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## NAPAC Endorses Maynor for Sheriff

The Native American Political Action Committee unanimously endorsed Glenn Maynor for Sheriff of Robeson County at their bi-monthly meeting Saturday, November 11, 1989.

The decision was made a week after a public forum between Maynor and Hearl Oxendine, member of the North Carolina Highway Patrol. During the forum held on Saturday, November 4, both potential candidates responded to questions relative to the responsibilities and duties of the Sheriff of the county and his department.

Maynor is executive director of the Robeson County Housing Authority and serves as a member of the Lumberton City Council, representing Precinct 7. He served with the Lumberton Police Department for several years.

The Native American Political Action Committee was formed to provide a communication structure for Native Americans. The committee conducts forums for Indians desiring to run for office; negotiates with other racial

groups to establish a cooperative political agenda for Robeson County; works to create political awareness; and attempts to identify potential candidates and encourage their candidacy.

Cliff Sampson, Jr. of the Philadelphus Precinct, serves as Chairman. He is assisted by Wendell Lowery, Vice Chairman, of Saddletree; Josephine Locklear, secretary, of Orrum; and Sam Kerns, South Pembroke, treasurer. The Committee meets every second and fourth Saturday at 7:30 a.m. at the Old Foundry Restaurant in Lumberton. Membership is open to all Indians and participation is encouraged. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 1989.

Maynor becomes the third candidate endorsed by the Committee. The group also unanimously endorsed Judge Dexter Brooks for Superior Court Judge and Dr. Adolph Dial for the N.C. House of Representatives in the 1990 election.

## BLUE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR LRDA BOARD



Employed by Pembroke State University for the past 23 years, Blue presently holds the position of Assistant Director of the Physical Plant. He is married to the former Dorothy Locklear, and they have one son.

In announcing his candidacy Blue said, "For the past three years I have been associated with some fine board members of LRDA. Hopefully the voters in my district will allow me to continue working for organization and growth which will continue to be my goals."

Blue currently serves as board member for the North and South Pembroke and Union precincts. Voting for these precincts will be

held at Union Elementary School and Pembroke Elementary School on December 7, 1989. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## New Director of Indian Housing Named



**GREGORY A. RICHARDSON**  
Sybil Bullard, chairperson of the N.C. State Indian Housing Authority, has announced that Gregory A. Richardson, formally with the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, has been appointed Executive Director of the N.C. State Indian Housing Authority. Richardson, a fifteen year veteran in Indian affairs, will be responsible for the management and continued development of Indian housing efforts in the state of North Carolina. The Authority currently owns 92 apartments in Cumberland County, 62 apartments in Hoke County and 50 apartments in Robeson County. The Authority also has 30 apartments under construction in Halifax County, which will also serve the southeastern portion of Warren County.

Richardson earned his Bachelors of Science degree while working full time at the Commission of Indian Affairs in Raleigh, in the late 70's. He is a certified Public Housing Manager (PHM), is a 1988 graduate of the N.C. Department of Administration's Public Manager Program.

Richardson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse W. Richardson of Hollister, N.C. and a graduate of Aurelian Springs High School. Richardson is a Baptist, and a member of the Mount Bethel Baptist Church near Hollister. He is a certified member of the state recognized Haliwa Saponi Indian tribe, located in Halifax and Warren counties of North Carolina.

away from their jobs so they might attend military drill on weekends and give military services...But mostly to the dedicated men and women who wear those uniforms and thus potentially put their lives on the line to defend this nation, and hence their loved ones, and the freedom and

## Native Americans

### Conference Addresses Legal Issues

Native Americans face greater problems than simply gaining sovereignty over their own lives and communities. University of Wisconsin Law Professor Rennard Strickland told Native American law students Friday.

Strickland, speaking at a two-day Harvard Indian Law Symposium, said "The Indian lawyer is no longer a stranger in a strange land."

The challenge facing Native American lawyers, he said, "is to make Indian law work for Indian people at the most elemental human level... Sovereignty alone doesn't put food on tables, clothes on backs, or heat in houses. Sovereignty alone is not salvation."

Strickland was one of 10 speakers to participate in the conference, sponsored by the Harvard chapter of the American Indian Law Students Association (AILS), in conjunction with the national AILSA and with funding from the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation. It was attended by 45 law students from 16 law schools.

Heather Kendall, president of the national AILSA and a second-year Harvard law student, said the symposium was organized in an effort to "focus on Native American issues. Basically, that's why we are here, going to law school: to further the development of Indian law and our participation in it."

A generation ago, there were fewer than a dozen Native American lawyers across the country, Strickland said. Today, there are more than 1,000.

The participation of Native American lawyers in Native American life was the focus of much of the conference. Strickland's remarks, titled "You Can't Rollerskate in a Buffalo Herd. Even If You Have All the Medicine," alluded to a painting of the same name by a Native American artist. Strickland, using the painting as a metaphor, said Native American society has won many victories in the courtroom but has to go beyond those victories to address everyday social problems, such as high unemployment and a low standard of living.

While emphasizing the importance of legal studies and courtroom battles, Strickland said lawyers must not forget

the broader goal of Native American survival through generations of turmoil.

"You can't survive with only the law," he said. "The law alone will not guarantee survival... We can never forget that the law is not an end in itself but only a means to an end."

With that in mind, Strickland said, the task of Native American lawyers is "to actualize the theoretic"—to take courtroom victories (such as the clarification of civil, fishing, or water rights) and use them to help Native Americans in their elemental struggles for better education and living conditions.

"American Indians suffer indignities," he said, "that few Americans suffer in equal measure."

Dean Robert Clark, opening the conference, described it as "one of the most important events at the Law School this year."

According to Clark, the study of American Indian law is important for four main reasons. First, and most obviously, "because it is important for the people affected by the law [American Indians]."

Second, "The subject of American Indian Law has problems that are as intellectually challenging and important as any other subject." American Indian law encompasses such legal issues as civil rights, contract rights, water and fishing rights, and other topics "that are among the most complex issues in American jurisprudence today," Clark said. "These are all issues that deserve attention and study."

Thirdly, Clark said, the study of American Indian law is important because it will "advance the cause of legal education in general."

American law schools tend to "compartmentalize" legal subjects and as a result need to address "more effectively the way these subjects come together in the real world," Clark said.

Finally, the study of American Indian law is important as "a case study in the more general field of indigenous peoples' rights," he said. "The world is watching to see if we can solve the problems well... What we do here may well be important to studying the rights of indigenous peoples elsewhere."

Other topics on the conference agenda included "The Need for Tribal Control of Indian Education," "Alaska Tribes in the Balance," and "State and Indian Tribal Taxation Power on Indian Reservations: How Taxing Will It Be?"

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## Hatcher Hearing Turns Raucous

By JOHN BRAY

**LUMBERTON** — Eddie Hatcher's request to represent himself against kidnapping charges was approved Tuesday at a raucous hearing in which he shouted obscenities and flung two pens that struck the judge's bench.

"If you persist in interrupting the court, I'll sit you down in that chair and have you tied and gagged," Superior Court Judge I. Beverly Lake Jr. of Raleigh told Mr. Hatcher.

The issue of representation for Mr. Hatcher has been disputed at least since early September, when Judge Robert Farmer barred two New York attorneys from defending Mr. Hatcher on 14 kidnapping charges stemming from his role in the 1988 armed takeover of a Lumberton newspaper office.

Judge Farmer ruled that attorneys William Kunstler and Ronald Kuby had not filed paperwork required of those unlicensed in North Carolina, and Judge Lake on Tuesday backed that ruling. Mr. Kunstler has claimed that Judge Farmer was "violating the Constitution" by not allowing Mr. Hatcher his chosen counsel.

The disruption Tuesday started as attorney Barry Nakell of Chapel Hill, who has been associated with Mr. Hatcher's defense, attempted to address the court.

"May I be heard?" asked Mr. Nakell, seated with Mr. Hatcher and Public Defender Angus Thompson.

"No, not at this point," Judge Lake responded.

Mr. Nakell persisted, and Judge

## Pembroke Vets Honored

The annual Veterans Day Parade was held downtown Pembroke on Saturday, November 11. The event was sponsored by the Pembroke VFW Post 2843, W.D. Oxendine, Post Commander.

The Flag Raising Ceremony followed the parade in the Pembroke Park. Taps was played by the Purnell Swett High ROTC. Oxendine gave the following welcome:

"November 11 is a day for all Americans—every man and woman whose heart beats with pride and love—to stay strong in search for peace. This day is to honor those who have fought and died in defense of this country and its freedom. It's the day to salute the more than 28 million American men and women who are today's Veterans and have earned the gratitude of all true Americans."

Guest speaker was Cpt. Harold (Hal) Cummings, retired from the U.S. Navy and a commercial pilot for American Airlines.

Cpt. Cummings said: "The U.S. is a bold, adventuresome, and resourceful nation. We have more Nobel Prize winners in this country than any other nation. We are not content to just remain here on earth, observe our effort to outreach to space and the shuttle program...The Soviet Union also has a fine space program, but they cannot concurrently feed their own people...we have to help them. We can do both, have a space program, feed out people, and other world's people... We sometimes provide protection to the world's natural resources..."

He continued, "In order to protect our freedom and liberty as citizens of this great nation, we have certain responsibilities...We must vote wisely...We must pay our taxes...and we must educate our people."

In conclusion, Cpt. Cummings said: "...We are all part of the effort to maintain and protect our freedom and liberty, from the parents and spouses who support their loved ones to enter the military to the employer who permits their employees time

values we believe in so dearly...We must always remember all of our own, this nation's military, who served before us. And especially those who paid the ultimate sacrifice that of their lives...those are the ones who have preserved our freedom and liberty...For all of these, we should pay honor and respect."

Pembroke Elementary School and Acme Electric were honored for their award winning floats. South Robeson School won first place in the best band category and Purnell Swett High won second place honors in the same competition.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### 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.

## 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.

Your help in adhering to this deadline will be appreciated.

## Morgan Brittany Hunt Named Little Miss Robeson County



Morgan Brittany Hunt won the title of Little Miss Robeson County on Saturday night. She is the six-year-old daughter of Johnny and Demetrius Hunt of Rowland. She is the former Little Miss Lumbee and is in the first grade at Union Elementary School.