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Lumbee Rolls Close Until Passage Of The Lumbee Bill

In a unanimous vote, the LRDA Board of Directors on March 29 voted to keep the Lumbee Tribal Rolls closed until passage of the Lumbee Bill. According to the Enrollment Director, Ruth B. Locklear, rolls were closed 8/27/91 by the LRDA Board of Directors. Upon enactment of HR 334, the Lumbee Bill, rolls reopen for a period of 180 days.

During these 180 days, only those previously enrolled with another tribe or group who (a) meet the Lumbee enrollment criteria and (b) agree to relinquish their membership in the other tribe or group may be enrolled. Any individual not enrolled at time of enactment of the Lumbee bill, or during the 180 day period, may be enrolled after the tribe has elected a tribal constitution.

According to the Enrollment Office, the action adopted by the LRDA Board does not affect any student named on an Indian Education School Roster received on or before 8/27/1991, or any individual who applied for membership card. The Enrollment Office has several applications, received on or before 8/27/1991, which cannot be completed until the applicant provides additional information.

While rolls are closed, the Enrollment Office will continue to accept applications for tribal membership. Ruth B. Locklear states that these applications will be kept on file until rolls are open. Also, the Lumbee Enrollment Office will continue to provide certification of Lumbee descent for any non-enrolled individual requiring evidence of American Indian descent. For further information, contact the Lumbee Tribal Enrollment Office at (919) 521-2462

Genealogical Glimpses

by Elisha Locklear

SEINING
In the local Indian communities there were many ways over the years to take fish and game. One that has stood out in my mind from childhood involved the use of a sein. This item consisted of some very strong nylon net-like material approximately four feet deep, and could be up to 20 or 30 yards long rolled up at each end on a pole that might be near six or seven feet high.

Now, setting nets could be licensed and therefore was alright to do. Seining was not a way of fishing that the authorities liked, because once you went into a small lake or slough and did a good job of seining, the old folks had a term for the condition of that lake or slough, they would say that it was pretty much skinned as far as having any more fish in it.

The method of seining was pretty simple, first you had a man on each end holding the poles. Then you had a man beside that man stirring the water scaring the fish and running them a head of the sein. Two or three men would start at the opposite end of the lake or slough and rush or stir the water which would cause the fish to panic and run into the sein.

Many times I have been rushing beside the sein and being only eight or nine years old, the water would be as deep as my shoulders or more and having to struggle to stay on my feet, would panic when a four or five feet water moccasin would go flying over my shoulder. But we wouldn't stop fishing, we would just kill the snake or eel and just go on fishing.

Some of the most memorable events to recall from childhood are those that are so rich in the culture and heritage of our great people. Seining

was an art that once perfected by local Indian boys set them apart. They were looked to by many of the elders to supply them with fish. For many years the people of Brooklyn was blessed with a good crop of fishermen. Some who were renowned and will always be remembered for this skills and prowess that was passed down to succeeding generations of boys from uncle to nephew or father to son came from families who were born and raised on the river.

Several of the better known fishers, especially as it related to seining were Lonnie Brooks, Douglas Brooks, Lacy Jacobs all of the same generations who had been trained by their uncle, John Rowland Brooks or Uncle Douglas Brooks. These men could go into Lumber River Swamp at night without lights find their way in and out sloughs, lakes etc. and come away with about as many fish as might one of the tour boats going in to the gulf stream. There was never a shortage of snakes while the seining was going on, if you lit a splinter or turned on a flashlight to check the sein, the water moccasins were so plentiful that you could see them coming from all directions toward the light and everyone was usually barefoot standing in the water.

But there was not as much fear of the snakes as one might experience today, because even though there was a lot of them, we very seldom has a person to get snakes bit from being exposed to them. The seine will, if it hasn't already become a relic and will soon be forgotten by many of our people, but these are many great memories to be treasured because of this style of feeding ones family.

Rep. Sutton Appointed to Advisory Council

Rep. Ronnie Sutton, NC House of Representatives, District 85, was appointed by the Honorable Daniel T. Blue, Jr., Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, to serve on the State Advisory Council on Indian Education.

Speaker Blue commended Rep. Sutton for his willingness to serve and his desire to contribute to the Council and to the people of

North Carolina. Rep. Sutton, a Lumbee Indian, representing part of Robeson and Hoke Counties, indicates that he is looking forward to serving on the board and being involved in Indian education issues.



Dr. Freda Porter-Locklear



Kenneth Brayboy

Porter - Locklear Lectures at 'MathFest '93' In Atlanta

Dr. Freda Porter-Locklear, assistant professor of mathematics at Pembroke State University, recently gave a lecture on "Hyperbolic Difference Equations" at "Mathfest '93" a conference for undergraduates in mathematics held at Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga.

Her talk concerned applying numerical techniques to hyperbolic partial differential equations and the examinations of two applications with this technique. Selected as the PSU student to accompany her to the conference was Kenneth Ray Brayboy of Pembroke, a senior majoring in mathematics. Brayboy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Brayboy, is a PSU Chancellor's Scholar, the winner of the PSU Mathematics undergraduate award last year, and also

the winner of the PSU general chemistry award.

Brayboy plans to attend graduate school at Northwestern University and enter the field of operations research. He is in Porter-Locklear's class in applied mathematics. Porter-Locklear earned her B.S. at PSU, her M.S. at NC State University, and her Ph.D. at Duke University, all in the field of applied mathematics. She has been invited to give several presentations on her research in such

places as the Wave Propagation Laboratory in Boulder, Colo., the National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, Okla., and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration-Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va.

Unity-What it Could Mean To Our Native People!

I recently attended the Unity Conference in Fayetteville and had some interesting thoughts come to mind. In the following paragraphs, I intend to share these thoughts with the readership.

Take a moment to think of the Native Americans that are a part of your personal circle, in doing this you probably realize that there is a lot of expertise, promise, talent, intelligence, and hope available to each of us as Native Americans. Wouldn't it be nice to help other Natives achieve some of your personal goals? Well, I really believe that this is a realistic goal. There are many avenues open to us in making these goals a reality, they will not cost us anything extra. When you need to make purchase for your personal use, please check the availability in the Native American community. We all have special talents, so why not share your special talents with some Native people young and old. Some of us have been successful in the business communities throughout the United States, so why not invest in the future of our future Natives. We could do this by providing contributions to educational institutions throughout North Carolina for distribution to deserving Native Americans. If you need help in performing a task or service use Natives whenever possible. Do not misunderstand me, I am not suggesting that Native American heritage be the only criteria that be applied in your decision making process. I am SUGGESTING that since there are qualified Natives who could help meet your needs, why not use this resource. What would happen in North Carolina if we put aside our petty differences and worked together to achieve our political goals that would benefit us all? What would happen if all the various tribes of Native Americans in North Carolina worked with each other to accomplish common and individual goals? What would happen if we truly cared for our fellow Natives as we care for ourselves? The answer to all these questions is that we could realize greatness for Native Americans individually as well as collectively.

I spent most of my time at the Unity Conference talking with other Natives about some of these same issues and found that most of these individuals felt the same as I did. What we need now is for all these concerned individuals to make a commitment to contributing positively to the native American population. I am now making a commitment to all Native Americans to use my expertise, talents, and intelligence to further the cause of Native Americans in North Carolina and the United States. My non-Native name is J. Michael Clark and I am the proud son of Estelle and Raymond Clark. I am an Architect whose goal is to resurrect Native American architecture.

(Loca' E Easli'kv (Painted Turtle)

Final Registration

Final Registration is now being held for the 15th Annual Bryan Adrian Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and Girls ages 5 through 18 are eligible. Included on the 1993 Camp Staff are: Bobby Hurley (Duke) George Lynch (UNC) Chris Corchiani (NBA) John Crotty (NBA) Malcolm Mackey (Ga. Tech) Henry Williams (UNCC) Rodney Monroe (NBA) and Bryant Stith (NBA). There are several camp locations including Charlotte, NC Greensboro, NC Hickory, NC and Spartanburg, SC. Call anytime for a brochure at (704) 372-3236. Final registration will be held up through May 25, 1993.

Say You Read It In The Carolina Indian Voice-Call 521-2826

LREMC Adopts New Program To Assist Member Consumers

The Board of Directors of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation recently announced the adoption of a new program designed to assist co-op members meet their energy needs. Through a voluntary program, funds will be collected and distributed to qualifying members next winter.

Designed after similar programs conducted by other co-ops and utilities, the program will depend solely on voluntary funds from members, who may sign up to have either 50 cents or \$1.00 added to their monthly electric bills, resulting in annual contribution from a co-op consumer of \$6.00 or \$12.00. These funds will be set aside specifically to assist other LREMC members experiencing a heating crisis.

The funds will be administered under the same criteria used by Social Services for the National Crisis Intervention Program and the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. According to Madie Rae Locklear, board member and chairperson of the committee responsible for developing the project, "The committee feels very strongly about this project. We know that every year we have members who desperately need assistance.



Madie Rae Locklear



Ronnie Hunt

This just seems like an excellent way for the co-op and our members to help others. We hope this will be a successful project, and that a lot of our members volunteer to donate." Mrs. Locklear went on to say that the committee picked .50 Cents as a donation because they wanted everyone to be able to participate. "We believe the vast majority of our members can afford .50 cents a month," she said. Ronnie Hunt, general manager of LREMC, said that other co-ops and utilities in North and South Carolina have had this type of project

for a number of years and have reported great success with it.

"In developing LREMC's program, we reviewed what the others were doing and picked what seemed to work best. I really hope our members will support this project, Hunt commented.

Lumbee River EMC will begin collecting the funds on bills rendered in May of 1993, but members may sign up at any time or may cancel their donations anytime after the first 12 months. The co-op hopes to release the first funds in November or December of 1993.

Substance Abuse: What Teens Should Know

Understanding why a loved-one or a friend is a substance abuser isn't easy, especially for teenagers. Many young adults whose lives are affected by substance abuse try to keep it a secret. They often think their situation is unique, making them different from other teens.

What they should know is that one of every three families in the United States is affected by substance abuse, accounting for approximately 28 million young people who share the same problems and fears.

To help teenagers better understand what substance abuse is and how it affects people, Little Caesars Pizza has developed the brochure "Understanding Substance Abuse; Teen Rights and Responsibilities." The brochure, which was written in cooperation with Maple Grove Centers for Chemical Dependency and a Detroit area school district health coordinator, was created as an educational tool to help teenagers make healthy decisions for themselves.

It provides them with helpful information about:

- parents and friends who are substance abusers
 - physical and emotional safety
 - promoting a drug-free society
- Additionally, the brochure explains to teens how alcohol and other drugs affect non-drug users as well as users, why choosing friends carefully is important, and what their rights and responsibilities are when dealing with a substance abuser.

Each year, more than 24,000 deaths result from alcohol-related highway accidents. This figure in-

cludes young adults who were either riding with someone or driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Tips that also appear in the brochure on how teens can protect themselves include:

- Refuse to ride with someone who is driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs—this includes parents, as well as friends.
- Say no when offered a chemical substance, including alcohol.
- Avoid social events where substance abuse activities are taking place. (Find other enjoyable activities to do with your friends.)
- Talk to people about your problems and concerns.
- Seek out anti-substance abuse groups for support.

To receive a copy of Little Caesars newest brochure, produced in conjunction with the carry-out pizza chain's "Let's Grow Up Smart" anti-substance abuse education program, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Little Caesars Pizza, "Understanding Substance Abuse; Teen Rights & Responsibilities," Corporate Communications, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201.

Rep. Sutton's term begins immediately and expires on January 30, 1995.