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Brooks & Knick to give lectures at Museum of the Cape Fear

During March, the Museum of the Cape Fear and the North Carolina Humanities Council Speakers' Bureau is sponsoring a free lecture series about Lumbee Indians. Beginning March 3, Judge Dexter Brooks will speak on "Lumbee History: Pre-Columbian Times to the Present."

A Lumbee himself, Judge Brooks' lecture will focus on the past and present status and the treatment of the Lumbee tribe as it has come face-to-face with the conflicts with Jim Crow laws, to struggles with voting rights in the modern era. Native Americans continue to strive for equal opportunities. Judge Brooks' experiences growing up in a racially segregated Robeson County will enhance the lecture.

Two more lectures are included in the series, one on March 24 and the last on March 31. Dr. Stanley G. Knick, Director of the Native American Resource Center, will give the two remaining lectures: "Lumbee Indian History

and Culture: Past and Present," and "Contemporary Issues Facing Native Americans."

The presentation of "Lumbee Indian History and Culture: Past and Present," provides an overview from prehistory to modern times. Dr. Knick will also address the issue of recognition by the federal government. The presentation will further discuss how both change and continuity have characterized the history and culture of these people.

"Contemporary Issues Facing Native Americans," concentrates on the aspects of cultural identity, stereotypes, judicial independence, government relations, religious freedom, and health and substance abuse. Some history will be examined to give more insight to this topic.

All lectures are free and begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum of the Cape Fear. The museum is located at 801 Arsenal Avenue in Fayetteville. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (919) 486-1330.

Democratic precinct meetings March 5

Robeson County Democrats have scheduled their annual precinct meeting to be held at the regular polling place on March 5 at 8 p.m.

County Democratic Chairman Jo Ann Locklear encourages all registered Democrats to attend. "We want all Democrats to attend this meeting, whether they are activists or just want to get involved with the party."

Chairman Locklear said that this is also the first step in the State Party's National Delegate selection. Persons who are interested in becoming delegates to the National

Convention should attend their precinct meetings. "The precinct level is also where all policy making of the party begins," Locklear said. "The more that people get involved in precinct meetings, the better the party can represent the views of all Democrats."

At the precinct meetings Democrats will elect delegates to the April 4th County Convention and have a chance to pass resolutions on Party policy.

For more information call Chairman Locklear at 738-5404 between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m.

Dr. Felicia Turner gives workshop on self-esteem

Dr. Felicia Turner, a self-esteem consultant for the U.S. Department of Education, gave a two-hour workshop on "Self Esteem and Top Performance" at PSU Tuesday, emphasizing IALAC, which stands for "I am lovable and capable."

Dr. Turner, a PSU graduate with a Master's and Ph.D. from Penn State University, has conducted seminars all over the nation on this and other topics and gave PSU students some ammunition to boost their self esteem.

"What you feel inside makes you face each problem that comes up...whether it is at home, at work, at church," she said.

Turner said one of the first things a person can do to help his or her self esteem is to smile. "When I look at you, I want to see some teeth," she urged. "That is a way of saying, 'I'm okay; you're okay.'"

One of the worst habits a person can have to boost his self esteem is becoming a couch potato-watching television too much. People who do this give up relating to their friends, she said.

"If you want a different attitude toward life, reach out and touch someone. This will also make you lovable and capable," said Turner. "It will combat any feelings of loneliness. Give love, appreciation and concern, and you'll get them back."

As an example of what appreciation can bring, Turner had three persons from the audience stand in front of the class and receive applause. "Clap for them!" she said. The reactions were smiles on the three persons' faces and smiles from those in the audience.

For "quick pick'er uppers," Turner suggested, "Walking on the beach (or anywhere), swinging in the park, attending a concert or play, taking a bubble bath, going out to lunch--or just getting away from it all."

She encouraged "support groups" or persons. "You need that friend," she said, "who can say frankly to you, 'Get off your lazy buns and get it done.' Or 'Turn that TV

Turner told the students they should think "positive thoughts." "Did you know that 50,000 thoughts go through your mind each day? Your mind is like a computer. You are affected by what you see or hear. So think positive thoughts. In your imagination, see yourself succeeding in giving a speech, which is the No. 1 thing that people fear doing. See yourself doing something else well. This is positive affirmation. You are saying, 'I am lovable; I am capable.'"

She urged the students to "take care of your bodies." Turner said a person who takes extremely good care of his Jaguar should value his body just as much.

To function best, Turner advised the students to know when their minds are functioning at their peak. "Get into a body rhythm of knowing how much sleep you require to function at their peak the next day," she said.

All of these things and more will help a person develop more self esteem and give top performances, she believes.

off and get it done.' If you don't have that kind of 'support,' find someone to provide it. You need someone who will help you get rid of the response that I'll do it some day."

For self esteem, Turner said a person should use a rallying cry. "In asking yourself are you better or worse as compared with others, you need to shake your fist in the air and shout: 'I'm enough!'"

Turner also provided the students a formula: E + R = O. Which means (external) Even plus (your Reaction) equals Outcome. "Many people blame the external event for the outcome," she said. "If a student gets a D in class, he blames the professor instead of himself. It's the student's responsibility to clean up his act." She said individuals can either "cave in" or respond in positive ways to determine the outcome. Turner used illustrations from her own life to exemplify this formula.

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

The weekly meeting was held at the Town and Country Restaurant with President Clay Maynor presiding.

Program chairman Juddie Revels presented Dr. Dan Barbee of the PSU Political Science Department.

Dr. Barbee spoke on the nature of violence and what is hoped can be done about it. 54 percent of all violent crimes are committed by people who know each other. The crimes are associated with poverty, alcohol, 30 percent have been beaten by a partner, most violence is committed by men, 75 percent of women who leave their beater are killed by the beater.

Factors associated with violence are attitudes, economic status, firearms, alcohol, and drugs. Between the years of 1983 and 1987 there were 2,816 deaths by violence in North Carolina.

The Rape Crisis Center served 76 victims in 1991. Dr. Barbee and Dr. Gary Willis from their studies are suggesting community education, counseling, court advocacy, support groups, referral services, all for the very young and elderly, and coalition efforts.

The problem faced by the public schools include child abuse and neglect, corporal punishment, out of school suspension- 3,292 with 655 drop outs, in Robeson County alone not to mention the drop out rate in the state.

The Club awarded \$250 to the boy scouts, chairman is Ed Teets.

Lt. Gov. Jerry Joseph spoke to the group. Visitors were from the Lumberton club.

Presiding Clay Maynor; invocation- Albert Hunt; song leader- Ed Teets; program- Juddie Revels; Reporter- Ken Johnson.

Writers conference to feature "Dances with Wolves" actress

By Barbara Braveboy-Locklear
SPECIAL TO THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE

A bit of the academy award winning film "Dances with Wolves" comes to North Carolina in two weeks with the appearance of Doris Leader Charge at the North Carolina Women Writer's Conference in Winston-Salem on March 13-15.

The Lakota (Sioux) tutor turned actress will open the three-day conference as a keynote speaker. She will be introduced by Linda Oxendine, chairperson of the American Indian Studies Department at Pembroke State University. Leader Charge will bring to the lectern an address on "The Native American Woman and The Oral Tradition."

Leader Charge is not given self-promotion. Nor is she fully accustomed to her new-found notoriety as the woman who taught Kevin Costner how to dance with wolves - or at least speak to them. In addition to her work on the hit film in May 1989, Leader Charge was also language coordinator for "Son of the Morning Star," ABC's critically acclaimed four-hour production based on Evan S. Connell's novel about George Armstrong Custer's campaign to destiny in the Plains Indian Wars. She played a key role in "Dances with Wolves" when she served as dialect coach to the cast and played the role of Pretty Shield, wife of Chief Ten Bears in the movie.

The mother of four teaches Lakota language and culture at Sinte Gleska College, a tribal college on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. Born and raised on the 7,000-square-mile reservation, Leader Charge learned Lakota from her grandmother, who spoke no English. At 14, her regular schooling stopped when she quit to begin working to help support her family. By 21, her own marriage of five years ended after her husband died of a heart attack. At 27, she married a fellow Sioux, Fred Leader Charge, who now serves as a counselor at Sinte Gleska College. Several years after marrying her second husband, Leader Charge resumed her own long-interrupted studies, earned a degree in elementary education and began teaching Lakota there as well.

Although 12 credit hours away from a master's degree, she does not describe herself as a scholar in the traditional sense of the word. But at 61, she brings to her students a world of experience not found in textbooks.

She is praised by college officials as an example of Sinte Gleska's philosophy of being integral to the lives of the students of the college which at once appears as both a two-year and four-year institution they say.

"Basically, we are a community college that happens to offer a bachelor's and master's degree," says Sinte Gleska Vice President Cheryl Crazy Bull. "Doris is a good role model for our students. She came from a typical reservation life."

When actor-director Kevin Costner and producer Jim Wilson went to South Dakota in early spring of 1989 to film "Dances With Wolves," their biggest problem wasn't finding the 3,500 buffalo, two wolves, 100 horses, 36 tepees and 175 Native American extras needed to give the film an authentic look. It was how to re-create an all but lost language-the Lakota dialect spoken by Sioux tribes in the 1860's when the movie takes place.

"Of all the extras, not one of them was a fluent Lakota speaker," says Wilson. "Then someone recommended Doris Leader Charge."

"I was surprised when a movie producer called and asked me to translate a script because I really didn't know what a script was," Leader Charge says. "I had never seen one."

Leader Charge insisted on reading the script before consenting to the translation project. She says she was "deeply impressed" with the script and adds that the film "showed the mutual care and support, the sense of humor that characterizes our people."

Only in Robeson by Joe Frybread

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to WLUM. I'm Joe Frybread your host today and our special guest is Dr. Joseph Oxendine, chancellor of the university.

Frybread: Welcome, Dr. Oxendine to WLUM.

Oxendine: Thank you, Frybread.

Frybread: Chief Joseph we have been hearing an awful lot lately about the university mascot. Now what is your position on the subject today?

Oxendine: Well, Frybread as I said in my press release my position is this and I'll stick to it.

Frybread: That's very clear, Dr. Oxendine and by the way, that was a great press release...pretty writing that is. Where did you learn to write like that?

Oxendine: Philadelphia.

Frybread: Philadelphia. I love that Mississippi cooking. I spent a few nights in jail in old Philadelphia, Mississippi during an AIM protest back in the 60's.

Oxendine: No. No, Frybread. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Frybread: Uh, I didn't know that we had any Indians in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Oh well. Now that the mascot issue is over, what do you have planned for the university?

Oxendine: I'm glad you asked that question, Frybread because just today we decided to remove that unsightly arrowhead from the campus.

Frybread: The arrowhead? But that's a historical marker!

After the script was translated into Lakota words and thought patterns, Leader Charge and White Hat, a Lakota Holy Man, made recordings of individual parts, which the actors used to learn their lines.

When first asked to take the part of Pretty Shield, Leader Charge declined because of her teaching obligations at Sinte Gleska College. Kevin Costner persuaded the college's vice president to grant her an extended leave until the movie was completed. She earned \$23,800 for her six months in working on the film.

Apart from the windfall, Leader Charge notes little has changed. "We have such a struggle down here just to get



Doris Leader Charge in the role as "Pretty Shield" in "Dances with Wolves."

groceries and make payments." With her modest teacher's salary of \$17,000, Leader Charge says the extra money came in handy. Shortly before she and her husband moved into their \$5,500 two-bedroom frame house in the reservation town of Parmelee seven years ago, vandals had broken the windows and punched holes in the walls. With the movie money, Leader Charge was finally able to pay for repairs, then bought a new refrigerator, a stove, a washer and a dryer.

The Sioux life is softened by a great equality, with mutual respect between women and men and complementarity in their roles. It is this message that Leader Charge will deliver to hundreds of women writers and attendees at the upcoming North Carolina Women Writers' Conference.

Billed as the biggest conclave of writers of either sex ever assembled in the state, with no fewer than 120 writers actually participating at some point, the conference is filled with seminars, talks, scholarly papers, productions, gatherings, receptions, banquets, luncheons, and formal speeches.

Lumberton's own Jill McCorkle will join three others in a panel discussing "The Toughest Scene I Ever Wrote." Pembroke native Barbara Braveboy Locklear will be one of three panelists discussing "Exploring Our Time, Our Place."

Though all sessions will be open and free to the public, those who want to take part in all the "eating sessions" can pay a registration fee. Information about registration can be had from the North Carolina Writer's Network in Carrboro, call 919-967-9540.



Dr. Felicia Turner... Talks about how to build self esteem.

RCC registration March 2

Registration for the Spring Quarter at Robeson Community College will be Monday, March 2, 1992 in the RCC Student Center, Building 13. Completed applications for admission must be on file prior to registration.

Classes will begin Wednesday, March 4, 1992. Financial Aid is available. For more information, please call RCC Admissions Office at 738-7101 ext 254.