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Dr. Robert Reising To Teach New Course In Lumbee Literature At PSU

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"I see the course as a way for a lot of people who are trying to understand the Lumbee Indians to get a unique avenue to understanding," says Dr. Robert Reising of a new course offered at Pembroke State University.

The Department of Communicative Arts and the Department of American Indian Studies will offer CMA (AIS) 450, Seminar in Native American Literature during spring semester 1989. The focus of the course will be Lumbee literature, with special attention to works treating Henry Berry Lowrie, including *Strike At The Wind*. Reising will be the instructor for the new course.

"Lumbee literature is a rich and sizable body of imaginative literature—drama, fiction and poetry—from and about the largest tribe of Native Americans east of the Mississippi," says Reising. "We're about to begin a period of unusual literary attention to Lumbees."

Reising, a professor at P.S.U. since 1971, says he sees the course as cultivating writings by Lumbees. "American Indians nationally are contributing poetry, prose/fiction to literature in unprecedented numbers."

According to Reising, the course will feature the oral as well as written, together with highly regarded contributions by Lew Barton, Paul Green, John Charles

McNeil, and Guy Owen. "Basically we'll be looking at movements and motifs—what kinds of writings and themes have occurred and could occur." He says there have been numerous literary depictions from and about the Lumbees and more coming all the time.

The professor says he hopes the course will lure three particular groups of people: university students working in AIS; interested townspeople and county residents, Lumbees and non-Lumbees, who want to learn more about Lumbees; and teachers of Indian Education and of writing who may spark poetry and fiction.

"We are in the midst of a Native American renaissance, probably in Art, and certainly literature," he says. "If America is to thrive, it must become very comfortable with minorities' changing picture. We must become extremely aware of how to respect them, educate them, accept them and celebrate them."

The course comes under the format of a "Study of selected topics in Indian literature," and the only prerequisite is permission of the instructor.

Students interested in applying the course to a graduate program should consult page 296 of the University's 1988-89 Catalog and/or Dr. W. Howard Dean, Director of Graduate Studies at Pembroke State. The instructor also welcomes questions about the course.



DR. ROBERT REISING,
PSU PROFESSOR

APPRECIATION BANQUET PLANNED FOR HATCHER/JACOBS

The Robeson Defense Committee will sponsor an appreciation banquet for Eddie Hatcher and Timothy Jacobs. The event is planned for Friday night, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. at West Robeson Senior High's Cafeteria. A buffet-style dinner will be served. Tickets for the event are \$5.00 and can be purchased from the Robeson Defense Committee office. Call 521-2401 for further information.

Special guest speakers will include William Kunstler, attorney with the Center for Constitutional Rights, New York; Leon Shenandoah of the Onandaga Nation; and Chief Wilma Mankiller of the Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma.

LECTURE AUDITORIUM NAMED FOR OXENDINE



Dr. Clifton Oxendine...PSU Lecture Hall to be named in his honor.

The second floor lecture auditorium in PSU's Classroom North will be named the Dr. Clifton Oxendine Memorial Lecture Hall in honor of the late Dr. Oxendine Wednesday, December 7, at 10 a.m. Special dedication ceremonies will be held on that date, says Dr. David Eliades, chairman of the PSU History Department in which Dr. Oxendine was a professor emeritus.

Dr. Oxendine, of Pembroke, died July 21, 1987, at the age of 87 following an automobile accident.

He served as dean of what is now PSU from 1939-57 after which he taught history until retiring in 1970. Altogether, he was an educator for 42 years in the public schools and for PSU.

In PSU's Centennial Fall Convocation of 1986, he was honored with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

Oxendine was in the first class of seven students to graduate in the Old Main building on the PSU campus in 1924 when it was an Indian Normal School. He became the individual who gave the name of "Old Main" to the first brick building on campus.

Oxendine also had the distinction of attending in 1907 the two-story, wooden building—then located near New Hope Church, 1 1/2 miles from Pembroke—that was the forerunner of what became Pembroke State University.

Everyone is invited to the Dec. 7 dedication.

Petition Drive Continues

The petition drive for the removal of Sheriff Hubert Stone and Deputy Kevin Stone continues. The drive is being sponsored by the Robeson Defense Committee. Petition may be picked up at that office (across from the old FCX in Pembroke) or call 521-2401.

Area coordinators are distributing petitions and accepting signatures across the county. Those people residing in the St. Pauls area should contact Ernest Locklear at 865-4431; in Lumberton-Retha Chavis at 738-1218; at Prospect, Jane Sampson at 521-0672; in the Harpers Ferry area Elisha Locklear at 521-8347; in the Saddletree area—Rev. J.T. Freeman at 739-9963.

Other coordinators are John and Betty McKellar at 739-8886 in Lumberton; at Midway call Earl Locklear at 844-5033; in Rowland, Sue Locklear at 422-3233; at Fairgrove, call Quessie Strickland at 628-9032; in Pembroke call Velma Michuson at 521-9261; Pembroke/Deep Branch call Sarah Lowry at 521-2775; at Rennert, Cecil Hunt at 843-3706 and Emma Gail Jones at 843-3293; at Saddletree call James Bell at 739-4436.

The Robeson Defense Committee urges the citizens of Robeson County to participate in the petition drive. For further information on this effort, call 521-2401.

Pembroke JC Christmas Parade Dec. 8

The fifteenth annual Pembroke Jaycee Christmas Parade will be held Thursday, December 8th at 3:00 p.m. Line-up time will be 2:15 p.m.

All communities in Robeson County are invited to participate. There is no entry fee. All entries should meet at the Pembroke State University Performing Arts Center parking lot.

This year's parade is sponsored by the Pembroke Jaycees, the Town of Pembroke, and the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce. For further information, contact Charles Gregory Cummings, Chairperson, at 521-9761.

Catalog Introduced In Time For Christmas

PSU alumni have received in the mail a special PSU Alumni Catalog from which they can order a variety of PSU items such as T-shirts, jackets, polo shirts, golf shirts, sweatshirts, rugby shirts, coffee mugs, glasses, pens, garment bags, duffle bags, umbrellas, golf caps, golf towels, golf balls and Christmas ornaments.

These make nice gifts for Christmas.

The catalog was put together by Monikers, 701 Salem Ave., Winston-Salem, NC 27101. That company can be reached by telephoning 1-800-782-1912 or (919) 727-0685.

A percentage of the proceeds from the sales will go into the PSU Alumni Loyalty Scholarship Fund.

Wayland Lennon III, former PSU alumni director, helped to put this alumni catalog idea together, says Dr. Richard Pisano, PSU vice chancellor for institutional advancement who has already ordered some items.

ROBESON COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS & UNITY COMMISSION MEETS

The Robeson County Human Relations and Unity Commission held its regular monthly meeting at the Ramada Inn in Lumberton on Tuesday, November 22, 1988 with a quorum present.

The Executive Director, Roxanne Flanagan Hunt, gave a report on the activities of the office since the last meeting and introduced the new Assistant Director, Halbert McNeill. McNeill had been with the Intensive Probation office in Lumberton before coming on board and prior to that a Deputy Sheriff in Columbus County. Ms. Hunt spoke of the daily increasing number of complaints that the office was getting, that she hoped to have the new Administrative Assistant named quickly.

Vice-Chairman Ken Freeman asked for discussion on the matter of handling complaints, whether or not they would be investigated. Chairman Hector MacLean said all complaints would be investigated.

It was again mentioned that there would be a meeting, to be hosted by the Human Relations and Unity Commission at the Student Union at PSU on January 17, 1989, at which time all pastors of all churches, synagogues and temples in the county will be invited to attend. It will be at 7 p.m. and it will be an evening of fellowship.

The Justice, Drug, and Economic Committees had no report, but the Education Committee did. First of all, they are still pursuing the matter of affirmative action in the county schools and they expressed a desire for Pembroke State to become more involved in the community, to diminish its aloofness. They also recommended certain criteria be spelled out to the Search Committee in regards to the selection of the new Chancellor.

The next meeting of the commission will also be at the Ramada, and it will be on January 3, 1989, at the usual time.

NC FARM BUREAU FEDERATION ANNUAL CONVENTION DECEMBER 4-7 IN CHARLOTTE

The drafting of official policies for 1989 will be the main activity on the program at the 53rd annual convention of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation in Charlotte, December 4-7.

Farm Bureau President W.B. Jenkins said he expects around 1,200 Farm Bureau members to attend this year's meeting at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

Jenkins emphasized that farmers in the state continue to face a difficult period. He said it is important that voting delegates adopt a broad and comprehensive set of policies to address the issues confronting agriculture and the economy.

"The resolutions that will be voting on are the result of careful deliberation, with recommendations developed at the county level," Jenkins said. The policies adopted by delegates to the annual convention serve as blueprints for the organization to follow during the coming year. Delegates will also make final decisions on recommendations concerning national and international issues that will be submitted to the American Farm Bureau Federation convention, which is set for early January.

The Farm Bureau president will give his annual report to the membership on Tuesday morning, December 6.

Featured speakers at general sessions of the convention will include: U.S. Senator Jesse Helms, U.S. Senator Terry Sanford, N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture James Graham, and N.C. Superintendent of Public Instruction-elect Bobby R. Etheridge. Lt. Governor-elect James Gardner will also be on the program.

The election of officers and directors of the state organization and delegates to the national convention is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, December 6.

The selection of Farm Bureau's "Outstanding Young Farm Family" of 1988 will be a highlight of the awards presentations. Another honor will go to the winner of the Young Farmer and Rancher "discussion meet." Awards will also be presented to a number of county Farm Bureaus for their outstanding achievement in various program areas.

Registration for the convention begins Sunday, December 4, at 1 p.m. at the Adam's Mark Hotel. The traditional vesper service will be held Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m.



Three seniors from St. Pauls High School are shown Tuesday conferring with Anthony Locklear [right], Pembroke State University director of admissions, about PSU. It was part of "College Day" at PSU where 64 representatives of higher education and nine representatives of higher education and nine representatives of the military were present to talk with Robeson County high school students. Left to right, the students are James Taylor, Jamie Flowers and Jeff Smith.

PEMBROKE KIWANIS HOLD PANCAKE SUPPER & BREAKFAST

The Pembroke Kiwanis will hold their Pancake Supper and Breakfast Friday, December 2nd from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, December 3rd from 6:30-9 a.m. The event will be held at Pembroke Elementary School. Tickets are \$3 for all you can eat and may be purchased from any Kiwanis Club member.

Rally Planned At Fairgrove

The next rally by the Robeson Defense Committee will be held December 6, 1988 at Fairgrove School beginning at 7:30 p.m. Attorneys will be present to accept complaints and take affidavits on law enforcement activities and to answer questions about the petition drive to remove the sheriff, Hubert Stone and deputy Hubert Stone.