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1st Jane C. Oxendine Endowed Scholarship presented

The first annual Jane C. Oxendine Endowed Scholarship was awarded to Veronica Kay Brewington, a Coharie Indian from Clinton, NC. Ms. Brewington is the newly elected president of the Native American Student Organization, having served last year as vice president. She is a rising junior at Pembroke State University. The award amount this year is \$800.



This scholarship was awarded to Ms. Brewington at the annual Awards Ceremony on April 10, 1991 and is unique in that no other alumni chapter has established an endowed scholarship. In only seven months the scholarship had met the minimum requirement to be declared an endowed fund.

In a meeting of the PSU Area Alumni Chapter in January 1990, Henry W. Smith, chapter president, announced that the chapter has been seeking a way to disperse monies they had collected from chapter members. In the introduction of Mrs. Oxendine as an excellent candidate to be honored, Smith stated that too many times we don't let a person know that their endeavors are appreciated. By having a scholarship established in her name, Mrs. Oxendine will know her

many attributes have not gone unnoticed. Among those qualities for which Mrs. Oxendine was recognized were: a graduate of Pembroke State College in 1942 (as Lucy Jane Chavis), and being an inspiration to so many Lumbee people and many other tribes, when it comes to keeping Indian heritage alive. She has operated Lumbee Indian Arts and Crafts for 20 years and was chosen Business Person of the Year by Lumbee Regional Development Association in 1988. During these 20 years, Mrs. Oxendine has helped numerous individuals get started on their own with Native American crafts.

Since the shop is located on Highway 74, Mrs. Oxendine gets a lot of tourist traffic. She shows much pride in her heritage and relays that to every visitor who comes through the doors. Some of the different countries from which visitors have come include Japan, Holland, France, Russia and Australia.

"Ms. Jane," as she is affectionately called by the younger generation, is never too busy to take time to show a new craftsman what he/she needs to do with their craft. She especially loves working with young people and keeping their interest in Indian culture alive.

Mrs. Oxendine, even after numerous arthritis operations, can still be found busy with crafts. When she was asked why she is so involved with Indian heritage, her simple reply is... "I know of no greater service to give my people."

Many generous alumni, friends and relatives have given to this scholarship and have enabled the University to give Native American students such as Ms. Brewington a helping hand with financial needs in school.

Even though the scholarship has met the minimum requirement for endowment, contributions are still being accepted in order to increase the scholarship amount for future awards. For more information you may call the Institutional Advancement Office at 521-9929, or if you would like to make a tax deductible contribution, please make your checks payable to: Jane C. Oxendine Endowed Scholarship and mail it to Pembroke State University, Institutional Advancement Office, Pembroke, NC 28372.

3 Brothers to graduate together May 11



Three brothers who are graduating together at Pembroke State University May 11 are shown above. Left to right, Derrick, Kent and Eric Chavis. Derrick and Eric

are 22-year-old twins. Kent is a 26-year-old pastor. All live in Robeson County.

by Gene Warren

Three brothers—two of them twins—will graduate together from PSU Saturday, May 11, at 2 p.m. when 421 undergraduate students and 53 graduate students receive their degrees at PSU's Performing Arts Center.

The twins are Derrick and Eric Chavis, 22, who will graduate with their older brother, Kent, 26.

They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ray Chavis of Pembroke and the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chavis, Sr., who are both living.

The three brothers' mother, Vietta Chavis, graduated from PSU in '61. They also have four sisters-in-law who are either attending or graduated from PSU: Sandra Locklear, an optometrist in Pembroke; Shirleen Dees, a lab technician with Westpoint Pepperell in Lumberton; Debra Locklear, an optician in Wilmington; and Cindy who is a senior at PSU majoring in sociology.

The older brother, Kent, attended PSU for three years from 1982-85 before stopping school to support his wife and child. During that time, he worked to send his wife, the former Doris Locklear, to PSU from which she graduated in '89. Kent then resumed his schooling.

In the years Kent has attended PSU, he has also been employed full-time, working with Campbell Soup Co. for one year and for two years with the N.C. Department of Transportation, installing traffic recorders in a seven-county area. He often went to school at night and worked during the day.

"When I stopped school in '85, I made a vow to my parents that I'd get my degree and now I'm getting it," said Kent with resolve.

Along with his diligent work while going to school, Kent has been pastor of Reedy Branch Baptist Church, five miles from Fairmont. He was licensed to preach in March of '88 and will be ordained by the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association May 26.

While doing all of this, he has maintained a 3.6 grade point average in his major, political science, and a 3.3

overall grade point average. His goal is to go to law school. "I'll make it," Kent says with confidence.

Eric is four minutes older than his twin brother, Derrick. Eric actually completed all requirements for graduation last December and has since been an academic aide, assisting the physically handicapped attending St. Andrews Presbyterian College. He wants to attend graduate school in the fall of '92, studying audiology.

At PSU, Eric is a member of Alpha Chi, the institution's highest academic organization. A psychology major, he is also a member of Psi Chi, the Psychology honor society. Eric has also been chosen to "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

While attending PSU, Eric was a student worker one year in the campus post office.

Derrick, a history major who wants to teach in high school, will graduate magna cum laude. He has been the recipient of the Max Weinstein History Scholarship and also been a member of Alpha Chi, Pi Alpha Theta (the national history honor society), and "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

While attending PSU, Derrick was a student worker one summer in the Mary Livermore Library.

All of the brothers commute—the twins living only five minutes from the campus and Kent commuting from his home in Maxton.

Asked if their success was in the genes, the brothers laughed, and older brother Kent replied as spokesman for all of them. "Being raised on a farm, we learned the value of hard work of setting goals and achieving," he said. "Derrick has probably studied harder than any of us. Eric has done the most growing as far as being an extrovert. He has matured in college as an individual and a young adult."

With no sisters in their family, the brothers will march proudly forward May 11 to receive their coveted degrees in a proud moment for each of them.

Honored on 79th birthday



Mr. Richard R. Jones of Route 2, Maxton celebrated his 79th birthday at his home on Saturday, April 27.

Mr. Jones was born in Robeson County on April 29, 1912.

The event was hosted by the children: Mrs. Emma Self of Charlotte; James (Buddy) Jones of Concord; Mrs. Lucy Massey of Matthews; Anderson Jones of Rowland; Mrs. Rosa (Nancy) Blue of Rowland; Mrs. Barbara Burnette of Shannon; Mrs. Yoma Jane Thompson of Hubert; Phil Jones of Lumberton; Jimmie Jones of Pembroke; and Mrs. Ellen Hunt of Pembroke. There are 30 grandchildren

and four great-grandchildren.

The honoree has two brothers, Mr. Wiley Jones and Mr. Lynn Jones.

The honoree is a retired farmer and now that he is retired, he has plenty of time to fish, which he enjoys.

A delicious dinner and a birthday cake was served and enjoyed by everyone. The invocation was given by his brother, Wiley Jones. Approximately 100 were in attendance. They all wished him many happy returns of the day.

(Photo and text by T/Sgt. W.P. Revels)

Our Men In Uniform

Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. --Second Lt. Eric T. Brewington has graduated from the 3625th Technical Training Squadron automated systems training basic course here. He is the son of Ted and Geraldine Brewington of Pembroke, NC.

The course is designed to provide system qualification training for entry level air weapons controllers for the airborne warning and control system or the sector operations control center automated control systems. Graduates are qualified in providing control for two fighter interceptors against two separate targets.

Brewington received a bachelor's degree from Pembroke State University, Pembroke, NC in 1990.



David Lloyd (foreground with dark t-shirt and hat) maneuvers his wheelchair into position during the

Whistle vs. Mech Men football game Saturday, April 20, at St. Andrews

Presbyterian College in Laurinburg. Lloyd is from Pembroke.