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**JULIAN RANSOM, RONNIE SUTTON JOIN  
PSU CHANCELLOR'S CLUB**

The latest to join the rapidly-growing Pembroke State University Chancellor's Club are Rev. Julian Ransom and Ronnie N. Sutton, both of Pembroke.

To become a member, one makes a commitment to give \$1,000 each year to PSU for 10 years. The number of members is nearing 100, over half joining since Dr. Joseph B. Oxendine became PSU chancellor in July, 1989.

Each of the members receives a number of special privileges at PSU as members of this prestigious club.

Ransom, a member of the PSU Board of Trustees, retired in '83 after being employed for 36 years by the State of North Carolina. From 1967-83 he served as purchasing agent of PSU. He is now pastor of Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church at Wakulla.

Ransom is married to the former Florence Revels of Pembroke. They are parents of two daughters, Vickie Ransom who lives in Raleigh and Lisa Ransom Culum who resides in Atlanta. Rev. and Mrs. Ransom also have an eight-month-old grandson.

Julian Ransom graduated from PSU in '47, and both of his daughters are also PSU graduates: Vickie in '74 and Lisa in '80.

"Pembroke State has been good to me and my family," said Ransom. "I feel this is a way of saying thanks. Without help from the private sector, many of the opportunities and challenges could not be realized by our University."

After Ransom joined the club, his daughter Vickie sent

him a black jacket with a Chancellor's Club emblem on it.

Sutton since 1985 has been a partner in the law firm of Locklear, Jacobs and Sutton of Pembroke. The firm's primary practice is in the areas of personal injury litigation and domestic law.

From 1962-64, Sutton attended PSU, but then entered the U.S. Navy where he was commissioned as a Naval aviator and retired as a Navy commander. He commanded the Navy ROTC unit at Baton Rouge, La.

While in the service, Sutton earned his B.A. at the University of West Florida, an M.S. at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., and an M.A. at Central Michigan University. He followed these in '85 with a law degree from UNC-Chapel Hill's School of Law.

From 1966-67, Sutton served in Vietnam as a navigator-bombardier, saw action and won two air medals.

Sutton, whose uncle was the late Dr. Herbert G. Oxendine (in whose honor the Herbert G. Oxendine Science Building is named), is married to the former Genny Chavis of Pembroke who also attended PSU. They are parents of two daughters: Ronette, an '89 PSU graduate, and Fonda, now a sophomore at PSU.

Sutton says he is joining the Chancellor's Club "because I like seeing the University grow. I feel some very positive things are happening now and I want to be a part of all of this."

**MANY EVENTS SCHEDULED IN WEEK AHEAD**

PSU's Performing Arts Center will present "Famous People Players," a blacklight musical, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21. Sponsored in part by J.C. Penney of Lumberton and Fayetteville, the N.C. Arts Council, and the National Endowment of the Arts, this program uses life-sized puppets and fluorescent props manipulated under ultraviolet light. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for children.

The PSU Board of Trustees meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, in the Board Room of PSU's Sampson Hall Administration Building.

The PAC and the Public Schools of Robeson County will present the first public schools all-county musical, "Oklahoma," by Rodgers and Hammerstein, on both



Ronnie Sutton

Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22-23, at 8 p.m. in the PAC. In the musical will be almost 60 students from all 10 high schools in Robeson County. Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for PSU students. Telephone 521-0778 or 738-4841 for more information.

WPSU-TV will televise live a Black Issues Forum at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, in its studio, which will be open for an audience. Title of the forum will be "The Black Male in Crisis: Solutions for Survival." Participating on a panel will be Chancellor Lloyd Hackley of Fayetteville State University; Gilbert Baez, reporter for WRAL-TV in Raleigh; Judge Greg Weeks, superior court judge of Cumberland County; Chancellor Lee, engineer and

businessman from Southern Pines; and Garrett Davis, program director for WFFS Radio of Fayetteville State University who will be the moderator for the forum.

The PSU Career Planning and Placement Center will host its annual "Career Fair" from 9 a.m. until noon Wednesday, Feb. 27. Approximately 30 companies or agencies have registered to send representatives.

The PSU Art Department will sponsor a Faculty Art Exhibit beginning with a reception in the Locklear Hall Art Gallery from 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27. The exhibit will continue on display through March 28. Students, faculty and the general public are invited to the reception.

**HAMMER DOWN  
RACING NEWS**



Recent winners in the 4-wheeler men's division at Hammer Down Speedway are shown above. Left to right they are 1st Place--Bill Lawver of Charleston, SC; 2nd Place--Greg Cain of Lumberton; and 3rd Place--Chad McFayden of Parkton.



Six-year-old Lee Daniel Wilkins of Orrum was the winner in the children's division of 4-wheeler racing action at Hammer Down Speedway.

Hammer Down Speedway, located next to Thunder Valley on Old Lowry Road in Red Springs, features 4-wheeler racing action every other Saturday. The next racing series will be held February 23, with gates opening at 4 p.m. and racing at 6 p.m. The public is encouraged to come out and join in the fun.

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**Tax Advantages Of  
Individual Retirement  
Arrangements (IRAs)**

by Israel W. Rwejuna, CPA

There is still time to take advantage of tax deductible IRAs for 1990 tax returns. An IRA allows a taxpayer to establish a savings plan whereby the contributions may be tax deductible, and any interest earned is generally not taxed until withdrawn.

The IRA savings plan was first enacted in 1974 and although the Tax Reform Act of 1986 restricted the availability of IRAs, many taxpayers can still benefit from the existing law.

Eligible taxpayers may contribute up to \$2,000 (\$2,250 for married taxpayers filing a joint return where one spouse does not have any earned income). Both spouses work each may be able to contribute up to \$2,000 to their account.

An advantage of an IRA is that contributions are not mandatory each year and payments can be made at any time during the year or by the due date of an individual's return for that year. Most taxpayers can still take an IRA deduction for 1990 if they make a contribution by April 15, 1991.

A taxpayer's IRA deduction may be affected by his or her income, filing status, and whether or not the taxpayer or the taxpayer's spouse is covered by an employer retirement plan.

Taxpayers can establish IRAs through banks or other financial institutions, insurance companies, stock brokerage firms or mutual funds.

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