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Shown left is Capt. Bobby Dean Brayboy. Shown right is Lt. Commander Annie Laurie Brayboy.

Lumbee Native Becomes Full Officer of the U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps

by Barbara Braveboy-Locklear

In a private military ceremony held recently in Tucson, Arizona, Lieutenant Commander Annie Laurie Brayboy of Tempe, Arizona was augmented as a full officer of the U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps. Captain Bobby Dean Brayboy, her cousin, administered the oath to the 38-year-old Robeson County, NC native. Lt. Commander Brayboy voluntarily entered the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and has served at the Sacaton Service Unit, Phoenix Area Indian Health Service since December 1986.

The Tempe resident currently serves as Director of the Regional Treatment Center at the Hu Hu Kam Indian Hospital in Sacaton, Arizona where she directs a mental health/social service program serving the needs of approximately 13,000 members of the Gila River Pima and Maricopa Indian tribes. She is responsible for planning, coordinating, organizing, directing and evaluation all aspects of the program located on the Gila River Indian Reservation in Sacaton. As director of the Adolescent Regional Treatment Center for chemical dependency, Brayboy is responsible for supervising and coordinating professional/consultation and other employees with accountability to management for work planning, organization and direction of 23 employees.

She constructs, negotiates, and budgets program contracts with the Arizona Department of Community Behavior Health and Indian Health Service. Prior to accepting the current directorship, Brayboy served as a Public Health Intern with the NC Division of Health Services, Family Planning Branch in Raleigh, NC. She later took a position as a Medical Social Worker with the Indian Health Hospital in Sacaton, AZ. Lt. Commander Brayboy earned both a master's degree in Social Work and a master's degree in Public Health, Maternal and Health

from the University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill. She earned a B.S. degree from Pembroke State University in 1980.

Through the efforts of Lt. Commander Brayboy, the Sacaton Service Unit, serving the Gila River Indian Reservation, was the first in the Phoenix area to implement a cooperative multiagency and multidisciplinary team that addresses the difficult specific individual/family and general community problems of child maltreatment. Because of her knowledge and sensitivity, she is an often requested speaker at tribal, Indian Health Service, medical and nursing meetings. Her superior skills were recognized when she received a Public Health Service Citation in 1989. Brayboy is the first Social Worker appointed as director of Behavior Health Services at the Sacaton Service Unit.

Throughout her college and postgraduate years Brayboy has continuously been recognized through multiple awards. In 1992 she was named Social Worker of the Year of the Arizona Chapter, National Association of Social Workers. The same year she was awarded Social Worker of The Year, Phoenix Area Indian Health Service.

Brayboy is a 10K runner and the mother of a 16-year-old daughter, Amanda Coronado. She is the daughter of Mrs. Lee Annie Brayboy and the late Locke Craig Brayboy of Pembroke, NC. Attending the oath-taking ceremony from North Carolina were Brayboy's aunt, Elwyn Woods; Cousins Patsy B. Baker and Joy B. Locklear of Pembroke. Another cousin, Barbara Brayboy-Locklear of Lumberton also attended. The officer's daughter, Amanda, was present for the oath-taking ceremony.

ECU Graduates

East Carolina University conferred degrees and certificates of advanced study on approximately 2,000 graduates at the spring commencement May 8. Nearly 1,700 graduates received degrees at fall commencement in December. Students receiving degrees Saturday completed requirements during the spring semester. The graduates were from 90 of the 100 counties in North Carolina and from 30 other states and from 4 foreign countries.

Among those graduating from East Carolina University were Faline Locklear of Route 3, Maxton; Connie Locklear Jones of Pembroke (Doctor of Medicine); Connie Lynn Brooks of Lumberton (Doctor of Medicine).

North Carolina Indian Cultural Center...Where Are We And Where Are We Going?

As I sit here and think about the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, I am overcome with grief. I wonder why we have not progressed any further than we have to date. I recognize that this is an important project for all Native Americans in the state of North Carolina as well as for those of us outside the state who have ties back home in North Carolina. Because of this fact, we need to work together to make this dream into a reality. I feel that we all share the responsibility of this project not progressing as fast as we might want. All Native Americans, reservation as well as non-reservation, need to become a part of a team that is promoting the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center.

It would be wrong to sit back and blame others for a general lack of interest in this very important project. This is a project that will only succeed if we all work together in an unified effort. We cannot become side tracked by our own personal issues, but must work for the greater good of all Natives of North Carolina. It is all too easy to sit back and point fingers and state that the problem lies with someone else. The real truth lies in the fact that we are all responsible for the success or failure of this important project. Following is my opinion of the actions that we should pledge to support and work to accomplish in the very near future.

First, as individuals we can work to raise monies for the further development of this important project that will ensure that Native children of the future will understand their history past, present and future. We can also share with the commission our thoughts on the development of the Cultural Center. If this Cultural Center is to be a true success story then it must be a reflection of our collective input. So do not sit back and criticize those trying to make a difference on this project, but become a champion of the Cultural Center and be a part of the team that makes it happen.

Second, the members of the Commission need to be responsive to the suggestions of the Native American community. I have talked to some members of the commission for the Cultural Center and they are truly concerned about the issues brought forward by the Native American community. Those leaders working with the Cultural Center should solicit the involvement of the community at large and listen to their suggestions for the development of this project. This important project will only succeed when the Native community is solidly behind this effort. Please do not let it be said that you were one of the Natives that did not contribute to the success of this project. If this effort is not successful, the losers are our young Native Americans. Unity is our hope. Loca' E Essiki'Kv (Painted Turtle)

Pembroke Post Master Named



Gerald W. Lee was recently appointed Post Master of the Pembroke Post Office. He had previously served as acting post master for the past six months.

Lee is a native of Robeson County. He attended Orrum High School and Robeson Community College. He resides in the Raft Swamp Community. He began his career with the post office in 1975 as a substitute rural carrier in the Lumberton Post Office. In 1977 he became a clerk there.

He has served as Post Master in Ellerbe, North Carolina as well as in Cumberland, NC. Lee is married to Sheila Lee and they had two children, Heather and Nicholas.

The new post master has definite goals for improving the service at the Pembroke Post Office. "The Postal Service in the past has been budget driven. My goal is good customer service and the budget will take care of itself," Lee said.

"We aim to extend the delivery service within the city, as well as extend the window service hours," he continued. Beginning May 17th the Pembroke Post Office will be open through the lunch hour. There will be no lunch hour closing.

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There will be a Gospel Singing held Sunday, May 16, 1993, 7:00 P.M. Groups featured at the singing will be The Lumber River Quarter, The Pierce Family and Other

Local Groups. Location: Prospect United Methodist Church across from Prospect School. The Public is cordially invited.

Pembroke Club Makes Donation To Hospice



For the second consecutive year, the Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Club has shown financial support for Hospice of Robeson, a program of care for terminally ill persons and their families.

Pictured are Frances Chavis (center), president-elect of the club, who presented a check for \$100 to Hospice of Robeson Director Miriam Edwards (left) and Anne Crain, Hospice volunteer coordinator.

Softball Tournament Planned

The second annual Serious Fun Cystic Fibrosis Softball Tournament will be held June 11-13 at the St. Pauls District Recreation Park. Ten teams are needed, at \$100 per team to help make Cystic Fibrosis history! Very nice team trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams and individual trophies for the winners will be presented in the double elimination tournament. Please call Paul Terry at (919) 865-4179 to enter or for more information.

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