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Senator David Parnell announces re-election bid



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Senator David Parnell of Parkton today announced that he will offer himself for re-election to the North Carolina Senate to represent the 30th Senatorial District. Senator Parnell has served five terms in the Senate and each time he has run, he has been elected by overwhelming majorities.

Senator Parnell has a long record of Government service, both at the local and state level. He was elected to three terms as the Mayor of his hometown of Parkton, he served four years as North Carolina State Highway Commissioner under Governor Bob Scott; and in 1974 he was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives. After serving four terms in the House of Representatives, he successfully ran for the North

Carolina Senate.

While serving in the Senate, Senator Parnell has been one of the leading members of the Senate Appropriation and Base Budget Committees and during the 1987 and 1989 sessions he was Vice Chairman of these committees. He has served four terms on the Senate Sub-Committee on Justice and Public Safety and has been a strong advocate for the Law Enforcement Agencies of North Carolina. In 1987 he was presented a citation by the North Carolina Highway Patrol, making him an honorary member.

Senator Parnell served as Co-Chairman of the "Special Committee on Prisons." From this committee has come nearly all legislation that deals with the North Carolina Department of Corrections. This Committee is given much of the credit for North Carolina not having its Prison System taken over by the Federal Courts.

In a statement, Senator Parnell said, "Good government requires fairness, honesty and hard work on the part of its elected officials. I pledge to the citizens of the 30th Senatorial District that I will live up to these high ideals."

On re-districting, Senator Parnell said that he realized that the Senatorial District had not been approved by the U.S. Department of Justice, but he felt that the people of the district needed to be informed of his plans. Under the present Senatorial Re-districting Plan, four precincts from Hoke County were removed from the 30th District and added to the 17th District. The 30th District is now comprised of Antioch, Allendale, Blue Springs, Stone-wall, and all five precincts of Raeford from Hoke County; Hollow Township and White Oak from Bladen County; Roseboro and Lakewood precincts from Sampson County; Hope Mills #2 and Beaver Dam precincts from Cumberland County and all of Robeson County. Senator Parnell said that he regrets the loss of part of Hoke County from the District, but that he is excited about the possibility of representing parts of Cumberland, Bladen and Sampson Counties.

GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Governor James G. Martin has announced Community Block Grant (CDBG) awards totaling over \$700,000 to one county government and one municipality.

A \$600,000 economic development award to Randolph County will assist The Timken Company, a bearing manufacturing facility, with water services. As a result of the award, 49 jobs will be created.

A \$177,603 award to the town of Pembroke will provide water and sewer services to a new 80-bed nursing and immediate care facility. As a result, 69 jobs will be created.

Economic development awards are a portion of North Carolina's CDBG program. North Carolina received \$40 million in CDBG funds from the federal government for the current program year.

Approximately \$8 million will be awarded for economic development projects across the state. Economic development awards target businesses whose expansion or improvements will create jobs primarily for low- or moderate-income people.

The state's CDBG program is administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development's Division of Community Assistance.

National Faculty Institutes to be held at PSU



Linda Oxendine

The National Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Sciences, in collaboration with Pembroke State University, has received funding from the N.C. Humanities Council to conduct a program for teachers and administrators in the Public Schools of Robeson County district with the first being June 14-26 at PSU.

Two other institutes will be conducted in the Public Schools of Robeson County district in the summers of 1993 and 1994.

The three institutes will address the theme: "Enriching the Agenda of American Culture." They will be designed to enhance teachers' knowledge of the various cultural heritages which has shaped life in Robeson County.

Contact persons for the institutes are Linda Oxendine, chairperson of the American Indian Studies Department at PSU, telephone (919) 521-4214, Ext. 266, and Margaret Pastor, program officer of The National Faculty, 1676 Clifton Road, Atlanta, Ga., telephone (404) 727-5788.

The 1992 institute will focus on Native American culture in general with specific emphasis on the history and culture of the Lumbee Indians. The 1993 institute will focus on African-American culture, and the 1994 institute will provide a forum for dialogue among the various cultural voices in Robeson County.

The faculty team conducting the 1992 institute will be comprised of two National Faculty scholars with a broad

knowledge of Native American history, literature, music, art, religion and philosophy. In addition, three members of the PSU faculty will conduct sessions focusing specifically on the southeastern United States and the Lumbee Indians.

Twenty-five teachers of English, social studies and art, and administrators who are involved in the curricular and instructional program from the Public Schools of Robeson County district will also be selected to participate.

Program activities will include: a two-week residential summer institute to be held on the campus of Pembroke State University; two public symposia held in connection with each institute; and three follow-up sessions scheduled during the school year following each institute.

IN THE ARMED FORCES

LUTHER B. CHAVIS

Navy Seaman Recruit Luther B. Chavis, son of Katie and Luther E. Chavis Sr. of Pembroke, NC recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, FL.

During the cycle, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

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RAYMOND E. DEESE

Navy Seaman Recruit Raymond E. Deese, a 1990 graduate of Purnell Swett High School of Pembroke, NC recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, FL.

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Hope Sheppard to play lead role in University Theater production



Hope Sheppard as Jocasta in "Oedipus The King."

Local actress Hope Sheppard is facing the "greatest challenge" of her acting career. She will perform the role of Jocasta in "Oedipus The King" February 12-14 at the Givens Performing Arts Center at Pembroke State University.

"Oedipus The King" is a Greek love tragedy written by Sophocles over 3,000 years ago. The University Theater will perform a modern adaptation of this tragedy by Dr. Robert Britton, new PSU professor.

Sheppard brings much experience to her role, most notably is her nine years with the local outdoor drama *Strike at the Wind* where for eight years she portrayed

the leading lady in the drama, Rhoda. Last year she performed in the drama in a more mature role as "Aunt Mary."

"When I was considering trying out for the part of Jocasta," she said, "I went to the library and read the book, I read one of the original versions and I was petrified. I just couldn't understand the language."

Sheppard and Dr. Britton became professional associates during the last season of "Strike at the Wind" when he directed the drama. "When I expressed to Dr. Britton that I just couldn't relate to the Greek drama, he urged me to come and try out anyway. When I came to try outs, I found that the modern adaptation was very understandable and that I really could relate to the plot....It is something that could very easily happen today."

Sheppard admits that the role of Jocasta has been challenging and she has had to work on her diction and "change my whole mode of thinking." She stated, "I have always considered myself a country girl and going from a role in *Strike at the Wind*, a story about my own people, to jumping on a Greek presentation, it has been challenging, to say the least...but very rewarding."

Sheppard is very excited about the presentation. Dr. Britton, she said, is making a concerted effort to use Native Americans. In addition to Sheppard, Greg Hunt, a PSU student will also be performing. Also, appearing in the tragedy will be Darice Hope Sheppard, Sheppard's nine-year-old daughter. Sheppard will play the role of the Queen, Darice Hope Sheppard will play the daughter of the Queen.

The 60-minute performance will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday evening, Feb. 12. It will be performed again at 10 a.m. Thursday morning, Feb. 13 and at 8 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for high school students for evening but \$2 for 10 a.m. performances, \$1 for PSU students.

BARRY NAKELL RELEASED FROM ROBESON COUNTY JAIL

Barry Nakell, the Chapel Hill law professor who represented Eddie Hatcher, was released from the Robeson County Jail on Tuesday, February 4. Nakell had filed a writ of habeas corpus and a motion for stay in federal court through his attorney, Norman Smith of Greensboro. On Tuesday the federal judge granted the stay and Nakell had to be released.

Nakell turned himself into the Robeson County authorities on Monday afternoon after learning that Superior Court Judge William C. Gore had issued an order for his arrest in Lumberton at 4:45 p.m. Nakell turned himself in at 8 p.m. after notifying sheriff's deputies that he would be leaving Chapel Hill about 6 p.m.

Nakell was held in contempt of court in 1989 by Superior Court Judge L. Beverly Lake Jr. of Raleigh. He was held in contempt during the trial of Hatcher. Nakell was ordered removed from the courtroom by Judge Lake because of an outburst made by his client and spectators in the court room. Nakell had appealed his contempt charge to the North Carolina Supreme Court. That court on Thursday rejected his appeal and on Monday Judge Gore issued the order for his arrest. He was sentenced to ten days in the Robeson County Jail.

Nakell has contended all along that he was responsible for the outburst during the 1989 proceeding. Nakell said, "I did not commit contempt of court; I was engaged in advocacy. I conducted myself throughout in a responsible, courteous, proper manner. I was persistent in advocating on important issue."

NCAE SEEKS GRASSROOTS INPUT ON EDUCATION

Raleigh--NCAE is stepping into the public domain to get grassroots citizen input on education reform and to foster interaction with key community leaders. The Association will sponsor three free regional public education forums during February, 1992.

The brainchild of NCAE President Rose Marie Lowry, the forum theme is "Solutions for Schools through Partnership." Lowry wants to set the stage for discussion, interaction and collective planning for positive change in education.

"Our goal is to bring together members from the total education community--educators, administrators, business and civic leaders, students, retired people, and parents--to talk about existing conditions in education and a shared vision for the future," said Lowry. "It's a chance for people with diverse interests to come together in a community-wide, long-term, problem-solving effort for educational improvement."

"Any meaningful education reform is going to happen at the local level," added Lowry. "If we can begin the dialogue at these three regional forums, the Association is

committed to helping local communities hold similar forums where partnerships will develop and solutions for schools will emerge."

Each forum meeting will feature a panel of top-notch educators, business and civic leaders, students and parents who will share their vision for education. This will be followed by group discussions, with recommendations emerging for future action.

Dr. Charles Colbe, dean, School of Education, East Carolina University, will serve as moderator at each meeting, and Lowry is slated to issue the challenge.

The schedule for the forums is as follows: Thursday, February 6, 1992--Greensboro, Howard Johnson's Plaza Hotel (I-40 at Guilford/Jamestown Exit).

Friday, February 14, 1992--Greenville, East Carolina University, Willis Building (corner of First and Reade Streets).

Thursday, February 27, 1992--Asheville, UNC- Asheville, Owen Conference Center, Owen Hall.

For each forum, free registration will begin at 9 a.m. The forums will from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

NCSSM to sponsor pow-wow

Native American Pow Wow is scheduled for February 29, 1992 at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, Charles R. Eliber, Physical Education Center, Durham. Intertribal dancing 2-5 p.m. 7:30-11 p.m. Feast for participants 5:30-6:30.

Host Frum will be the White Tail Singers. Other drummers are welcome. Master of Ceremonies will be Arnold Richardson. The Head Male Dancer will be Derek Lowry with Head Lady Dance Becky Goins, the reigning Miss Lumbee.

There will be no contests, just lots of good singing and

dancing. Traditional give-away for singers and dancers. Indian arts and crafts traders by prior approval only.

For further information contact Joe Liles at 919-286-3366 (weekdays), or 919-286-9401 (nights and weekends).

This will be a traditional Indian gathering. All participants welcome who can contribute to a community feeling of brotherhood and sisterhood.

The event is being sponsored by the Native American Club at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, and the Science and Mathematics Initiative for Learning Enhancement (S.M.I.L.E. project).

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