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Fund Raiser For Native American Bone Marrow Transplant Fund Successful

The first fund-raising event for the newly established Native American Bone Marrow Transplant Fund was a success, according to Carolyn Coronado, chairperson of the Health Committee of Indian Solidarity. The fund was established under that committee. The fund raiser was a plate sale held in the Pembroke Town Park on Friday.

According to Mrs. Coronado, many people helped to make the event successful. The organization is grateful to the Prospect Ladies Auxiliary, Mr. Delton Oxendine, Hardee's of Pembroke, Eleate Dial, Fleetwood Homes of Pembroke, Robeson Printing, Janice Bryant, Wild Turkey, LRDA's Tribal Enrollment Office, Mary Bullard and Kentucky Fried Chicken in Raeford, Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, Kelly Sanderson. All of these people and organizations made much needed contributions. Indian Solidarity is grateful to all those who participated in the plate sale.

Persons buying a plate where also given an opportunity to win a color TV. Wendell Lowery of Lowery LTD, Lumberton was the lucky ticket holder.

A goal of \$100,000 has been set by Indian Solidarity for the first year for the Native American Bone Marrow Transplant Fund. Proceeds from the fund will be used to help with medical expenses not covered by medical insurance for patients with blood diseases that require a

bone marrow transplant.

Thousands of Native Americans and other racial minorities are awaiting a "miracle match" and time is critical. Of the more than 1,600 transplants by the National Marrow Donor Program, only seven have been Native Americans. Native Americans are under represented on the Bone Marrow Registry, both as potential donors and as possible recipients. One of the reasons is a lack of funds for the initial search for a donor for a patient. For this reason the Fund was established.

Each week this newspaper will publish the names of those making a contribution to the fund and have no objections to a public announcement of their donation. Contributions may be sent to: P.O. Box 2460, Pembroke, NC 28372. Checks should be made payable to the Native American Bone Marrow Transplant Fund. Contributions are tax deductible.

This week's contributions to the Native American Bone Marrow Transplant Fund are:

Indian Solidarity (fund raiser) \$1391.04
Sandy Ridge Community Church, Rev. Don Bullard, pastor: \$187.00
Wild Turkey-\$20.00
Ronald Brooks-\$5.00
Total: \$1603.04

Chelsea House Publishers Releases Dr. Adolph L. Dial's New Book, "The Lumbee"

Chelsea House Publishers is proud to present The Lumbee, a new volume in its "Indians of North America" book series, which examines the history, life, and culture of the Lumbee. Author Adolph L. Dial describes the legacy of the Lumbee's unique history—a culture that melds European ways and native beliefs. Designed for young adults, The Lumbee, which is filled with photographs, engravings, maps, and a special color essay, will appeal to readers of all ages.

According to their own tradition, the Lumbee migrated from the Atlantic coast to present day Robeson County in North Carolina in about 1650. Although their ancestry remains a subject of debate, most Lumbee believe they are the descendants of the lost English colonists of Roanoke Island and of the Hatteras Indians. The first English settlers in the new Lumbee homeland found an English speaking native people already well established, and the Lumbee adapted quickly to European ways of dress, agriculture, and architecture—with which they were evidently already somewhat familiar.

In the first decades of the 19th century, their legal, social, and economic status began to decline with the imposition of new, more stringent racial codes by white Southerners. Through education and political activity, the Lumbee have, beginning in the 1880's claimed an every increasing degree of self determination. Their great self sufficiency, their unusually strong willingness

to accept new people and circumstances, and their unwavering love of their homeland have enabled the Lumbee to sustain a unique identity as Native Americans.

The carefully researched books in the "Indians of North America" series, designed for young adults, supply information about the significant role Native Americans have played in history and provide a better understanding of the issues and conflicts involving these groups today. (About the Author) Adolph L. Dial, a Lumbee Indian, was formerly a professor at Pembroke State University in North Carolina, where he helped to establish the Department of American Indian Studies, which he chaired. In 1976, Dr. Dial was the recipient of the Henry Berry Lowrie Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Lumbee community.

He was also named Pembroke Kiwanian of the year for his work in community service and development. Among other distinctions he received are an Honorary Doctor of Humane letters degree from Greensboro College and an honorary doctorate from Pembroke State University in 1988. His publications include The Only Land I Know: A History of The Lumbee Indians, which is recognized as the standard Lumbee history, and numerous articles on the Lumbee people. He lives in Pembroke, North Carolina.

Clark Awarded Doctor of Optometry Degree

Charles LaMotte Clark of Pembroke, NC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis M. Clark of Ft. Washington, MD, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Locklear and Mr. Raymond L. (Pete) Clark of Pembroke, was recently awarded the Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree during the 75th Commencement of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in Philadelphia.

Dr. Clark is a 1989 graduate of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC with a bachelor's degree in biology.

The Pennsylvania College of Optometry, founded in 1919, was the first independent optometric college in the

nation to grant a legislature-approved Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree.

Today, 600 students are enrolled in the four-year optometric curriculum and Master of Science degree programs in Vision Rehabilitation and Education. In addition, the college is affiliated with Hahnemann University in joint programs in education, research and patient care.

One of 17 accredited optometric schools in the nation, the Pennsylvania College of Optometry has produced 90 percent of the practicing optometrists in Pennsylvania and 20 percent of those nationwide.



To Attend Stanford University For Summer

Lumberton Senior High School sophomore August Hammonds, the daughter of Ronald and Linda Hammonds of Lumberton, will be attending the Computer Sciences/Engineering Academy at Stanford University, Stanford, California. The program is sponsored by The American Indian Science and Engineering Society through funding from Intel Corporation, Junior Engineering Technical Society and the hosting university.

This is August's third summer AISES precollege program, having studied at New Mexico State University and Iowa State University.

Selected To Attend Talented Undergraduate Women & Minorities Program

She still take part in the program from June 13 through July 24.

Locklear is the daughter of Gearlin Hunt Colon of Fayetteville and Billie H. Locklear of Raeford.

The summer program consists of six semester hours of formal course work augmented by research internships, seminars, and other educational experiences.

In his letter to Locklear, the director of the program, Ernest W. Brewer, said: "The selection committee has chosen you because of your great potential to continue and succeed in a graduate and professional educational program."

A graduate of Berean Baptist Academy in Fayetteville where she was a member of the Beta Club, Locklear attended Fayetteville State University in her freshman year, then transferred to Pembroke State.

At PSU she was the recipient of the Jetter Bernard Locklear Memorial Scholarship in 1992 and was one of three students who represented PSU at a Literary Conference in Blount, Miss. last March.

She is the recipient of the 1993 Mental Health Center Service Award in Cumberland County.

Billenna Locklear

Billenna Locklear, a senior at PSU majoring in social work, has been chosen for one of 28 slots from over 647 applicants to participate in the University of Tennessee's summer Talented Undergraduate Women and Minority Research Fellowship Program.

Accepted into Summer Program

Gary Jacobs of Rowland and Julia Gibson of Fayetteville, both juniors at Pembroke State University, have been accepted into the summer Graduate Minority Achievers Program (GMAP) at Indiana University. It has been announced by Dr. Stan Knick, director of the program for PSU. Both students will receive travel expenses, room and board, and tuition remission as well as a stipend for participating in the program. Jacobs is the son of Sarah E. Jacobs and William T. Jacobs, both of Rowland.

Gibson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson of Washington, D.C. "The GMAP offers talented minority students from Pembroke State University an opportunity to preview Indiana University during the summer between their junior and senior years with the intention of returning to Indiana University for graduate study," said Knick. Jacobs and Gibson will enroll in one upper level undergraduate course in the area of their academic

interest and complete a research project under the guidance of an Indiana University faculty mentor.

Other elements of the program include Graduate Record Exam workshops, travel to a summer academic conference, and assistance with the graduate school application process. GMAP students who are admitted to Indiana University (after they complete their studies at PSU) will receive three years of support which may include fellowships and graduate assistantships, said Knick.

At Pembroke State, Jacobs is working toward a double major in American Indian Studies and Political Science. He plans to pursue a doctorate in Anthropology. Gibson is majoring in Art and plans to pursue a master's degree in Education. Knick says the Graduate Minority Achievers Program is an excellent way for PSU to assist its best minority students in progressing toward graduate study and a professional career.



Gary Jacobs



Julia Gibson



JoAnn Locklear

JoAnn Locklear Appointed to PSU Board

Gov. Jim Hunt has appointed JoAnn S. Locklear of the Saddletree community of Robeson County to the Pembroke State University Board of Trustees effective July 1 for a four-year term. Reappointed by the governor to a four year term was Bob Caton of Lumberton. Caton completed the term of Murchison B. (Bo) Biggs of Lumberton during the past year after Biggs resigned to accept another appointment. Locklear is assistant clerk of the Robeson County Superior Court and completed a term of 1 and 1/3 years last April as chairperson of the Robeson County Democratic Party.

Locklear will have 27 years of service with the Robeson County court system in December with 15 of those years being as assistant clerk of the county's Superior Court. Caton is president of Eagle Distributing Co. of Lumberton and has been a member of the PSU Chancellor's Club since 1985. "I feel very honored to be appointed," said Locklear, a Lumbee Indian who graduated from Magnolia High School in 1963 and had taken some courses at Robeson Community College. She never graduated from college because of starting her family at the age of 19 and then working to help support them. However, she would like to attend and graduate from PSU perhaps when she retires. "I have a good feeling about PSU. Without PSU, my three children could not have had the opportunity they have. It opened doors for them and gave them a real good background."

Her three children were recently featured in an article about the three children graduating last month—two from PSU and the other (who had been a PSU graduate) receiving her doctor's degree in dental surgery from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Kevin is now studying at UNC-Chapel Hill as part of its Medial Education Development Program. He has been part of PSU's Early Medial School Selection Program with the Boston University School of Medicine.

At PSU, both Bobbi and Kevin received Indian Health Scholarships plus Kevin was a Chancellor's Scholar. "My husband, who also graduated from Magnolia High School, and I have always talked to the children about going to college—to get the education we didn't get—and they have always talked about going into the medical field," said Locklear. Locklear is the wife of Grover Locklear, who owns Pine Acres Upholstery Shop at Saddletree. She is the daughter of Thelma Smith of Pembroke and the late James K. Smith. "Education was really stressed at our house," she said. Locklear began her career at the Robeson County Courthouse in December of '66, working as record keeper with the Criminal Department. She then moved into the District Courtroom as courtroom clerk, performing that duty for five years. Next she moved into the estates and special proceedings department of the Clerk of Court's office and has been there for 20 years, the last 15 years as assistant clerk of court. She served as chairperson of the Robeson County Democratic Party from January 1992 until April 1993, replacing Ron Sutton who filed to run for the state legislature. She has also served for 14 years as church clerk of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Locklear said she is pleased by the way Pembroke State University has grown and hopes to help it continue that growth as a member of the PSU Board of Trustees.