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Brooks Announces His Candidacy for Re-Election to Pembroke Town Council

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U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict. Long active in civic affairs, Brooks is a past president of the Pembroke Jaycees and went on to represent Pembroke on the North Carolina Jaycees Executive Committee. He is also a member of American Legion Post #205 and various professional organizations. His business related activities include: owner and operator of Lela Anne's Learning Center, a child care facility in Pembroke; member of the Lumbee Bank Board of Directors and chairman of the Executive Committee; and past member of the Robeson County Industrial Development Commission.

He presently serves as Mayor Pro Tem on the Council and has held this position for six years. In making his announcement, Brooks made the following statement: "Serving the past twelve years as your Town Councilman has been a very rewarding experience for me. We've made great strides in water and sewer expansion; housing rehabilitation; curbing, paving of streets, and drainage; recreation; annexation; capital improvements; and our town continues to operate on a sound fiscal budget.

"I am concerned about our town and its residents. We are moving in a very positive direction, and I would like to see us continue to move that way. Our children deserve no less than the best we can offer.

"If I am re-elected as your public servant, I am committed to continue to work for the best interests of our town, our citizens, and our children. I will continue to use a 'people-oriented, common sense' approach to problem solving. Thinking 'people' and what is best for the 'people' before solutions can be sought for their problems."

Brooks is the son of Lela H. Brooks of Cherokee Street and the late John J. Brooks, long-time educator in Robeson County. He and his wife, Elizabeth, are members of the Harpers Ferry Baptist Church. They are the proud parents of four children: Devy, 24; Lela Anne, 16; and John Avery and Larry Trent II, (twins) 14. "I sincerely solicit your continued support in my bid for re-election on Tuesday, November 7."



LARRY T. BROOKS

Councilman Larry T. Brooks has announced his candidacy for re-election for a fourth term on the Pembroke Town Council in the upcoming municipal election. Brooks is employed with the Public Schools of Robeson County as Principal of Oxendine Elementary School.

He is a 1971 graduate of Pembroke State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics and earned his Masters Degree in Administration from Appalachian State University in 1976.

Prior to accepting the Principalship of Oxendine Elementary in 1984, Brooks worked in Special Programs at PSU for nine years and formerly taught math in the public schools for four years. He is also a veteran of the

PSU Planning Two Big Events 'In Making a Difference'

By Gene Warren

In its accelerating efforts "to make a difference" to the area it serves, Pembroke State University is having two special events on its campus in the near future.

On Oct. 11, the superintendents of 13 schools systems in South Central Region Four will meet at PSU. Refreshments will be served beginning at 9:30 a.m., followed by the meeting at 10 a.m.

Schools systems represented will be Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, FL Bragg, Hamlet, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland and Whiteville City.

Director of South Central Region Four is Gladys Britt of Southern Pines, while chairman of the Superintendents Council is Larry Ivey, superintendent of Montgomery County Schools.

In a recent meeting of the PSU Board of Trustees, Chancellor Joseph Oxendine referred to the nation's last Scholastic Aptitude Test report in which North Carolina ranked last. "We can't sit around and twiddle our thumbs," Oxendine said. "We have to decide what are we going to do about it." He plans to share some of his thoughts on the matter with the superintendents.

Another event which PSU plans to host during this academic year is a "Merchants Day" on which merchants can put up displays to show what is available in their places of business. This will be not only for Pembroke merchants but other merchants in the greater Pembroke area.

Eight Chancellor's Club Members Join In One Night

At the PSU Board of Trustees meeting Sept. 15, the Rev. Jerry Lowry of Rowland, who is serving this year as secretary of the trustees, was praised for his initiative in having a dinner meeting in the Chancellor's Dining Room where eight new persons joined the Chancellor's Club. This brings the number to 54 in the Chancellor's Club, which was founded in 1975.

The eight newcomers, who pledge to give \$1,000 a year to PSU over a period of 10 years, are: from PEMBROKE-Dr. Martin Brooks, physician; Dr. Jeff Collins, dentist; Dr. Adolph Dial, resident consultant; and PSU Chancellor Joseph Oxendine; from LUMBERTON-Bryan Oxendine, Dobbs Oxendine Sr., and Dobbs Oxendine Jr., partners in Dobbs Enterprises; and Dr. Richard Pisano, PSU vice chancellor for institutional advancement.

Counting these eight, during the past year 14 persons joined the Chancellor's Club.

Marion Bass, vice chairman of the Trustees, in making the report, commented to the other Trustees: "We have a goal of increasing this number of Chancellor's Club members to 100 by June of 1990. We can surely do that if we can get eight members in one evening as Jerry Lowry did."

PSU Chancellor Oxendine, in his remarks, also commended Lowry for his initiative.

Bass also said, "PSU is at a point in its history to have more of a strategic plan and mission in the PSU Office of Institutional Advancement." He suggested a Strategic Planning Committee be appointed as PSU points to the 21st Century. He also spoke of a "New Horizons II" giving campaign in which the slogan would be: "Two Million By '92."

PSU Gets 20 Percent Increase In Financial Aid Area

At the Trustee meeting, it was also reported that PSU during the past academic year had a 20 percent increase in its Pell Grant. According to Dr. James B. Chavis, PSU vice chancellor for student affairs, PSU students had \$1,035,000 available in Pell Grants in 1988-89 as compared with \$835,000 the previous year.

"Over \$1 million was available in Pell Grants to PSU students and \$2 million in financial aid was available altogether," said Chavis.

Average Freshman SAT Score Climbs Over 800

The Trustees were also informed that PSU freshmen Scholastic Aptitude Test scores have improved. "For the first time," said Chancellor Oxendine, "the average SAT score of entering freshmen has gone over the 800 mark, being 816."

Last year the average freshman SAT score was 788, meaning it has increased 28 points in one year. "This is a significant increase," said Oxendine, "and it will keep going up."

He spoke of the record 3,081 students (an 8.7 percent increase over last year) attending PSU this year. "I am delighted with that," the Chancellor said.

Chancellor Emeritus Status Awarded To Dr. Givens

Chancellor Oxendine recommended at the Trustee meeting and it was unanimously approved that Chancellor Emeritus status be awarded to former PSU Chancellor Paul R. Givens, now retired in Florida.

"I think it is altogether proper that we do this," said Chancellor Oxendine, "and I am very pleased to bring this recommendation."

Givens, who served as PSU chancellor from 1979-89, retired June 30 of this year.

Oxendine Asking Spangler To Reconsider Mandatory Drug Testing On UNC System Athletes

In his comments to the Trustees, Chancellor Oxendine discussed recent recommendations by UNC System President C.D. Spangler, Jr., in the wake of basketball problems at N.C. State University. One of Spangler's recommendations was that no athletic director at a UNC System school be the coach of a sport at that school. Oxendine agreed that there could be an "obvious conflict of interest" if the AD coached a major sport, but said at PSU, athletic director Ray Pennington is also golf coach, which is a "non-revenue producing sport." However, Oxendine said if Spangler's recommendation is approved, "it would cause us a little problem, we would do it."

As for mandatory drug testing of varsity athletes at PSU, Oxendine expressed concern over the "privacy issue of treating athletes differently from other students." Oxendine said, "All students should be mandatory tested instead of just a few if that is to be the case and I have written President Spangler asking him to reconsider that."

Oxendine also said in his report to the Trustees that in determining PSU's mission for the future, he wants "to get the best thinkers together in a forum to identify and clearly articulate our mission." Then, he said, "We should get behind and push it."

Dial Announces Bid For Election to Pembroke Town Council



Sam Dial

Sam Dial of Pembroke announces his candidacy for election to the Pembroke Town Council. In the past, Dial has had

the opportunity to serve with the present Mayor Milton Hunt, and three former Mayors. In making his announcement, Dial made the

following statement:

"I believe that my past record on the Council speaks for itself. My concern has always been for what is best for our town and community. I support the plan for a new Municipal Complex. We have outgrown our present building and additional space is needed.

"Annexation is a must if we are to continue to broaden our tax base and offer those that are affected by the town's growth an opportunity to participate in its government.

"Having been one of the founders of Pembroke Housing Authority, I believe that we ought to explore all possibilities before we act to add that liability to our town. It is my opinion that through mature leadership the Town Council and the Pembroke Housing Authority can develop a workable relationship.

"I appreciate your support in the past and humbly ask for it again on November 7, 1989."

Rosa Winfree Elected Chairperson of PSU Board of Trustees



Rosa Winfree...New Chairperson of the Pembroke State University Board of Trustees.

Rosa Revels Winfree of Charlotte, a graduate of Pembroke State University, was elected Friday as the new chairperson of the PSU Board of Trustees for the 1989-90 academic year.

Recently appointed to a new four-year term with the PSU Board by the Governor, Mrs.

Winfree moves up to chairperson after serving last year as vice chairperson of the Trustees. She is coordinator of Indian education for Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Schools.

Mrs. Winfree earned her B.S. from PSU in education (k-8) in 1960 and her M.A. from Appalachian State University in

reading in 1980.

Last March she was honored for "Distinguished Service to Indian Education" by the United Tribes of North Carolina at the N.C. Indian Unity Conference in Fayetteville.

Elected vice chairman of the Trustees was another Charlotte resident, Marion Bass, while elected secretary was the Rev. Jerry Lowry of Rowland.

Mrs. Winfree particularly likes the slogan, "PSU: A Vision for the 21st Century."

She said as chairperson of the Trustees, she wants to look "at where we ought to be and how we can best serve the community." She agrees with the priorities expressed by new PSU Chancellor Joseph Oxendine in "stressing academic excellence, scholarship and service." This is a task which will involve a lot of people, she said.

"I think Dr. Oxendine is stressing areas on which we need to focus, and I support that," she said.

Mrs. Winfree is married to Frank Winfree, also a graduate of PSU. They are parents of two children and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Winfree is the daughter of Lonnie G. Revels of Pembroke and the late Mrs. Revels. Her brother, William Lonnie Revels of Greensboro, is chairman of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs.

She is the second woman to be elected chairperson of the PSU Board of Trustees in the institution's 102-year history. The first was Geneva Parnell of Parkton, who was elected in 1983.



Roberta Hill Whiteman, an Oneida Indian poet from Wisconsin, conducts a writing workshop during "Indian Heritage Week" at Pembroke State University. Her work has been published in the Anthology of Indian Literature.