

READERS' FORUM

Mormons Stress Individual Responsibility To Achieve One's Destiny

To the Editor:

Recent news on TV Evangelists helps draw a parallel from Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar.' Caesar received the abounded warning "Beware The Idea of March" from a soothsayer in the crowd. On the Ides or the 15th day of March a celebration and games honoring the dictator were scheduled as well as his slotted assassination by jealous and ambitious associates in the Roman government. Caesar received this warning from the soothsayer, another warning from his pleading apprehensive wife, Calpurnia who had seen him murdered in a dream. The soothsayer warned him a second time as he entered the senate that morning and, Artemadorus handed him a written warning at the same time. Caesar's feelings of control of self, government, and associates seemed to give him a mental aura of self sufficiency, invulnerability and invincibility which prompted him to ignore the repeated warnings. This was his undoing. The unsuspecting Caesar received dagger thrusts from the hands of twenty trusted associates, most of whom, had been convinced they were acting in the best interest of Rome and her people.

Is it possible that when we feel most secure, self sufficient and self-satisfied we could be most vulnerable? Can we be our own worst enemy? Will a personal code of ethics based on biblical and religious teachings give us better guidance? Are we personally responsible for our own destiny? Can it be better achieved with God's help?

Do we contract AIDS from someone we don't know? Cancer of the lungs? Alcoholism, drug addiction? We have received repeated warnings, do we as Caesar, choose to ignore them, to our own peril? Have we found the enemy? And is he us? The Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons), teaches individual responsibility to self, family, church, country, and others with anxiously sought help from God! We should beware our own Ides of March!

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This poem was contributed by Ms. Yvonne Dial, English teacher at West Robeson Senior High School. The poem was written by one of her fourth period students, Melanie Sampson.

ROBESON COUNTY IS GOING DOWN

Keep Robeson County from going down,
Help throw the elite group out of town,
They traffic drugs from state to state,
What Eddie and Timmie is doing is great.

They've got the evidence, they've got the proof,
But still nothing has happened to the elite group.
They've got the money, they've got the power,
But still won't let Tim and Eddie walk.

They are being put in jail, they say, for life,
For backing up what they believe is right.
It's about time minorities took a stand,
Now if we all would just together bond.

We would fight off the drug pushers and the ones that do it too
Other than drugs, there's violence to fight against too.
So back up Eddie and Timmy, let's try to win this war.
And keep Robeson County from going down, like I said before.
--Melanie Sampson

The word "laser" is an acronym for Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation.

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Three sisters, all 65 years old or older, are shown taking tuition-free Art Department classes at PSU. Shown here in the jewelry-making class are Jane Chavis Oxendine (left) and Georgeanna Chavis (right); Standing is Eva Chavis Jones.

There's an adage that you're never too old to learn--and it certainly fits three sisters ages 81, 67, and 65 from the Pembroke area.

At those ages all three are taking courses in the Art Department of Pembroke State University. One is taking both art and jewelry, one is taking only art, and one is taking just jewelry.

Together, they have eight children, 12 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

As 65-year-old Georgeanna Chavis, a beautician for 32 years says: "It is so good to be doing this rather than staying at

home & getting old." She is the sister taking both art & jewelry, which equal six semester hours credit.

The 81-year-old taking art is Eva Chavis Jones, while the 67-year-old taking jewelry is Jane Chavis Oxendine. Each is therefore gaining three semester hours credit.

What does it cost for them to attend PSU? For the two sisters taking one course each, it cost just \$15 for the application fee. For the sister taking two courses, it costs a \$15 application fee plus an \$18 activity fee.

Under a resolution passed by the UNCBoard of Governors in 1975, residents of North Carolina 65 years or older who meet applicable admissions standards receive free tuition if they enroll in courses where there is available space at UNC System schools.

Two of the sisters are alumnae of PSU. Jane graduated in 1943 from what was then Pembroke State College for Indians. She taught English and social studies for 15 years at schools in Sampson County, Fairmont and Robeson County.

Eva graduated in 1938 from what was then the Indian Normal School of Robeson County. She was also a teacher for 19 years, instructing in the elementary school grades.

Georgeanna did not take college or normal school courses at Pembroke State, but did have eighth grade classes in Old Main.

Why are they attending college now? Each wants to improve herself.

Eva says, "I've been quilting since 1965 and want to know how to paint better. I've made so many mistakes and had to wash off the paint. I like being able to design my quilts." She added she also has returned to college "for my personal pleasure."

Jane, who is bothered by an arthritic condition (she has had several joints replaced), explained that learning jewelry making will help in a business she helps to operate. "We run Lumbree Arts and Crafts on US Highway 74 about four miles from Pembroke. Customers come in and ask me, 'Can you fix this for me?'" They are talking about rings and bracelets. I feel

badly when they ask me to help and I can't. I'm enjoying learning how."

Georgeanna smiled as she spoke of why she was taking art from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, followed by jewelry making from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. "I enjoy painting," she said. "I have always wanted to paint, but never had time to learn. I had to help with the family. Taking these classes lifts you up. The young people are so kind. It is so good to find an interest in life."

Georgeanna then looked at Eva's painting. "I'm not as good as she is at this, but she has been painting longer," Georgeanna added with a twinkle.

As for taking jewelry making, Georgeanna said, "I'm taking it as a hobby. I want to design my own jewelry. I love it. It will be so enjoyable making different bracelets and rings."

Teaching the sisters art is Ralph Steeds, while their jewelry instructor is Paul Van Zandt, chairman of the PSU Art Department. "Mr. Steeds is really good," they agreed. "He makes you feel so comfortable."

Of Van Zandt, they said: "Mr. Van Zandt is a very fine teacher and one of the nicest guys out here."

Eva says her daughter, Donna Sue Jacobs, will graduate from PSU this spring with a B.S. in Business Administration. Jane's daughter, Hope Oxendine Sheppard, is secretary for the PSU vice chancellor for institutional advancement and coordinated alumni affairs for the recent PSU homecoming. Mrs. Sheppard has a daughter, Terena, who is a freshman majoring in biology at PSU.

Eva, Georgeanna and Jane speak with amazement about the growth of Pembroke State University in their lifetimes.

"I never dreamed it would grow like this. I can get lost," says Eva.

"I'm thankful that people consider PSU a good school. It has been a blessing to the community," adds Georgeanna. Jane concluded by saying: "It's a treasure becoming what it has become. When I entered it (in 1939), there were only 75 students. Everyone knew everyone. It is now helping the country whereas before it was helping only the community."

Dr. Jesse Lamm To Retire From PSU In May

Dr. Jesse Lamm, a member of the Pembroke State University faculty since 1969 and coordinator of PSU's Special Education Program since its beginning in 1976, has announced he will retire in May.

Lamm, 62, who calls Greenville home, earned his B.S. in both physical education and social science and his M.A. in school administration at East Carolina University. He earned his Ed. D. in recreation education and administration at New York University and has done additional study at Rutgers University in human relations and at the University of Iowa in school administration.

was devastated by an earthquake in 1974. He is a member of Chestnut Street University Methodist Church in Lumberton. His hobby is raising shrubbery.

Travel-wise, he would like to return to Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, where he took part in the D-Day invasion as a coxswain aboard an LCM (Landing Craft Mechanized). He would also like to revisit England, Scotland and Wales where he was in World War II plus visiting Germany. "I'd also like to go to Hawaii," he added.

Going with him, of course, will be his wife, the former Mary Lewis of Dublin whom he praises to the skies and who retired three years ago as a teacher with her last assignment being at Lumberton Middle School. They are parents of two children: Mary Helen, a teacher in Durham County Schools, and Jim, a program director with WKFT-TV in Fayetteville.

Lamm, 6-foot-2 and 200 pounds, looks as erect in stature as a teen-ager, but had some health problems recently when an artery in his neck with 90 percent "plugged up," he says. It was cleared, but he says another artery in his neck is 50 percent in the same condition. Yet, he looks in vibrant health.

A man who was reared in foster homes--his mother died when he was seven and his father was an alcoholic--Lamm is thankful for the good things that have happened to him in his life. That is why he wants to help others more than ever, when he retires.

"I'm thankful I have come to where I am from where I started--and I feel I owe someone something," he says.

Lamm has done post-doctoral study at East Carolina University in special education in teaching the mentally handicapped and those with learning disabilities.

He has pioneered many programs in special education, including starting the first full-time program for the mentally handicapped in North Carolina. It was located at Caswell Training School in Kinston where Lamm was employed from 1949-54.

Speaking of B.S. degree program in special education, Lamm said: "We feel we have an exemplary program. We have 35 majors in the program this spring, freshmen through seniors. This does not include those teachers who take courses for certification in the field in the summer."

Lamm, who has 24 1/2 years of working for the state of North Carolina, including his 19 years at PSU, says he has "loved" teaching at PSU. "It is my favorite place to be. The best college. I put it against UNC-Chapel Hill or anywhere else. We have good faculty, they are not research-oriented but teaching oriented. They are a well-prepared faculty which works well with students."

"In retirement, Lamm says he would like to do "a little bit of traveling and some type of mission work education-wise or with my hands."

Skilled in carpentry, plumbing, and electrical wiring, Lamm volunteered his services as part of a mission effort from Robeson and Scotland counties to Managua, Nicaragua, which

Birth Announcement

Mr. & Mrs. Blakeslee Jones announces the birth of a daughter, Raisa Rebekah, who weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces when born February 19 at Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg.

Mrs. Jones is the former Clementine Locklear, daughter of Mrs. Quessie Locklear and the late Rev. Percell Locklear. The paternal grandparents are Mr. Wiley Jones and the late Nancy Beulah Jones. The Jones have four sons, Ryan, Damien, Tevor, and Justin.

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