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JAN LOWERY TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF \$485,400 HEALTH PROGRAM AT PSU

GOSPEL FORMAT AT RED SPRINGS STATION

WYRU's General Manager, Mike Flanagan, announced today that as of July 29, 1990 1160 AM will be operating under a format of full time gospel. Mr. Flanagan stated that this change is due to a large response from the community asking for another station to become their gospel headquarters.

"We have been playing black gospel in the evenings for many years, but in order to service a wide section of the surrounding area, we feel that this change is necessary," Flanagan said. On July 29 WYRU AM will begin operating as a full time gospel radio station playing a mixture of southern, black, contemporary gospel music. WYRU Radio Station is owned and operated by Carolina Sunbelt Media, Inc.

"I realize that there is a great void that has encompassed our community and we intend to become a more community oriented station," said Flanagan. WYRU 1160 AM is the most powerful based radio station in Robeson County serving a four county area, Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland Counties.

Flanagan said, "We sincerely hope that the communities within our listening area will rejoice in this decision and give us their full support."

Anyone wishing to comment on the format changes should call 919-843-5946, 843-5947, 843-5981 or 738-2812.

JAMES HARDIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL



JAMES HARDIN

The organization was founded in 1986 and opened an office in D.C. in 1989. The original founders of the organization were Barry Richardson, Executive Director of the Baltimore American Indian Center; Rod Locklear, Board Member, LRDA; Syd Beane, Executive Director, Indian Center, Inc. of Lincoln, Neb.; Phyllis Bigpond, Director Phoenix Indian Center, Phoenix, Arizona; Cheryl Gustason of Minnesota; Ron Andrade, former Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians; and James Hardin of LRDA.

Hardin replaces Mr. Syd Beane who served as President of the board for two years. Mr. Beane still serves on the board.

According to the 1980 Census over 700,000 Indians live in off-reservation communities. The National American Indian Council is seeking to be a collective advocacy voice for this segment of the population and to share information and research on the needs of these communities to states and federal agencies to help meet their needs in health, education and economic development.

The organization has identified six model off-reservation economic development projects across the country that it has shared with other Indian organizations for potential replication and assessment.

The organization also monitors legislation in Washington to impact the definition of Indian in bills that provide services to Indian communities. Bills often exclude services to off-reservation groups or urban Indian centers unless N.A.I.C. can get member organizations to begin working their Congressman or Senators to fight to include such groups.

Hardin stated that his goal for N.A.I.C. will be to strengthen its legislative networking with the National Congress of American Indians and to expand funding support for N.A.I.C.'s operations in D.C.

Currently N.A.I.C. and the National Congress of American Indians are working jointly to get Congress to pass strong legislation dealing with reburial and repatriation of Indian skeletal remains.

N.A.I.C. has gone on record in support of Lumbee Federal Recognition and the National Congress of American Indians at its annual convention in Oklahoma in 1989 passed a resolution supporting the work of N.A.I.C.

Funding supporters for the organization have been the Phillip-Morris Corporation, Adolph Coors Corporation, the Administration for Native Americans, in D.C., and membership fees and dues from individuals and organizations.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR FELLOWSHIPS

The Association on American Indian Affairs (AAIA) will be accepting application through September 14, 1990, for the Sequoyah Graduate Fellowship Program for American Indian and Alaska Native Graduate students.

The Fellowship provides a one-year, \$1,500 unrestricted stipend paid in two equal installments. Over the past several years, the Association has awarded Sequoyah Fellowships to American Indians and Alaska Natives pursuing graduate degrees in such diverse fields as anthropology, microbiology, education, law, mechanical engineering, psychology and business administration at universities throughout the United States.

To be considered for a Fellowship, a graduate student must be an enrolled member of an American Indian tribe or Alaska Native corporation. To apply, the students should

provide the Association with the following:

*A biography describing his/her background; tribal affiliation and a certificate showing tribal membership; university; year; subject of study; career goals, interests; and financial situation.

*Two (2) letters of recommendation.

*Social security number.

*The name, address, and telephone number of the financial aid officer at the university which the student attends.

Applications should be sent To: Sequoyah Fellowship Program Scholarship Coordinator Association on American Indian Affairs, Inc. 95 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10016

The selection of 10 1990-91 Sequoyah Fellows will be announced by the Association starting October 1, 1990.

Class of 1936 Indian Normal School Reunion Held

Members of the graduating class of 1936 from the Indian Normal School in Pembroke met for their annual class reunion July 5. Ten of the twelve surviving classmates and their guests met for their reunion at Sheff's Restaurant in Pembroke. During the evening the group reminisced before and after the dinner of their choice from the menu.

The evening began with Fred Lowry welcoming the group and by Dorse Lowry giving the invocation.

Classmates who attended were: Bracy Locklear, Dorsey Lowry, Fred Lowry, Raymond Clark, and William Lloyd Hunt, all of Pembroke; Helen Lowry Smith of Raleigh, Beulah Ransom Kemerer, Zelma Hatcher Hunt, Missouri Spaulding, all of Rowland; and Mahoney Locklear Jr. of Raeford. Guests of the classmates were Mrs. Dorsey Lowry, Mrs. Fred Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Clark and their son Charles, Mrs. Paul Hunt Jr. and Mrs. Tensie Hunt.



Pembroke-PSU has been funded with a \$485,400 Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) grant from the federal government to help minority and disadvantaged students enter and graduate from health professions schools, it has been announced by PSU Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine.

The starting date of the program is September 1 with the funding level being \$161,800 per year over three years (1990-93).

The federal funding is from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Public Health Service, the Health Resources and Services Administration, the Bureau of Health Professions, and the Division of Disadvantaged Assistance.

Project director is Jan Lowery, director of PSU's Health Careers Recruitment Program who together with Dr. Susan Prugh, PSU coordinator of faculty grants, wrote the grant proposal. The program will be based in the PSU Health Careers Office.

PSU's HCOP program will include: (1) a seven county (Robeson, Hoke, Scotland, Bladen, Cumberland, Richmond, Columbus) high school recruitment effort designed to attract disadvantaged students into pre-health professions programs; (2) special workshops for the development of verbal, speaking, writing, and computer skills; (3) science enrichment courses (biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science) through a six week summer program; (4) Health Professions Examination Review courses; (5) interview taking techniques; (6) monthly seminars by local health professionals; (7) field

trips to major medical centers in North Carolina; and (8) clinical exposure through internships in local health care settings.

With funds provided by this grant, Lowery will hire two or possibly three full time staff members as additions to her office in greatly increasing efforts to recruit potential health career students from the seven county radius of PSU.

"Once these students successfully complete their health training programs, health care establishments such as Southeastern General Hospital at Lumberton, Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg, and other health care agencies within our region have already pledged a commitment to recruit them for employment," said Lowery.

Chancellor Oxendine, who was associated with a Health Careers Opportunity Program for 10 years while a dean and professor at Temple University in Philadelphia, said, "I am excited about this opportunity for Pembroke State. This program will encourage and facilitate more minority students into health careers. This is a need, particularly in Robeson and surrounding counties. As we recruit more minority students for the various health careers, they are more likely to make a difference in our own county and elsewhere."

Oxendine said this effort will be helping PSU to fulfill its newly stated mission, which includes improving the education, health and economics of the region. "Having this program is vitally important. It is a good one. Under the superb leadership of Jan Lowery, it is something we have worked on since last fall and are delighted that we have been successful in obtaining it."

The program seeks to train minority and disadvantaged individuals to become health professionals, said Lowery, "because they are more likely to work with and provide care for underserved populations and underserved areas of the nation."

Assistance will be provided to help these students obtain the preliminary and professional educations they need in "medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, veterinary medicine, and a host of allied health professions," said Lowery.

The program will not only identify prospective candidates from area high schools but entering freshmen at PSU including "those students who early in school may be considered academic risks but have the potential to succeed both in school and in a health profession." Lowery said education deficiencies "must be overcome for these students to earn admission into professional schools-and the PSU program will provide personal counseling and attention essential to support and retain disadvantaged students."

ASSOCIATIONS

Associations Spend \$8.5 Billion on Education for Members and Public

Programs Include Health, Consumer Rights and Environment

News USA

(NU) — America's trade and professional associations spend more on continuing education than any state in the country except California, according to a new study. Last year, spending approached \$8.5 billion and this year it will be even more.

These findings are part of a recent in-depth report on "The Value of Associations to America," conducted by the Indianapolis-based Hudson Institute for the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), and the ASAE Foundation.

The 5,500 national associations surveyed spent \$5.5 billion on continuing educational meetings and products or services for their members, plus an additional \$2.5 billion on educating the general public.

The report states that surveyed associations are providing their members with much needed technical expertise, news on trends, and management skills/training that benefit society by improving the countless products and services their members produce.

Products and Services

Further, it illustrates how associations educate and inform the general public about products, services, and issues that are of vital impor-

tance to the public good. Many associations offer educational courses to the public that help Americans quit smoking, improve their diet and exercise regimens, and take control of their lives.

According to the study, 90% of associations surveyed indicated they offered educational courses to their members. And, in addition to member education, the majority of associations — 71% — offer public-education courses as well. All told, educational programs represented more than one quarter of association budgets in 1989.

The report's figures, however, are a conservative estimate based only on the 5,500 national associations included in the survey and do not reflect the total contribution of the thousands upon thousands of other associations in the United States.

The survey queried professional societies, trade and business associations, fraternal and charitable organizations, and advocacy and cause-related associations.

For copies of the full report, "The Value of Associations to America" or The Executive Summary, write: American Society of Association Executives, 1575 Eye St., NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Indian Youth Unity Conference held at ECU

Several area youths took leadership roles during the 1990 Indian Youth Unity Conference held June 13-15 at East Carolina University. They were among the 300 students and adults who attended the conference, which offered a range of educational, social and physical activities.

The conference was sponsored by the North Carolina Native American Youth Organization (NCNAYO).

Paula Manning, 1989-90 NCNAYO chairperson, received the Indian Youth of the Year Award. She is a graduate of Warren County High School and is the daughter of Minnie and John Manning. Paula was elected senior representative by the assembly of Indian youths. Other officers elected during the annual gathering were:

Chairperson-Rebecca Jones, daughter of Lorris and Dexter Jones and a rising senior at Hoke County High School.

Vice Chairperson-Brian Scott, son of Marilyn and Joe Scott and a rising junior at Fairmont High School.

Secretary-Sherry Clark, a rising senior at Scotland County High School.

Treasurer-Spencer Richardson, son of Tabitha and Spencer Richardson and a rising senior at Warren County High School.

Cumberland County Representatives-Jennifer Jones, daughter of Glenda and Ted Jones and a rising sophomore at Cape Fear Junior High School, and **Amy Locklear**, daughter of Trudy and Harvey Locklear and a rising sophomore at Douglas Byrd Junior High School.

Hoke County Representatives-

Dana Chavis, daughter of Martha and Gene Chavis and a rising senior at the North Carolina School of Science and Math, and **Sarah Dial**, daughter of Kathy and William Dial and a rising senior at Hoke County High School.

Robeson County Representatives-Demetria Hunt, daughter of Deanna and James Hunt and a rising junior at South Robeson High School, and **Mark Deese**, a rising junior at Purnell Swett Senior High School.

April Whittemore of Fayetteville was named Miss North Carolina Native American Princess. She is the daughter of Sandra and Charles Whittemore and is a rising junior at Douglas Byrd Senior High School.

Other pageant finalists were:

First Runner-Up-Amy Locklear, daughter of Trudy and Harvey Locklear and a rising sophomore at Douglas Byrd Junior High School.

Second Runner-Up-Carol Jones, daughter of Carolyn and Jerry Jones and a rising junior at Hoke County High School.

Third Runner-Up-Olehanna Lowery, daughter of Phyllis and Hubbard Lowery and a rising freshman at Pembroke Junior High School.

Fourth Runner-Up-Christy Brewington, daughter of Marie and Jackie Brewington and a rising senior at Triton High School.

Scholarships valued at \$100 each were awarded to **Tiffany Locklear**, daughter of Paulette and Harry Locklear and a graduate of Red Springs High School, and **Ladonna Evans**, daughter of Dorothy and Stanley Evans and a graduate of Northwest High School.

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