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PAWNEES REPATRIATE THEIR DEAD FOR REBURIAL

Boulder, CO—The Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma reburied the remains and funerary offerings of 408 tribal ancestors at Genoa, Nebraska on September 11, 1990. The remains of 398 individuals were repatriated on September 10 from the keeping of the Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) under the terms of a state law (LB 840) passed in 1989—over the objections of the NSHS—which requires the return of human remains and grave offerings to tribal descendants upon request. The remains of five other ancestors of the Pawnee Tribe, held elsewhere in Nebraska, were also returned to the Tribe and interred at Genoa. Vance Horse Chief, acting Head Chief of the Pawnee Nasharo Council, told one reporter, "Our people are thankful that we're putting these remains back into the dust of the earth where they came from."

This reburial follows two and a half years of intensive efforts by Pawnee leaders and attorneys of the Native American Rights Fund to obtain the release of human remains and burial offerings ancestral to the Pawnee Tribe for the NSHS. During the 1920s—only fifty years after the Tribe was forced to leave its Nebraska homeland—NSHS archaeologists systematically began to dig up the contents of Pawnee graves and cemeteries for scientific study and public display. Pawnee officials learned of these activities in 1988 and requested that NARF initiate negotiations for the return of all NSHS Pawnee remains and grave offerings for reburial. NARF attorneys have obtained three orders from the State Attorney General directing that the NSHS cooperate with Tribal researchers and make available archival records concerning their "collection" of Pawnee bodies. In response to requests for access to additional documents, the NSHS filed a lawsuit this year against NARF and the Pawnee Tribe, claiming that Nebraska's open records law does not apply to NSHS records.

The NSHS continues to hold human remains and associate grave offerings which experts believe are ancestral to the Pawnee Tribe; these are the subject of a grievance filed last summer under Nebraska's precedent-setting burial protection law. The NSHS also refused to turn over a number of artifacts which their records indicate were removed from Pawnee graves, asserting that since the associated humal skeletal remains have since been "discarded" or lost, they do not have to return the offerings taken from those graves to the Tribe under LB 340. NARF attorneys, as well as key Nebraska legislators, disagree with this interpretation of the law.

This dispute centers in particular upon a George III medallion—dating from the late 18th century—removed from a Pawnee grave in southern Nebraska together with some 38 skull fragments. NSHS officials have asserted that the reburial of this medallion would cripple their ability to depict Nebraska's past. Early this summer the NSHS informed the Pawnee Tribe that 32 of the associated skull fragments were missing, but later said that none of the fragments could be located. Fearing that the medallion itself might disappear, NARF attorneys requested that the NSHS make the medallion available to tribal representatives for inspection by an expert, but this

request was denied.

Several Nebraska legislators, however, were able to gain access for the Tribe on September 10, and Robert Hoge, curator of the American Numismatic Association Museum in Colorado Springs, Colorado, was brought in by NARF and the Pawnee Tribe to authenticate the medallion. Upon examination of the medallion, together with photographs, Hoge discovered that the NSHS possessed two George III medallions. The origin of the second medallion is unknown at present, but was apparently purchased within the last year. Referring to the medallion claimed by the Pawnee Tribe for reburial, Nebraska legislator Dennis Basck told the press, "It's totally irrelevant whether the bone fragments were there or not." The NSHS still refused to turn over the medallion for reburial on September 11.

Pawnee tribal officials and religious leaders selected Genoa, NE as their preferred site for the reburial, and the City of Genoa offered space at the municipal cemetery for the Pawnee remains. Mayor Irving Rood commented on the unanimous support of the Genoa City Council and other city officials for the offer: "This is the Pawnee home at Genoa and we think this is the proper place for them." Genoa served as the location of the last Pawnee town (known as Wild Licorice Creek) in the Tribe's Nebraska homeland. This earth lodge urban center was founded in 1869 and occupied until 1875, when the last Pawnee residents were removed to Oklahoma. The Tribe selected caskets containing the remains of four elders—representing the four Pawnee bands—for placement in the hearse which led the funeral procession to Genoa. These four elders were exhumed by NSHS archaeologists from graves at Wild Licorice Creek.

Robert Perego, a NARF attorney who directed legislative lobby efforts for the Pawnee Tribe, views the September 11 reburial as a victory for the Tribe: "The NSHS opposed the wishes of the Pawnee people at every step along the way, citing scientific interest as a justification for this opposition; but the Tribe was able to prevail because the vast majority of Nebraskans support the concept of burial as a dignified way to treat the dead." Referring to the NSHS inventory of Pawnee remains, which was assembled under terms set forth by LB 340, Perego commented, "The Pawnee wish that the NSHS had taken better care of these human remains and grave offerings—much was listed as 'missing' in the NSHS inventory and could not be returned to the Tribe for proper interment at Genoa. Other human remains were dug up by society archaeologists and then simply 'discarded.' The Pawnees hope that the remains reburied at Genoa have found a permanent haven from disturbance; they have always buried their dead with hope in mind."

The Pawnee Tribe is represented in this matter by NARF attorneys Robert M. Perego (Flathead), Walter R. Echo-Hawk (Pawnee), and Steven C. Moore.

The Native American Rights Fund, nationally-headquartered in Boulder, Colorado, is an Indian legal rights organization providing representation to over 75 tribal communities throughout the United States.

Plate Sale & Gospel Sing Planned At Prospect United Methodist Church



Thursday, November 1, 1990 will be a special day at Prospect United Methodist Church, Route 3, Box 196, Maxton, NC. There will be a \$4.50 plate sale [1/2 chicken or bar-b-que] from 10 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Then a Gospel Sing will be held at 7:30 p.m. featuring several local groups and the famous Kingsmen of Asheville, NC. The public is invited.

Plan now to have lunch and/or dinner at Prospect

United Methodist Church [across the road from Prospect Elementary School] and to attend the Gospel Music Concert with THE KINGSMEN. This is a free concert; however, a love offering will be received upon your entrance. This is a day and night that you do not want to forget.

For more information please call Prospect United Methodist Church at 919-521-2111 or 919-521-8503.

REVELS CALLED INTO MINISTRY



Robert Revels is a well-known figure in Pembroke. He reports that he has been called of God as one of his prophets and says that on many occasions God has shown him visions.

Most recently Revels stated that god has shown him that there is a cure for AIDS. "The AIDS Virus is no more than a demon," he said. "And demons can be cast out by the power of Jesus Christ." He went on to share that the problem in today's church is the lack of faith and spiritual leadership among God's people. Revels believes in the simple principle of "child-like faith." "We can have anything we desire, if we only ask God, and doubt nothing." Revels is adamant in his belief that God will respond to sincere prayer by faith.

Revels has a "healing ministry" and feels he is called of God to pray for the sick. He says that he had seen cancer healed, blinded eyes open, and lame men walk again. Revels encourages anyone who feels the need of his service, to call him at 521-9166. He is committed, he said, to "working for Christ without price." He believes that the modern day church as become too caught up in the financial benefits of organized religion. "God instructed his disciples to go without price," he said. "God has not changed is initial command.... We must return to the basic principles of Christianity.... Prayer, Bible study, visiting the sick, praying for those in need, and loving our neighbor as ourselves."

Local Students Participate in MARC

Three students from Pembroke and one from Maxton, all juniors, are taking part in PSU's Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program for this 1990-91 academic year.

The three from Pembroke are Kelvin Oxendine, Michael Nichols, and Alesia Robledo, while the one from Maxton is Michael Baker.

They join three senior trainees continuing from last year: Vonda Jacobs, Rowland; Jeanette Locklear, Maxton; and Pamela Locklear, Lumberton.

The MARC program is funded by the national Institute of Health and is designed to train qualified minority students for careers in biomedical research.

The junior trainees spent the summer engaged in intensive research training programs in which they visited the following research institutions: Biology Department of the University of South Carolina at Columbia; Smith, Kline and French Pharmaceutical Co. in Philadelphia; the Department of Pharmacology of the UNC-Chapel Hill Medical School; the National Heart, Lung and Blood

Institute at Bethesda, Md.; and the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases at Bethesda, Md.

The senior trainees spent the summer in research projects at these institutions: both Jacobs and Jeanette Locklear at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute at Bethesda, Md; and Pamela Locklear at the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases at Bethesda, Md. Part of the summer research program was senior Cornelius Dial, who did research at Ledrie Pharmaceutical Co. at Pearl River, NY.

From Oct. 10-13, all MARC trainees—along with program director Dr. David Maxwell and two members of the PSU faculty, Dr. Harold Teague and Joseph McGirt, attended the annual meeting of all MARC institutions in Nashville, Tenn. They heard many prominent scientists, including Dr. Stanley Cohen, Nobel laureate.

The three continuing senior trainees also made poster presentations about their summer research.

Speakers Bureau Established at PSU

Pembroke State University established a Speaker's Bureau and has published a manual in which PSU professors and administrators interested in speaking are listed.

Those manuals have been mailed to over 250 civic clubs in the surrounding area.

Listed in alphabetical order in the manual are PSU people interested in speaking and the topics of their expertise.

The Speaker's Bureau Manual was published by the

Pembroke Kiwanis Report by Ken Johnson

Program Chairman Larry Chavis presented Dr. David Brooks, Veterinarian as the Tuesday night speaker. Dr. Brooks showed color slides of many cases of animal injuries, diseases, and his work right in the habitat of the

affected animal, and dental treatment, also the catching of runaway pregnant cows and bulls, injured by barbed wire fences. It was the most interesting presentation and so informative. The animal health problems closely relate to those of human beings especially tuberculosis as the TB bacillus is found in the milk of cows.

Pets are most important for the well being of young and old, thus making happier the pet owners. The Adopt a Pet program is very important. The only cost to the adoptor is for the pet's shots and routine work. The trends in Pets in 1978-82 was the bulldog as number one in popularity.

range in price was \$1,000. Many pets are found in a starvation condition. We had one who gained six pounds in just a week. Many dogs get

PSU Public Information Office, which should be contacted at telephone 521-9817 if a speaker is being sought.

Concerning expenses of the speakers, the manual states: "The Speaker's Bureau is a public service, and speakers will participate free of charge for schools, churches, service or civic groups, or other non-profit organizations. If your meeting place is located some distance from the campus, you may wish to pay the speaker's mileage."

The idea of establishing a Speaker's Bureau was that of PSU Chancellor Joseph Oxendine.

caught in fish hooks, get attacked by wild dog packs, have rotted legs and paws. Pets should be neutered. Many get shot with shot gun pellets and still live. Lockjaw caused by the tetanus germ is common. Hemorrhoids too are quite common. "Making bacon" hogs is quite a job when you find them in poor pens, deep mud and really injured and pregnant.

We get involved in school and community presentations and this is a very satisfying profession.

Clayton Maynor presented past president Ron Sutton with the past president's plaque and the Outstanding Kiwanian plaque.

Albert Hunt was presented the Perfect Attendance Award for his 29 years of perfect attendance.

Presiding president-elect Clayton Maynor. Invocation-Albert Hunt. Song leader- Ed Teets. Program- Larry Chavis. Reporter- Ken Johnson.

Rowland Christmas Festival Dec. 1

Rowland Christmas Festival preparations are underway and the planning committee expects this to be the outstanding community effort of 1990.

The festival, scheduled for Saturday, December 1, will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Main Street and will feature arts and crafts exhibits and sales, the Kids Cabaret teen-age youth group, Twin State Twirlers square dance

performers, Men's Chorus from First Baptist Church, Lumberton, county wide school art exhibit at Rowland Library, the Spell Binders story tellers and additional entertainment for all ages.

The 3:00 p.m. Christmas Parade will start with Santa Claus' spectacular arrival downtown. A special lighting ceremony of Rowland streets and the community Christmas tree

will be at 6 p.m., followed by community wide carol singing conducted by a recognized choir director.

A Main Street dance with live music, beginning at 8 p.m., will climax the Festival events.

It is noteworthy that the Rowland Christmas Festival is supported by a grant from the Grassroots Arts Program of the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency.