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## War Eagle Chavis Among Wrestlers Coming to Fairmont

The Social Studies Department of Fairmont High School will present South Atlantic pro wrestling as a fund raiser at the high school gym on Saturday, May 4th. The bell time for this four match wrestling card is 8 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will go directly to the Fairmont High School Social Studies Department.

This giant fund raising card is highlighted by two title defenses. In the main event, the South Atlantic Tag Team titles will be up for grabs as the current champions Bobby & Jackie Fulton-the Fantastics defend their belts against the challenge of Sam Houston and the Russian Bear, Ivan Koloff. Koloff, a former WWF world heavyweight champion, has been campaigning in the ring wars for nearly two decades. He won the WWF title, currently held by Hulk Hogan, by defeating that association's greatest champion, Bruno Sammartino. Koloff's partner, Sam Houston, is no stranger to the squared circle. A second generation grappler, Houston's father, Tiny Anderson, competed for many years as one of the Kentuckians. His brother, Jake Roberts, is currently competing in another federation. Sam made a name for himself, along with his valet turned wife Baby Doll, in the NWA. Together with the Russian Bear, this veteran duo should prove to be the toughest test to date for the new champions.

The Fantastics are very familiar with the rigors of defending the titles. They are the only team in the sport today who can claim to have held the tag team titles in every wrestling federations in which they have competed. In compiling this amazing record they have defeated some of the biggest names in wrestling, including the Midnight Express and the Road Warriors. Although small by pro wrestling standards, a combined weight of only 456 pounds, they depend upon speed and exciting aerial moves to wear down and defeat much larger opponents.

In the second title defense, the reigning South Atlantic Heavyweight Champion, Mr. Wrestling Vince Torrelli defends his title against the challenge of 6'4"-276 pounds "War Eagle" Christ Chavis. An academic as well as athletic stand out at James Madison University in Virginia, this Pembroke, NC native has had a meteoric rise to the top. Introduced to the pro ranks by the original

"Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers, the War Eagle's career is now guided by another ring veteran Paul Jones. The champion's credentials are every bit as impressive. The runner up in the 1988 Olympic Wrestling Trials, he has won several "touch man" contest both here in North Carolina and in his Native California. Torrelli was thrust into the national spotlight at the recent heavyweight tournament held in the Bahamas. One day prior to the start of the tournament, Torrelli left the side of his mentor, Paul Jones, to join the forces of Robert Fuller's infamous Stud Stable. Needless to say, this crushed Paul Jones, who had retired from active competition to guide the youngster's career. "I treated Vince Torrelli like my own son," explained an emotional Paul Jones. "I made him what he is today. And I'm the one who can break him." Jones went on to say, "I'll be in the corner of every one of that punk's opponents until he loses that belt. He'll be the shortest lived champion this association ever had."

In other action, the exciting Florida native Tommy Seabolt returns to mat action to meet the challenge of Herman Hessler-the Storm Trooper, a newcomer to South Atlantic Pro Wrestling, this international grappler brings a rough, no holds barred style mixed with an European flair. Tommy Seabolt is returning to action after a five month layoff to heal a ruptured c-5 disc in his neck. According to the handsome Floridian, "The neck's 100 percent and so am I."

The curtain raiser will feature a "People's Choice" match where the wrestling fans will choose the wrestlers.

Ringside tickets are \$8.00 each. Seated is limited so advance tickets or reservations are recommended. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any member of the high school Social Studies Club or at W & W Sports

(Lumberton Mall); in Extremist at Doug's Video, Brandon Auto Parts, the Aetna Station, Discout Video and NAPA Auto Parts. In orrum tickets are available at the Orrum General Store, and at the 139 convenience store on Highway 130. General admission seating will be available on a first come, first served basis for \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids 12 and under.

For reservations call 919-628-7362.

## Dr. Masters named one of five outstanding young North Carolinians

Dr. Mary Ann Masters of Rowland, NC, was recently selected as one of Five Outstanding Young North Carolinians by the North Carolina Jaycees. She was nominated for the prestigious award by the Lumberton Jaycees. Dr. Masters is the fifth recipient of the award from Robeson County since 1977.

Dr. Masters was selected for the Young North Carolinian Award because of her accomplishments in the civic and charitable arenas as well as her personal business progress. Dr. Masters is an optometrist with offices in Lumberton, Pembroke and Rowland. She currently serves on the Robeson County Board of Health, the Robeson County Arts Council (of which she is

immediate past president), and the Endowment Board of Directors of Pembroke State University. She is an active member of Rowland United Methodist Church where she is a member of the Pastor-Parrish Relations Committee and the choir. Dr. Masters was the founding President of the Rowland Chamber of Commerce and remains active in its affairs.

Dr. Masters is married to John D. Masters, a certified public accountant in Rowland. They have one son, Harrison, who is 2 1/2 years old. Dr. Masters is the daughter of Lewis and Doris Moore of Rowland and the granddaughter of Mrs. Adrian B. McRae.

## Strickland promoted to Tech Sergeant

LARRY STRICKLAND

Staff Sergeant Larry Strickland, son of Marl Deese of Maxton, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of Technical Sergeant.

TSgt. Strickland is a KC-10 Crew Chief with the 916th CAMS of the 916th Air Refueling Group at Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina.

The 916 AFREG trains over 750 reserve personnel in civil engineering, security police, medical services, aircraft maintenance, and aircrew operations. In the event of war or a national emergency the 916th augments active duty forces within the Strategic Air Command.

TSgt. Strickland is a 1972 graduate of Carolina Military academy, Maxton, NC.

## Oxendine receives Governor's Award



Herbert G. Oxendine, Jr., Director of Environmental Health and Safety for East Carolina University, received one of eight Governor's Awards of Merit for Safety and Health presented to various departments and universities of state government. The purpose of the award is to recognize successful development and implementation of comprehensive occupational safety and health programs for the protection of state employees.

Under the direction of Oxendine, East Carolina University provides an effective safety program for over 18,000 students and 8,000 employees. Oxendine is the son of the late Dr. Herbert G. Oxendine and Deborah D. Sampson of Pembroke.

Shown left to right: Richard R. Eakin, Chancellor of East Carolina University; Herbert G. Oxendine, Jr., Safety and Health Officer; and Governor James G. Martin.

## PSU Choir to perform at Gospel Music Festival

[This is the third in a series of articles about groups who will be performing in the second annual Pembroke State University "Gospel Music Festival" Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in PSU's Performing Arts Center.]

by Gene Warren

For the second straight year the Pembroke State University Gospel Choir will be among the groups performing in PSU's second annual "Gospel Music Festival," which takes place Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in PSU's Givens Performing Arts Center.

For this 30-member choir, it will be an encore performance.

Directed by Glenn McMillan, organist of First Baptist Church on Second Street in Lumberton, the PSU Gospel Choir recently returned from an Easter vacation trip in which it sang in New Bern, Washington, D.C. and New York City.

Its music included anthems, spirituals and gospel numbers. The group plans to do a mixture of these songs in its performance for the PSU "Gospel Music Festival."

On its Easter trip, it sang first at the First Congregational Baptist Church in New Bern, next at the Southern Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., then at the Family Baptist Church in the Bronx, NY, and finally at a church in Queens, NY.

Among the lead singers are Durwood Bynum, Salisbury; Alisa McEacherin, Marietta; Demetris Strickland, Rowland; Alice Thompson, Lumberton; and Robert Williams, Salemburg.

Other choir members include: Tasha Barnes, Bronx, NY; Ray Boone, Lumberton; Clara Brown, Rowland; Renee Brown, High Point; Sharon Brown, Laurinburg; Sharon Campbell, Rowland; Annissa Dawson, Gibsonville; Leatine Davis, Gastonia; Kim Douglas, Maxton; Rosalind Edwards, Winston-Salem; Yolanda Freeman, Bladenboro; Artis Hill, Leland; Cheryl Hooks, Magnolia; Juandalynn Jones, Martinsville, Va.; Sabrina Malloy, Laurinburg; Jennifer McLean, Council; Vincent Montgomery, Leland; Keisha Parks, Athol, Mass.; Tony Spaulding, Laurinburg; Audrey Taylor, Freeport, Bahamas; Deanna Tigner, Riegelwood; Michael Ward, Dudley; and Raymond Wherry, Spring Lake.

The PSU Gospel Choir was organized in 1981 and has performed in churches in both North and South Carolina as well as on its recent Easter trip.

"We sing a variety of gospel music," said one member, "including old gospel hymns, which we have revised."

The choir practices a couple of nights each week and is looking forward to its second appearance in the "Gospel Music Festival."

Tickets are \$5 for the festival. Ticket outlets are: Lumberton-Christian Book Store, Dee's Hallmark Shop, McNeill's Jewelers, Merrimac Music, Robeson Baptist Association, the Comic Book Shop; Pembroke-Burnt Swamp Baptist Association; Laurinburg-Quick Copy; Fayetteville-The Dancer at Cross Points; and Red Springs-McNeill's Jewelers. For more information, telephone (919) 521-0778.



This is the PSU Gospel Choir, which will be one of the groups performing April 25 when the second annual PSU Gospel Music Festival is held at PSU's Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Left to right, the choir members above are: front row—Glenn McMillan (director), Rosalind Edwards, Annissa Dawson, Robert Williams, Tony Spaulding, Durwood Bynum, Sabrina Malloy, Keisha

Ward, Audrey Taylor, Yolanda Freeman; back row—Tasha Barnes, Leatine Davis, Alice Thompson, Renee Brown, Raymond Wherry, Artis Hill, Jennifer McLean, Deanna Tigner and Sharon Brown. Not pictured are Ray Boone, Clara Brown, Sharon Campbell, Kim Douglas, Cheryl Hooks, Juandalynn Jones, Alisa McEacherin, Vincent Montgomery, Demetris Strickland, and Michael Ward.

## Perry honored for art work

A Fine Arts Show for Indian artists was held March 14-16 in Charlotte in conjunction with the annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference. A painting by Donald Perry, a Lumbee artist of Hope Mills, was named "Best in the Show." A prize of \$500 was awarded to Perry for his winning entry.

According to Hayes Alan Locklear, coordinator of the show, "This show was unique because it was the first juried show of Indian art to be held at the Indian Unity Conference. Fifteen artists participated in the show which exhibited 50 pieces of art with a total value of about \$36,000." The show was sponsored by the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center.

"We had many fine works of art in the show," said Locklear. "Our judges for the art show had tough decisions to select the best," he said.

Locklear said artists from seven Indian tribes participated in the show. The categories of art included in the show were painting, sculpture, baskets, pottery, and beadwork.

Donald Perry's prize winning art work was an acrylic painting with the title of "Wisdom." It had an image of a buffalo skull on a medicine shield.

In the show, six artists had works that received awards of "Honorable Mention." These artists, their tribe and their works were: Harold B. Locklear, Lumbee of Maxton, "Corn Maiden" clay doll; Mary J. Bell, Coharie of Clinton, "Jeremiah" oak cane basket; Patricia Richardson, Coharie of Hollister, "Feyots Fan" with beadwork; Gloria Tara Lowery, Lumbee of Lumberton, water color/ink painting; Arnold Richardson, Haliwa-Saponi of Hollister, soap stone carving; and Dan Emerson, Shalomish/Navajo of Wilmington, multi-media mask sculpture.

Locklear said the art show at the Indian Unity Conference was part of an ongoing effort of the Indian Cultural Center to assist Indian artists and craftsmen of the state. He noted that the Cultural Center will enter the works of Indian artists in other shows planned in the near future.



Donald Perry, a Lumbee artist of Hope Mills, displays his prize winning painting "Wisdom."