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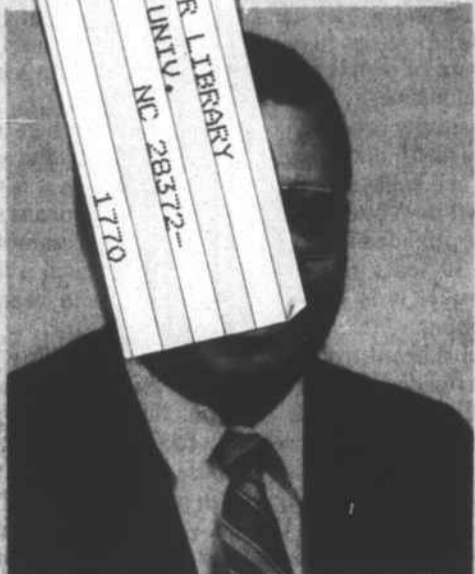
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Thompson seeks seat on of Education



Angus B. Thompson II

Angus B. Thompson, II, has announced his candidacy for District 1 on the board of education of the Public Schools of Robeson County. He released the following statement:

"After reflecting on my service on the Interim School Board and the School Board of the Public Schools of Robeson County, I realize the enormous challenges which lie ahead for our school system.

"I offer the bold leadership necessary to bring about changes and encourage partnerships between education, business, community, and other public agencies.

"My platform is as follows:

"1. We must implement an aggressive preventive maintenance program to save our existing buildings and to make the educational environment aesthetically attractive.

"2. We must enrich our curriculum so that it becomes more relevant, inclusive, multi-cultural, and reflective of the ethnic diversity of our world. The high incidence of violence in Robeson County schools and in the community at large convinces me that conflict resolution courses should be incorporated in every school.

"3. We must provide new choices and alternatives in the way we deliver the educational program, but within the framework of a public school system collaborating with other entities, not delegating this task to other entities. The Year Round Education and Cities in Schools Programs have proven successful models for providing choice and alternatives.

"4. We must decrease our drop out rate. You cannot teach children if they are not in school. We must find new non-traditional ways to keep today's non-traditional students interested in academics and vocational training.

"5. We must vigorously pursue equalization in funding as our number one state legislative agenda. On the other hand, we must bring about the highest ideal of school merger in Robeson County which was equal opportunity in education and parity of schools.

"I am married to Jacquelyn Thompson, Lumberton High School teacher, and the father of a fifth and sixth grade student at Gilbert Carrol Middle School. I am employed as Robeson County Public Defender, a member of Prince Hall Grand Lodge #127, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and Trustee of Sandy Grove Baptist Church, Lumberton, NC."

NC Indians plan conference March 12-14 in Raleigh

Education, economic development, health, employment and training, and American Indian culture will be among the issues discussed at the 17th annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference to be held March 12-14 at the North Raleigh Hilton in Raleigh. More than 600 Indians from across the state are expected to attend the event which is sponsored by United Tribes of North Carolina.

The Rev. Dr. Sam Wynn, a member of the Lumbee Tribe and executive director of the Native American International Caucus of the United Methodist Church, will deliver the conference keynote address during the opening session on Thursday, March 12. Other speakers during the conference will include S. Timothy Wapato, executive director of the Administration for Native Americans (ANA), and Lucille Dawson, ANA eastern division director.

Quinton Mills, a member of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe and a nationally known gospel singer, will perform at the conference banquet on Friday evening as will Sharon Harris, another member of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe and the reigning Miss Indian North Carolina.

A special Quincentenary Celebration will be held Thursday evening to celebrate the presence of American Indians in North Carolina for over 10,000 years and to recognize the many cultural and artistic contributions of the state's Indian citizens. Indian dancers, artists and entertainers from across the state will participate. The

Saturday morning program will feature a forum of gubernatorial candidates.

The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, a member of United Tribes of North Carolina, will be the host organization for the conference. The commission is housed within the N.C. Department of Administration.

"Governor Martin and I urge the Indian citizens of the state to attend the Indian Unity conference and let their voices be heard," Administration Secretary James S. Lofton said. "We trust all conference participants will find the many activities planned to be both informative and useful."

February 28 is the registration deadline. Conference registration is \$60 per person and includes admission to all workshops, the banquet, the Quincentenary Celebration and a breakfast. Registration also includes admission to the 1992 Miss Indian North Carolina Pageant to be held during the course of the conference. Interested persons may contact the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, 325 N. Salisbury St., Suite 579, Raleigh, N.C. 27603-5940, (919)733-5998, or their local Indian organization.

"The conference provides the Indian people of the state with the opportunity to address our problems and concerns," said Gladys Hunt of Fayetteville, president of United Tribes of North Carolina. "We hope all persons who are concerned with improving the lives of the state's 80,000 Indian citizens will attend."



Senator Terry Sanford, D-NC, recently met with high school students chosen to participate in Presidential Classroom youth leadership program. Pictured from left to right are: Philip Churchill of Durham; Rad Patterson of

Greensboro; Kristi Pearce of Boone; Anastasia Scally of Fayetteville; Noah Woods of Pembroke; and Ty Harrell of Boone.



Ten administrators from the Public Schools of Robeson County, all members of the former Robeson County Principals and Assistant Principals Association, recently donated \$2,015 to the Purnell Swett Endowed Teachers Fellowship Award at Pembroke State University, raising the endowment to \$12,657. Shown left to right are PSU Chancellor Joseph Oxendine, receiving the gift; Purnell Swett, retired superintendent of Robeson County Schools who is being honored; Agnes Chavis,

Title V chairperson of the Parents' Committee of the Public Schools of Robeson County; and Noah Woods, principal of Magnolia High School, who made the presentation. From the endowment, two PSU recipients will be selected each year to receive \$500 scholarships.

Recipients must be Native Americans completing teacher certification who obligate themselves to serve at least two years in the Public Schools of Robeson County.



Pembroke State University's Class of '52 is shown at its 40th year reunion recently. Left to right, the members are Eula Noriega, Josephus Locklear, Vertora Locklear (not a member but wife of Steve Locklear), Steve Locklear, Ward Clark, Jr., Johnny A. Locklear, Joyce Jacobs

Lowry, Lindy Martin, Maggie Lois Brooks, Molon Strickland, Jessie Maynor, Joyce Locklear (not a member but wife of Josephus Locklear), Helen S. Lowry (not a member, but a friend of Daphne Jones), Mildred M. Oxendine and Daphne L. Jones.



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JoAnn Locklear New Democratic Party Chair



Mrs. Jo Ann Locklear of Saddletree has succeeded Pembroke attorney Ronnie Sutton as Chairman of the Robeson County Democratic Party.

Mrs. Locklear who was first vice chairman of the party before assuming chairmanship, is an assistant clerk of Robeson County Superior Court.

Mrs. Locklear stated that she is excited about the challenge and that her first goal is to complete the organizing of all forty precincts in the county.

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