on April 27 at 3:30 p.m. in the Osterneck Auditorium at the library. Election of directors of the Friends will take place at this meeting. The public is invited to attend.

SEVC SPONSORS FORUM ON WOMEN & THE LAW

Zeta Amicae of Lumberton and Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc. will sponsor a Forum on Women and the Law at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 1987 at the Robeson County Public Library. Information on domestic law and domestic violence, housing, consumer and employment law, public benefits and social security law will be provided. Discussion and questions will follow.

Scheduled presenters include Judge Adelaide Behan, Attorneys T. Diane Phillips, Kay B. House and Bobbie N. Redding, and Paralegals Alice McLean Melvin and Francine Chavis. A discussion of the services and resources provided by the Southeastern Family Violence Center will be presented by Carolyn Bishop McLeod.

Registration is free. All interested persons are invited to come.

The Forum is co-sponsored by the Southeastern Family Violence Center, Robeson County Association of Working Women and Lumbee Regional Development Association.

TELAMON CORPORATION TO RELOCATE LOCAL OFFICE

Telamon Corporation's Pembroke office announced recently that it will be closing on April 30, 1987 and will relocate to Lumberton, N.C. The new office in Lumberton will open for business on May 1, 1987 and will be located at 204 North Chestnut Street in the Lumberton Downtown Plaza which is across from the Robeson County Public Library.

The Lumberton office will assume responsibility for providing employment and training opportunities in Robeson and Hoke County and will assist the Rockingham office in serving Scotland County. A new office in Whiteville, N.C. will serve Brunswick, Columbus and New Hanover counties.

Telamon Corporation is a private, non-profit corporation funded through the Job Training Partnership Act to assist farmworkers in securing full-time employment with local business and industry. By providing job training opportunities supported by testing, counseling, job development, referral, placement, follow-up, and supportive services, farmworkers are given the skills to become more competitive in the local labor market.

Telamon Corporation began in North Carolina in 1965, and has grown to become a multifaceted employment and training agency currently funded to operate employment and training programs in seven states.

ANNUAL SESSION OF BURNT SWAMP MISSIONARY UNION TO BE HELD

The annual session of the Burnt Swamp Women's Missionary Union will be held at Gray Pond Baptist Church April 25, 1987. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with Mrs. Catherine Locklear, associational director presiding.

The theme, "Gifted to Serve-Called to Act," will be emphasized throughout the session. An interesting program is planned.

The guest speaker will be Mrs. Barbara Joiner-homemaker in Columbiana, Alabama, graduate of the University of Alabama, writer of WMU magazines, and author of "The Dynamic Woman I Am" and "Yours for the Giving."

NEW BETHEL HOLINESS METHODIST PLANS REVIVAL

New Bethel Holiness Methodist Church will hold a revival April 26-May 1. Special music will be provided nightly. The guest evangelist will be Rev. Johnny Chavis, pastor of Sycamore Hill Church and Rev. Bill James Locklear, pastor of Ashpole United Methodist Church. The Pastor, Rev. James H. Woods, invites the public to attend these services.

Fleetwood Homes Completes Upgrading of Facilities



Local businessmen are shown

touring the newly expanded facilities of Fleetwood. Despite the fact that the manufactured housing industry nationwide has suffered its worst year since 1980, Fleetwood Homes of North Carolina appears to be healthy and has now completed an upgrading of their production facility in Pembroke, NC.

Recently, Gregory Cummings, President of the Pem-

broke Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Hunter Poole, Director of the Robeson County Industrial Commission; Mr. James Hardin, Executive Director of Lumbee Regional Development Association; Mayor

Milton Hunt and McDuffie Cummings, Town Manager of Pembroke; and other community businessmen, toured

the newly expanded

facilities of Fleetwood. Fleetwood facility in Pembroke.

According to the plant's General Manager, Mike Kelley, a strong preference for larger manufactured homes has developed in the Carolinas and Virginia during the past three years.

"Before the remodeling," Kelley stated, "we were limited to producing 70 foot

long structures. Now, with all of this added space and new equipment, Pembroke can compete in the 76 and 80 foot housing markets," he said.

The parent company, Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. is the nation's largest housing supplier, and is ranked 260th among the Fortune 500 companies and was named by Fortune as the most admired company in its industry. Fleetwood purchased the Pembroke plant, which is situated on 10 acres outside of city limits, in August of 1982. Since that time, the economics of the city and surrounding county have benefited greatly from its presence. Wage earner in come from jobs created by the giant manufacturer and the purchasing power of the company support local businesses and industry to the tune of almost \$5 million annually.

"We run two shifts," Kelley told reporters, "and employ close to 260 hourly workers. During the past year we have produced 2600 homes." The Fleetwood homes built in Pembroke are shipped to retail dealers and community developers throughout a 10 state area in the mid-Atlantic region.

Andrew Ransom Retiring From PSU After 40 Years



ANDREW RANSOM...Associate professor of physical science at PSU retiring after 40 years of teaching for the state.

Andrew Ransom has spent many an hour in science laboratories, but after 40 years of teaching for the State of North Carolina, he is retiring with Pembroke State University's commencement May 9.

Of those 40 years, 31 of them have been at PSU instructing in the Physical Science Department. The previous nine were teaching at Fairgrove High School in the Robeson County School System where he taught chemistry, mathematics and general science from 1947-55.

Ransom, an associate professor at PSU, is 70 years old. He

had considered retiring at age 65, but when the mandatory age was extended to 70, he said, "Why not continue? I like what I'm doing."

Even after retiring, he said he wouldn't mind teaching part-time.

"It has been a wonderful 32 years at Pembroke State," he reflected. "I've enjoyed every minute of it. I don't know of anything that could happen to me that could be any better than this."

On Wednesday a reception in Ransom's honor was held at PSU's Performing Arts Center.

In 1982, Ransom's wife, Elma, who had taught in the PSU Music Department, also had retired. "However, she taught part-time here in the fall of '85," smiled Ransom.

A native of Pembroke, Ransom and his wife now reside near Rowland, about one mile from the residence of the late Chancellor English E. Jones. "Dr. Jones and I joined the PSU faculty in the same year, 1956. We both taught in Locklear Hall, which housed the agriculture and mathematics departments as well as science. In '67, Locklear Hall became the Education Building. It now houses art."

Ransom spoke of the 186 students who were enrolled at PSU in his first year at PSU. "We had only 13 or 14 faculty members. The only one remaining from that group after I retire will be James Ebert of the Biology Department."

Ransom enjoyed talking about some of his former students--people like Purnell Sweet, superintendent of Robeson County Schools; Tommy Suest, PSU director of special services; Dr. Gilbert Sampson, chairman of the PSU Mathematics and Computer Science Department; Dr. Dalton Brooks, PSU director of Institutional Research; and Joe McGirt, associate professor of biology.

For more news on Ransom's retirement and Pembroke State University, see Gene Warren's column on Page 2.