

WHAT NEXT???

Bob Reising and Richard Monroe have raised some interesting thoughts with their idea of alternative schools. In the first place it sounds like segregation under a new name. The idea of removing students from their regular class room and placing them at a separate school site is an unbelievable idea in the 1990s, especially when you consider that the students they (both white) are talking about removing are majority Indian and Black. The whole idea evolved, as we understand it, from the Strategic Initiative for Economic Development of Robeson County. We have already questioned the sincerity of that organization due to their lack of Indians and Blacks in positions of authority. It seems to us that Dr. Reising would better serve us all, if he would consider the theory behind the Robeson County Human Relations and Unity Commission, of which he is also a member. Our question is how to unify people when you propose removing Indian and Black students from the regular classroom setting? Would you not present another psychological message to minority students? Would that message be segregation? And is that the underlying reason for alternative schools? We don't expect anything from Richard Monroe, so we wait on Dr. Reising to re-evaluate this situation and use his talents to enhance the Public Schools of Robeson County.

Congratulations to Delora Cummings, noted artist and teacher at Purnell Swett High. She has been chosen Teacher of the Year for the County. This speaks well of our dedication to "teaching students."

The election for municipal offices will be Tuesday, November 5. Pembroke's mayoral race seems to be quiet. Long time mayor Milton Hunt is being challenged by the first woman candidate, Mary Sanderson. Incumbent town councilman, Vernon Oxendine and councilwoman Essie D. Jones are facing challenges from Larry McNeill, Greg Cummings, William Locklear and Jeffrey Brooks... We are not about to try and predict these races... We are, however, going to encourage everyone to exercise their

right to vote... Those who do not vote forfeit, as we see it, their right to complain or to compliment... The Mayor of Lumberton, David Weinstein chose not to seek re-election. Overall, we see this as a loss for Lumberton... We have disagreed with Mayor Weinstein on certain issues, but believe him to be honest and fair... We have accused him of wearing "rose-colored glasses" and not seeing anything wrong with anything... And maybe that is not necessarily a bad trait... Certainly it tends to keep one positive and hopeful... Seeking the mayorship in Lumberton are Dr. E.R. Turner, a Black, & Ray Pennington, John Rumberg... We could easily call that one, but we won't... A resident of Precinct #1 has stated that Dr. Turner will receive 65 percent of the white vote... We hope this is true... It would show that people are voting for candidates and not on race... We hope that is so, but we seriously don't expect to see that... In the mayor's race in Lumberton we expect to see what history has shown us in the past... people voting along racial lines... That being so, we could say farewell to Dr. Turner today and not feel that it is premature.

And the Atlanta Braves lost the World Series... Wonder if the Great Spirit was also offended by the "Tomahawk Chop"... We see the problems facing Robeson Indians much more pressing than the gesture used at a ball game... For instance, 450 Indian students dropped out of school last year... That alone sends a message of a dismal failure somewhere... Perhaps Dr. Reising will lay aside the idea of segregating students and the Task Force on Education that he heads will consider studying and making recommendations that will eliminate the reasons for these startling statistics... Does it seem that we are "picking" on Dr. Reising? Perhaps we are. But Dr. Reising and the many others who have seemingly decided to "save" us as Indian people should consider asking us where their services are needed... Contrary to some peoples' idea, Indian people are capable of identifying and offering solutions to the issues facing us as a people.

The Coach's Corner

By Ken Johnson

THE WORLD SERIES

Respect for the Atlanta Braves was the most important outcome that came out of this most outstanding baseball super championship. Both teams earned the respect of the nation as they both came from last place last year up to the great seven game, extra innings, low scoring, great pitching, unbelievable double plays, truly champs. The whole country is proud of this event. And the protests of the "Proud Real Indians" is to congratulate them as they sure didn't want to be thought of as war-like, and they successfully proved their point as it took real guts to do this. Very typical "Braves" conduct. The Braves name, the Chiefs of Kansas City, the

Cleveland Indians, the Washington Redskins, the Pembroke Braves, the Lady Braves, all of these names come out of the nation's love and respect of OUR first people.

The Indian legacy is one of successful striving for freedom and peace. Their worship of God's world can't be beat and the elimination of pollution of its streams, oceans and the environment is uppermost in their minds. This love for all man kind is called the selective ethic. The situational ethic is simply an ethic of not caring. The slave ethic simply is an ethic of subservience to others. The Native Americans are free and I hope they are proud of the fact that so many sports teams use Indian names.

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Robeson County Board of Commissioners invites concerned citizens to make known their comments and/or opinions as to the above referenced plan by mailing the same to the following address:

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Save the elaborate or clumsy costumes for parties and costume contests. Trick-or-treaters need only wear make up or very light-weight costumes, to prevent accidents while walking. Accompany small children, and instruct older kids to stay in familiar territory. Inspect all "goodies" for tampering before they're eaten, and discard home-made treats or fruits, which are often a source of danger!

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