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LRDA planning largest cultural event ever held

Lumbee Regional Development Association has announced that it is planning the largest American Indian Cultural Event ever held in N.C. The Lumbee Tribes Annual Pow-Wow and Fall Festival will be held November 6th and 7th at the N.C. Indian Cultural Center. This event is being made possible by two (2) grants from the N.C. Arts Council and with the assistance of N.C. Indian Cultural Center, Town of Pembroke, and Robeson County Title V Indian Education Program. The event will offer \$10,000 in prize money pay out to the best American Indian Dancers

and musicians from the local area, N.C. and from across the United States and Canada. This amount of prize money pay out to Indian artists will make it the largest such event ever held in the history of North Carolina.

The Congress of United States this year passed legislation that henceforth designate November as National "American Indian Heritage Appreciation Month", and President Bush proclaimed this "The Year of the Indian" commemorating the 500 years since Columbus. The Lumbee Tribe will commemorate its 500 years

of survival through traditional ceremonies that highlight and celebrate 40,000 years of existence in North Carolina. The best adult male and female dancers judged best in their respective dance competition category will be awarded \$1,000.00 each. The best male and female fancy dancers winners in their categories will also be awarded \$1,000.00 each. There will be competition categories for youth and children, even to tiny tots. The best drumming group will win \$800.00.

The Pow Wow and Fall Festival will have special ceremonies to honor American Indian Veterans and Lumbee Farmers who not only help their local communities but who also help feed the world with crops of corn and beans that their ancestors have grown for thousands of years.

The Festivals will feature not only traditional American Indian art forms

but also will feature traditional Indian foods for sale, and American Indian crafts and handmade goods. In celebrating 500 years of post Columbus survival Congressman Charlie Rose and Senator Terry Sanford have been invited to the event to speak briefly about their plans for the Lumbee Recognition bills in the 1993 session of Congress. Other local officials and State officials will be invited to attend. The goals of the project for the two (2) day event is to attract nearly 15,000 people. Friday, November 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Will be school day and county schools, day care and Head Start centers are encouraged to begin planning to attend this event now to expose school children to a quality program of American Indian Culture and History. Food Vendors and crafts traders will be accepted by application process only. For more information call LRDA at (919) 521-8602.

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Ray Littleturtle served as MC

Robeson County Think-Tank plans upcoming events

The Robeson County Think-Tank and its Legislative Issues Subcommittees have been vigorous in their efforts to develop the Legislative Agenda for Robeson County.

"I could not be more pleased with the leadership roles accepted by the subcommittee chairs, recorders, and interested citizens to respond to the call for action. Their efforts attest to the fact that change is needed in Robeson County; that we can do a better job to build a better future for our citizenry; and that we can work together with other groups that are about initiatives," Frances Cummings, newly elected member of the House of Representatives said.

The Robeson County Think-Tank has planned its next two meetings for Tuesday, September 8, 1992 at 7 p.m. at the Robeson County Library on Second Street in Lumberton; Tuesday, September 22, 1992 at the O.P. Owens auditorium on Highway 72/711. The unveiling of the Legislative Agenda will be held in conjunction with the Robeson County General Assembly scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 1992 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Fayetteville Rd. in Lumberton. The Legislative Forum, a reception honoring the guest speaker, Speaker of the House Daniel T. Blue, and dinner will comprise the agenda. Former Governor Jim Hunt, Rep. Dennis Wicker and Bob Etheridge are expected to be program participants.

The public is encouraged to take an active role and support the subcommittee work sessions as well as attend each of the next three planned events.

Curator of Indian Museum writes book about Native Americans

Dr. Stanley G. Knick, director/curator of Pembroke State University's Native American Resource Center, has written a new book about Native Americans. The 106-page publication is entitled "Along the Trail: A Reader about Native Americans."

It consists of 48 readings or short sections on a variety of topics relating to Native Americans. Each reading features a glossary of words that are defined, a list of discussion questions, and suggested further references on the particular topic. Knick, who has been at PSU for six years, says, "This reader is suitable for the general public and is intended especially for use in public school grades 5 through 12 as a means to address historically-incomplete perceptions

of Native Americans." This is the first printing of 1,200 copies. The book may be ordered for \$10. Checks should be made payable to Native American Resource Center. Mail checks to: Native American Resource Center, Pembroke State University, Pembroke, N.C. 28372. For more information, call (919) 521-6282 at the Native American Resource Center. Lower prices are available for purchases in large quantities by schools and other non-profit agencies, said Knick.

Topic include: "Eastern North Carolina Prehistory and History," "The Effects of European Contact on Native Americans," "Myths and Legends," "Indian Wars in the Carolinas," "Cultures of the Eastern Woodlands," "Contemporary Issues Facing Native Americans," and many more. Knick said the book represents a year of work plus several more months of refining the material. He said it grew out of his weekly column concerning Native Ameri-

cans, which appears weekly in The Robesonian in Lumberton and The Carolina Voice in Pembroke.

"I hope," said Knick, "that all students will be encouraged to read every section carefully, to learn the glossary words, and to consider possible answers to the discussion questions. If this is done, the students at least will have opened the door to the vast body of knowledge about Native American prehistory, history, culture, and contemporary issues."

The Winn Dixie Foundation provided support in funding this first printing of the reader. Knick says he hopes "that other agencies, including the Public Schools of Robeson County and the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, will see the utility of this book and will fund the production of later printings." He added, "Every school student in North Carolina should have a copy to read."

Knick, 44, a native of Danville, Va., earned his B.A. at UNC-Greensboro and both his M.A. and Ph.D. at Indiana University. His major for all of his degrees was anthropology.

He is married to the former Susan Young of St. Louis, Mo., who provided editorial and substantive suggestions for the book. Knick has dedicated the book to Dr. Adolph Dial, founder of the American Indian Studies Department at PSU who, Knick says, "helped bring me to the land of the Lumbee"; to Mrs. Jance C. Oxendine, "whose personality and influence in Indian arts and crafts helped keep me here"; and to Vernon Cooper, "a traditional healer with faith and herbs who helped me understand why I was here in the first place." All are from Robeson County. Knick also expressed his thanks to Shelia Johnson, secretary of the Native American Resource Center, for her assistance.

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Human Relations Committees to meet

On Tuesday, September 8, 1992, the following committees will meet at 6:00 p.m. All committee meetings will be held at the Human Relations Office, 108 Elizabethtown Rd., Lumberton, North Carolina. The Committees are: Executive, Community Relations, Economic Development and Education. Immediately following the committee meetings, the Human Relations and Unity Commis-

sion will meet, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Committee and Commission meetings are open to the public. The public is encouraged to contact their district Human Relations representative or the Human Relations Office at 671-3155 for further information. Applications for Commission membership are available upon request.

RCC Board of Trustees

Nell Reising administers the oath of office to newly appointed Robeson Community College Trustees. Pictured left to right are Reising, Mr. James McLean of Maxton, Mr. Harbert Moore of Prospect and Mr. Franklin Biggs of Lumberton. The RCC Board of Trustees is comprised of twelve members, four of whom are appointed by the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, four by the Public Schools of Robeson County Board of Education, and for by the Governor of North Carolina. Each member serves a term of four years. Mr. McLean was appointed by the County commissioners, Mr. Moore by the Board of Education and Mr. Biggs is a Governor's appointee.

LRDA awarded a \$183,000 grant from the Social Security Administration

Lumbee Regional Development Association has received through a national competitive grant process, an award of \$183,000 from the national Social Security Administration to implement a Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid outreach project in Robeson, Hoke and Scotland Counties.

The project will involve LRDA hiring outreach workers to go into the various Indian communities to identify those individuals and families who are eligible to receive SSI and Medicaid services and are not currently participating in these national federal programs.

The goal of the project is to have nearly 600 individuals processed to receive SSI or Medicaid benefits by the end of the 12-month project.

The eligible individuals who will be approved for SSI will receive monthly checks that will help that family or individual and also potentially put several million dollars into the local economy, according to LRDA staff reports.

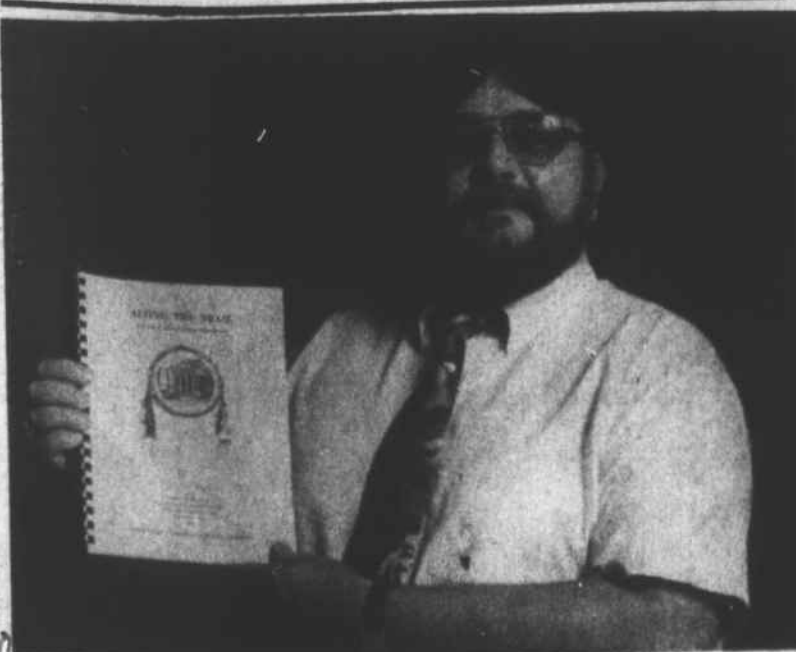
Four outreach workers will be hired to work Robeson, Hoke and Scotland Counties to identify those eligible for these federal benefits.

The LRDA workers will work closely with the local Social Security Administration offices and Department of Social Services to help clients through the eligibility and intake process.

Many Lumbee households have eligible SSI and Medicaid individuals, but aren't aware that they are eligible and how to seek the benefits out, according to the staff.

In receiving announcement of the new grant, LRDA Chairman Adolph Blue stated that, "This is good news and will allow LRDA to add a new service that is needed in our communities. This will help put money in eligible needy households which will also put more money into the local economy."

The project will have a start up date of November 1st and more information will be available in the media as this project is implemented in November, according to Blue



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