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## PSU Retired Professor Dr. Otis Carnes Wake Forest Researchers Seek Indian Traces

Dr. Carnes, a member of the city faculty, died in Tyler, Tex., May 29, in Tyler, Tex.

Carnes, a retired professor of philosophy and literature at PSU, died in a Tyler hospital following a lengthy illness.

Carnes, whose residence was in Troup, Tex., was buried in Bradford Cemetery in Troup. Carnes had resided in Troup since 1978.

Born in 1902 in Martinsville, Tex., Carnes graduated from Nacogdoches, Tex. High School and received his Bachelor of Arts in English from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches in 1932.

He graduated from Yale University Divinity School with a Bachelor of Divinity in 1935 and earned his doctorate in theology from

Boston University's School of Theology in 1952.

Carnes was a life member of Stephen F. Austin University's Alumni Association and a member of the Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. He was

a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary and a member of First United Methodist Church of Troup where he taught Sunday School.

Survivors include his wife, Savannah Cross Carnes; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ann and Elam Coney; a niece, Sharon Hayden, all

of Troup; three sisters, Pauline Foster, Troup; Norine Carnes and Cleo Carnes, both of Houston;

and five grandchildren, Leslie Lockey, Lisa Lockey, Eddie Lockey II, Lance Youngs and Allan Youngs.

Memorial may be made to the Eddie Lockey and Otis Carnes memorial Scholarship Fund at Stephen F. Austin University.



DR. OTIS G. CARNES

Traces of the Indians who welcomed Christopher Columbus to the New World in 1492 are being sought by Wake Forest University researchers and students on the shore of a small island in the Bahamas.

"We are reconstructing the life of the Lucayan-Taino Indians, who have been living peacefully in villages on San Salvador Island for centuries when they encountered Columbus," says Mary Janes Berman, assistant professor of anthropology at Wake Forest and director of the University's Museum of Anthropology.

The Wake Forest group is studying, in part, what the Indians' culture was like during the centuries they lived on San Salvador.

Questions about the island's friendly natives can be answered only by digging in the island's sand, where Berman's students find beads, pendants, pottery shards, stone tools, food remains and other remnants of a people long vanished.

"There are no descendants of the Lucayan-Taino Indians," Berman says. "The island's earliest Indian site excavated in the Bahamas. Evidence uncovered by the Wake Forest group shows the Indians were still living there when Columbus came ashore about two miles away. Columbus' purported landing site is being studied by a researcher from another university."

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enclave by Spaniards and forced to work until their death in the mines of Hispaniola, the West Indies island now divided into Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

"The work and living conditions were totally inhumane," says Berman, who is co-director of Wake Forest's field school on San Salvador. Her husband, Perry Gnivecki, co-directs the summer study program and is a research associate in Wake Forest's anthropology department.

Likely, other Indians fled the island or died of European illnesses previously unfamiliar to them, such as smallpox. Berman estimates that the Lucayan-Taino Indians lived simply and peacefully in several villages on the island for at least 700 years before their destruction. Traveling from Cuba, the Indians immigrated to San Salvador about 800 A.D. Others came from Hispaniola about 1,000 A.D.

The Wake Forest excavation area, known as the Three Dog Site, is the earliest Indian site excavated in the Bahamas. Evidence uncovered by the Wake Forest group shows the Indians were still living there when Columbus came ashore about two miles away. Columbus' purported landing site is being studied by a researcher from another university.

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Study of Archaeology, Biology, Geology and Marine Science. The station is one of two major enterprises on the island, which is only about 12 miles long and six miles wide. The other is a small inn.

"It's not anything like living in a dormitory room at college," says Wake Forest senior Laura Burton of Athens, Ga., who has spent two summers in the spartan quarters offered by the old Navy base. The walls are cement block and sheet metal, mostly.

"For some students it's hard, because they're used to the luxuries of western culture," says Burton, who received class credit for both of her trips. "I enjoyed it because I like adventure." Burton admits digging for evidence of a previous culture on a hot beach can be tedious work, but she insists "it's important to learn how life was on the island before Columbus came."

"By learning about past ways of life, we can better understand our own lives," adds Burton, who received a bachelor's degree in anthropology this spring at Wake Forest and plans to earn a graduate degree in anthropology.

Burton anticipates returning one day to see how another newcomer, a Club Med resort now under construction affects life on the island. It is scheduled to open in October, in time for a Columbus commemoration.

### Our Men In Uniform

June 3, (FHTNC)— Navy Seaman Donnie Locklear, son of Harleen and Donnie Locklear Jr. of Pembroke, N.C., 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. The 1991 graduate of Purnell Sweet High School joined the Navy in February 1992.

### National Accreditation

The laboratory at Southeastern General Hospital has been awarded a two-year accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on results of a recent on-

pre-natal to 5 years. We also want to increase membership to help support programs for youths including sports, scouting for both boys and girls.

The Club voted to buy two complete baseball uniforms for the All-Stars team at a cost of \$100. Kiwanian Bill Oxendine made the motion to present Mr. Lacy Jacobs with the donation.

The lawn mower donated by Pembroke Furniture Co. is our fund raiser for the 4th of July Home Coming. Tickets are \$1 and may be obtained from any Kiwanian.

Presiding- Clay Maynor; Song Leader- Ed Teets; Invocation- Reggie Strickland; Reporter- Ken Johnson.

## Columnist says it just doesn't get any better than this

(Editor's note: The following is a syndicated column by Chuck Stone, who was commencement speaker at Pembroke State University May 9. His column appears in over 90 newspapers with this clipping being from the Philadelphia Daily News, for whom Stone wrote before becoming the Walter Spearman Professor of Journalism and Mass Communication at UNC-Chapel Hill)

Pembroke, N.C. — "This is a day that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it," the Rev. Jerry Lowry prayed. If God is a multicultural advocate (and she is), then it just doesn't get any better than this; a Native American Methodist minister, quoting a Psalm by a Jewish king at a predominantly white Southern University in the Lumbee tribe's heartland, whose commencement speaker is a black Baptist.

The Lumbees are America's second-largest tribe. But because of opposition by North Carolina's courtly antediluvian, Sen. Jesse Helms, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has refused to recognize the Lumbees as a legitimate tribe. Writing that last sentence, I was struck by how silly it is.

Here we are celebrating a 500th anniversary of the historical nonsense that Columbus "discovered" a land where people had thrived for centuries, and we're still talking about whether they should be "recognized!"

For decades, the three races—white, black and Indian—in Lumbee heartland, Robeson County, mostly went their separate ways.

Under Dr. Joseph B. Oxendine, Pembroke State University's chancellor, the campus has been forging closer ties among the three races. Pembroke State's student body is 64 percent white, 24 percent Indian and 11 black. So it was an exquisitely appropriate setting for my commencement tribute to "the crossover generation."

"Before you," I told the radiantly multicultural faces of 503 graduates, "there were the free speech activists, the Vietnam War protesters and the 'me' generations."

"But you are the crossover generation. Look at your musical and recreational worlds. Your musical tastes range from Michael Jackson and the rap litanies of Ice-T to the lyrical sensuousness of Madonna and the country music of Wynonna Judd.

"Even while Los Angeles, like Rome, was burning, it still didn't stop hundreds of white and black kids from overflowing the auditorium each night to catch television's philosophical king of multiculturalism, Arsenio Hall."

"...As the crossover generation, you are a moral locomotive for progress—an insistent voice for multiculturalism in the university curriculum—laid back partners in interracial marriages that have tripled in the last 25 years.

"This is a wonderful nation blessed with extraordinary wealth. But it is also a nation of hopeless homeless, rural poverty, racial polarization and sexist oppression..."

"This is a time of testing. Jobs are plentiful. But the crossover generation is well endowed with brains and bravery. We expect you to succeed where we have failed.



CHUCK STONE  
Pow Wow Planned In Maryland July 4-5

The American Indian- Inter-Tribal Cultural Organization, Inc. (AIITCO) announced plans today for its tenth annual POW WOW to be held at the Garrett County Fairgrounds, Rt. 219, McHenry, Maryland, on July 4-5, 1992. The Pow Wow will run from 10a.m.-10p.m. on Saturday and from 10a.m. to 5p.m. on Sunday.

The Pow Wow will mark the eighth consecutive year this event has been held in Garrett County. Since 1985, the Pow Wow has brought an increased interest in Native American Culture to the area.

Traditional American Indian singing and dancing will be featured on all days of the pow wow. Members of a number of tribes from many states including Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, New York, North Carolina, Florida, Virginia, California, and Maryland are expected to attend. There will also be a number of vendors offering a wide selection of Native American foods and arts and crafts.

Admission is \$4.00 for adults; children under 12 are admitted without charge, and there is free parking. Special seating and parking for handicapped persons are available. Spectators are welcome and cameras are permitted. Admission to fairgrounds after 8:30p.m. on July 4, is free for purposes of viewing County fireworks display. For more information, contact AIITCO at Twinbrook Station, P.O. box 775, Rockville, Md. 20848-0775, 301-963-7284 or 703-752-5554 (This pow wow is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Garrett County Arts Council and the Maryland Arts Council).

## Five PSU Students are Interning at station in four states

Five Pembroke State University telecommunications students are interning this summer at stations in four states

Four of the students are in the news department, while one is in production and programming.

"These students receive a solid foundation with our program at PSU," said Dr. Oscar Patterson, PSU director of telecommunications who is in charge at WPSU-TV, Pembroke State's public TV facility.

"At no other school in North Carolina do students get the on-the-job experience they do at PSU," said Patterson. "WPSU-TV is a student-operated television facility."

Curtis Pair of Fayetteville is interning at WTVD-TV of Durham, while another Fayetteville student,

Albert Scruggs, is with KTVI-TV in St. Louis. Both are in the news department.

Charles Malloy of Southern Pines is doing his internship with WECT-TV's bureau in Lumberton, also in the news department.

Tashoma Jessup of White Oak is working in news for WPDE-TV in Florence, S.C. Laurie Soskis of Glenwood Land, N.Y. is working with the cable system in Long Island, N.Y. She is interning in the production and programming areas.

The experience that these PSU students are gaining will help them find good jobs after graduation because, as Dr. Patterson, "they learn everything—from production to reporting the news."

## Pembroke Kiwanis

Program Chairman Larry Chavis introduced Mrs. Hope Shepard, Secretary for the Institutional Advancement of PSU and spokeswoman for the March 17th, 1993 Very Special Arts Festival to be held on the campus of Pembroke State University. Kiwanis Club has donated \$250 plus adopting a child for \$10, by each member. The program is similar to the Special Olympics but is in music, drama and the arts. There will be some artists skilled in painting with their feet and by mouth. Mrs. Sheppard felt

very fortunate in having too healthy children not needing a Special Arts program but just think what the special means to about 2,000 handicapped children, and adults. "Please help me to get other organizations and groups to help raise money for the Festival."

One Wilmington Kiwanis Club visitor donated \$10, maybe the others did also.

Lt. Gov. C.D. Gruganus from Wilmington spoke outlining the major emphasis for all Kiwanis Club being on the young child from

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