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INCUMBENTS RETURNED TO PEMBROKE COUNCIL



Larry T. Brooks



Harry Oxendine

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Larry Brooks and Harry Oxendine the two new Town Council members elected in the November 7 elections in Pembroke. They are not exactly new since Brooks has runned for office a total of four times, serving 12 years and Oxendine has served for 13 months, completing the term of former councilman J.C. Thomas. The final tally for the election

showed Brooks with 253 votes and Oxendine with 228 votes. Their opponents, both former town council members, Bob Brewington and Sam Dial received 128 and 143 votes respectively. The polling site for the Pembroke Town election was at the Pembroke Middle School. There was light voter response with 752 voters showing up to voice their opinions on the election.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

VETERANS DAY PARADE NOV. 11
Locklear-Lowry VFW Post 2843 will observe Veterans Day Saturday, November 11 by sponsoring a Veterans Day Parade in downtown Pembroke beginning at 10 a.m. The annual fish and chicken plate sale will be at the post home from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Schools, industry, and the public are invited to participate. For more

information contact Bobby Dean Locklear at 521-3253 or 521-2502.
PROSPECT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1969 REUNION
The Prospect High School class of 1969 is planning a reunion. Class members are asked to send name, address, and phone number to: Reunion, c/o Daris Brayboy, Route 1 Box 431, Pembroke, NC 28372. You may also call (919)521-2297 for more information.

Self-Sufficiency Seminar Planned Nov. 18

The United Federation of American Indians, the Robeson County Indian Solidarity Association, and the Native American Political Action Committee will co-host an *Indian Self-Sufficiency Seminar* on Saturday, November 18, 1989 at Pembroke State University's Moore Hall Auditorium. registration begins at 8 a.m. There will be a \$3 registration fee to curb promotional costs. The program agenda will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. with a lunch break. The agenda will include a welcome by Dr. Joseph Oxendine, Chancellor of PSU. There will be a presentation by Dr. James B. Chavis on "American Indian Self-Sufficiency." Dr. Chavis is vice chancellor for student affairs at PSU. There will also be a political affairs presentation by Larry Townsend of

Raleigh, an Indian lobbyist. Other speakers are also on the agenda. The purpose of the seminar is to promote the concept of American Indian self-sufficiency and the quality of life through economic development, educational opportunities, increased political awareness and Indian unity. All interested persons are encouraged to attend this unique seminar. For additional information, contact Hal Cummings, President of the United Federation of American Indians, 216 Lighthouse Way, Cary, NC. The phone number is 919-460-1270 or the Native American Political Action Committee's Chairperson Clifton Sampson, Jr. at P.O. Box 782, Pembroke, NC 28372. Phone: 919-521-4966.

LAC's Lone Swimmer Places

Competing in North Carolina age group swimming is no easy task. To compete alone in a U.S.S. sanctioned "A" meet without one's coach is even more difficult. However, Tim Brooks, swimming for the Lumberton Aquatics Club (soon to be named the Pembroke Ocean Waves) took the challenge and represented his team well at the 17th annual John Gordon Dewey Invitational Swim Meet in Greensboro Saturday and Sunday. Brooks, swimming in the boys' 11 and 12 year old division, achieved three new "A" times as he placed fifth in the 100 yard breaststroke (1:20.85), sixth in the 50 yard breaststroke (36.81) and seventh in the 200 yard freestyle (2:14.26). Brooks

grabbed eighth place in the 200 yard individual medley with an "A" time of 2:35.75. There were 400 swimmers from 26 clubs as far away as Rockville, Maryland competing at the Grimsley High School were Brooks officially declared himself an "A" swimmer. November 18-19, Brooks will again make waves at the Spartanburg Thanksgiving Invitational Swim Meet, competing with swimmers from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Tim is the son of Howard and Brenda Brooks of Pembroke, NC. He is a sixth-grade honor roll student at Pembroke Middle School where he also serves as vice president of the student council.

PSU Chancellor Talks Athletic Issues

BY GARY SPITLER
PSU Sports Information Office
Pembroke State University Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine has plenty of athletic experience and his thoughts were brought out clear to the athletes at PSU in a recent seminar for PSU's 13 intercollegiate sports.

"Oxendine, #56 in his football uniform days, was an all-conference and all-state football player at Catawba College, played varsity basketball, and was all-conference in baseball. Inducted into the Catawba Sports Hall of Fame in 1978, Dr. Oxendine received the Ayeock Athletic Medal and played professional baseball for the Pittsburgh Pirates Farm System. He has coached high school football, basketball, baseball and American Legion Baseball and is a national authority on teaching physical education and research."

That information is inscribed on the walls of Catawba's Goodman Gym on his plaque honoring his induction into the Catawba Sports Hall of Fame. His experiences have been many in sports and he explained to the over 150 athletes that athletics is an education. "Athletics make a University campus exciting and you have an important role to play as members of the student body," said Dr. Oxendine. "At Pembroke State we have a climate unlike any other institution in the nation with three races where people learn about people. I encourage you to rally around the flag as we have a good athletic program of which you can be proud." Dr. Oxendine added, "I suggest for you to go all out, play fair, honest

and by the rules. Athletes can also be good students, your top priority. Athletics makes you better prepared for life." At the end of his address he opened up a question and answer session which included four major issues. Dr. Oxendine's comments were as follows:

Drug Testing: "We are going to have it, but exactly when it will be implemented is unknown at this point. I question it and put in an argument against it, but the Board of Governors is clear set on it as a requirement. I think they should test all university students, not just athletes. Athletes are not treated special and I do not believe they should be special in this case. However, society has become concerned to do something."

Adding Other Sports At PSU: "We would certainly look into adding other sports at Pembroke but I don't know of any at the current time. Football has been mentioned to me already which football does make a campus more exciting. I wish we had a successful tough football program, but it does require interest for drawing fans, money to operate a program and you must be competitive. At the current time, I do not feel we can add a program of this type. It is not on the front burner now, but that's not to say it will not be three years from now. An earlier possibility would be adding sports which are less costly."

Athletes In Community: "We are deeply committed at Pembroke State to have a good effect on the community. Athletes are very busy, but it is very fulfilling to satisfy needs in the community, hospitals, etc. and raise the spirits of a child or group. I will be thrilled if athletics at Pembroke State would be responsive to work with children and groups in the community and encourage it."

Support From The Local Community: "If we reach out to the community, then the community should be interested in supporting Pembroke State. It is a two-way street and if we reach out, they should come in."

Dr. Oxendine concluded by saying that athletics is a team effort and granted winning is fun, but let's play a fair, competitive game in athletics, an education to life.



Joseph B. Oxendine as an all-conference and all-state football player at Catawba College.

Chancellor's Inauguration Is Proud Mement for PSU

BY GENE WARREN
PSU Public Information

It was a proud occasion for Pembroke State University. A native son of Pembroke--tall, articulate and inspiring--made what everyone with whom we talked agreed was a "truly great speech" Oct. 27 after being inaugurated as the sixth person to serve as chancellor of PSU.

Dr. Joseph B. Oxendine, speaking as is his custom without notes although he had a prepared text, quoted scripture as the basis for his remarks and concluded with these words from the Bible: "This is the day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

He received an ovation as he stood there as a proud, solitary figure on the stage of PSU's Performing Arts Center as everyone roared and applauded, including Gov. James Martin; C.D. Spangler, president of the UNC System; Samuel Poole, vice chairman of the UNC Board of Governors; old friends who had traveled long distances to honor him; chief executive officers and representatives of other institutions; members of the PSU faculty, staff and student body, members of the community--and, most of all, family members who came en masse to see one of their own honored.

A crowd of approximately 1,000 attended the inauguration on a beautiful fall day and listened as Oxendine, who has served as an elder and deacon in the Presbyterian Church, personally turned to each person who had a part on the program and thanked them with glowing words for each--and then embarked on his speech.

The Biblical text to which he referred emphasized striving "toward the mark of the high calling." Before proceeding about it, he referred to "the cloud of witnesses" who had preceded him in service to PSU.

"There have been many," Dr. Oxendine said, "from the pioneering work of W.L. Moore, often referred to as founder of this institution; Hamilton McMillan, who in 1887 provided the state legislature machinery for the establishment of this 'normal school;' O.R. Sampson, Preston Locklear, Anderson Locklear and James Oxendine, among others.

"More recent witnesses who have served and gone on during my lifetime," he said, "include R.D. Wellons, first president of this institution; Clifton Oxendine, my uncle and the first dean; English Jones, first Indian president and chancellor; Herbert Oxendine, my early mentor; D.F. Lowry, first diploma recipient from this institution; Rev. L.W. Jacobs, long-time chairman of the Board of Trustees; Miss Mary Livermore, long-time faculty and spiritual leader on this campus; and Walter Pinchbeck, who established early pride in the appearance of these grounds--a pride which continues even today." Oxendine said that "others have inspired us in a variety of roles. Though they are dead, they still speak to us and inspire us to pursue the mark of the high calling."

The new PSU chancellor than on a personal note referred to his parents, now deceased, who still speak to him and stimulate him most. "My father was educated at this institution and went on to spend more than 40 years

years as a teacher within the county school system," Oxendine said. "My parents raised eight children, all of whom are here today and so far as we have been able to determine, were equally proud of each of us. I can vividly sense those two witnesses as they surely look down upon us today. With only the slightest imagination, one can see my father, 'Mr. Tom,' looking down, smiling and saying, 'That's my boy, Joe, and I am very proud of him.' And my mother, 'Miss Georgia Rae,' with equal pride but less bold is smiling broadly and saying simply, 'You've done well.'"

In view of these two witnesses (his parents) and all of the others to whom he referred, Oxendine said, "How can we do less than 'strive on toward the mark of the high calling?'"

In pursuing the mark of the high calling, Chancellor Oxendine noted these following areas to be dealt with and after each one he said: "We will do this at Pembroke State University."

Those listed included:
--A climate of academic excellence, with rigorous standards and a curriculum centered on the liberal arts which is not compromised by the rush toward vocationalism.

--A sense of social consciousness, which includes a sense of caring and commitment to service for one's fellow men and women.

--Academic freedom, unencumbered by prejudice, religious or social dogmas, a climate leading to the full development of students as thinking, rational citizens.

--Pride in tri-racial diversity of students, faculty and staff, which at PSU he said "is unparalleled in any university in the nation." Oxendine said PSU will continue to nourish and enhance that diversity on its campus.

--Reaching out in the PSU community and making a difference, impacting on the public schools and helping to upgrade the quality of education for persons from preschool to the completion of high school.

--Addressing illiteracy problems in the community and working with persons ranging from teen-agers to those well into adulthood "so that the quality of their lives and those they touch will reach a more productive and satisfying level."

--Promoting good will and harmony in the community "which has often been encumbered by strife and turmoil."

In conclusion, Chancellor Oxendine said: "We can do no less than this--and those witnesses looking down will continue to be proud and will say, 'Well done.' And those who follow in the 20th Century and beyond will look back at those of you and will say to themselves, 'We can do no less.' I commit to you my very best efforts in pursuit of the mark of the high calling. And I ask that you all join with me in this mission."

And this is when he said with joy in his face as he looked happily at the throng before him: "What a glorious day it is--for this is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

Magnolia Classes to be Reunited

Magnolia High School, classes of 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, and 1954, will hold a Class Reunion on December 23, 1989 at the Old Foundry Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 919-521-4622 or write to P.O. Box 346, Pembroke, NC 28372.

Personnel Retired to meet

The November meeting of the Robeson County Retired School Personnel will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 15 in the auditorium of the Planetarium. The speaker will be Margaret Kelly from the Robeson County Hospice. All members are encouraged to attend.

Thanksgiving Week Deadline

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE will publish on Wednesday, November 22, 1989.

The news and advertising deadline for this issue will be Monday, November 20, 1989. All material must be in our office by 3 p.m. Monday, November 20, 1989 to be printed in the Thanksgiving week paper.

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