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## Indian Education Project Highlighted at National Convention

The Title V Indian Education Project of the Public Schools of Robeson County was one of two Indian Education Projects selected to be presented as a "model of success" at the Joint Conference on Women and Ethnic Minorities of the National Education Association in San Francisco on June 28-29.

Eligibility requirements, certification of Indian students, roles and responsibilities of elected Indian Education Parent Committee members, and effective integration of culture based project activities with traditional instructional programs were discussed and presented by Dr. Ruth Dial Woods, Project Administrator of the largest funded Title V

Indian Education Project in the nation. Of special interest to conference participants were copies of student curriculum skills texts developed by districtwide teachers and projects staff to focus on local Indian history and culture of the Indians of Robeson County. The local project was recognized by the Office of Indian Education of the U.S. Department of Education in 1990 at the National Indian Education Association meeting in San Diego, California, for an outstanding curriculum development model. Dr. Woods also shared program development efforts in Robeson County that focused on supplemental and support services to Indian students through counsel-

ing, peer group activities, summer academic enrichment programs, and increased access to college and university enrichment and Indian youth development programs.

Stuart Tonemah, Director of American Indian Research and Development Corporation in Norman, Oklahoma, presented a private non-profit model for assessment of gifted education, teacher training, and summer enrichment programs and activities for gifted and talented Indian students. Several Indian students from Robeson County have participated in the gifted and talented Indian Education project at Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

## Woodhaven Offers Day Program For Persons With Alzheimer's Disease



Art T. Locklear will be attending the U.S. Air Force Academy with the class entering in July 1993. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Locklear of Rt. 3, Maxton. Art is a graduate of Purnell Swett Senior High School.



Keevin Lowery will be attending the U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School in New Port, Rhode Island with the class entering in July. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Lowery and also a graduate of Purnell Swett Senior High School.

WoodHaven's program of day health care offers two big advantages for victims of Alzheimer's disease and their families. According to John Eckert, WoodHaven administrator, this new service can provide an individualized plan of care and stimulating activities for the participant while offering respite for the family caregiver. "This is a tailored program for the person with Alzheimer's or related disease," explained Eckert. "It is not simply a drop in service." Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, irreversible neurologic disorder that causes declines in intellectual functions and in the ability to perform routine activities. As yet, the cause is unknown and there is no cure.

Generally, Alzheimer's patients have done well in routine day health programs, Eckert said. "But our day health program at WoodHaven has been specifically designed for each individual participant. With Alzheimer's disease, each patient's needs are different. That's simply the nature of the disease. Our professional staff at WoodHaven can adapt activities to each participant's level of functioning," he said. WoodHaven's adult health program is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Participants may choose to attend from two to five days per week.

"If the participant chooses to attend fewer than the full five days he or she will be scheduled on the same days each week," Eckert said.

Before joining the program, participants will visit the facilities at WoodHaven, have an interview with the center's care team who also meet with the family and develops and individualized care plan. A brief physical assessment from the participant's doctor is also required. Upon joining the day health activities, participants, depending on their individual needs and interests, can take part in sing a longs, arts and crafts projects, baking, gardening, and social activities. Lunch and snacks are provided daily.

"Our snack times have become real social events in themselves," said Eckert. WoodHaven's professionally trained staff is key to the success of the day health program according to Eckert. Nursing care coordinator is Mary Scott, R.N., and the director is Denise Jasienowski, a certified therapeutic recreation specialist. "Our specially trained staff has been working with Alzheimer's residents here at WoodHaven since 1989," Eckert explained. "That expertise has made personalized care the thing that sets our facility apart from all the others". Participants in the day health program may continue as long as they continue to benefit Eckert explained.

"They are regularly evaluated and the program updated to meet their needs", he said. "At WoodHaven we realize that persons with Alzheimer's or a related disease who are not in need of institutionalization still need services not provided at home," Eckert said. "Our day

health program is set up to provide socialization and other stimulating activities for the participants. At the same time, we can give the family caregivers a break from their daily routine," he added. For more information about the day health program for persons with Alzheimer's or related disease, call WoodHaven, located at 1150 Pine Run Drive, Lumberton, at 671-5703.

## Area Student Named To Dean's List At Johnson and Wales University



Andrea K. Sanderson

Johnson & Wales University has announced that a total of 1,981 students have been named to the Dean's list for academic achievement during the spring trimester. To receive Dean's list commendation, students must earn a cumulative point average of 3.40 or above. Founded in 1914, Johnson & Wales University is a private, coeducational institution offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in business, foodservice, hospitality and technology.

Based in Providence, R.I., Johnson & Wales also maintains campuses in Charleston, S.C., Norfolk, Va., and North Miami, Fla.

Ms. Andrea K. Sanderson was honored from Robeson County. She is the daughter of Roscoe Sanderson of Pembroke and Monnie Sanderson of Pembroke, NC. Sanderson earned an Associate Degree in Hospitality Management in May. She is presently working toward her Bachelor of Science degree in the same field.



## Scenes From Lumbee Homecoming Parade



"Strike at the Wind" actors and actresses took part in the parade. Shown above are: Robert Bryant who plays Shoemaker John; Kamelia Oxendine; and shown in the truck is artistic director David Oxendine. The drama's opening night performance was Saturday night.



Members of the Braves of Thunder Singers stepped out of the parade to serenade Mrs. Myrtle Oxendine.



The newly organized Indian Honor Association float featured several Native American Elders. Shown left to right are: Rev. Hilton Deese, Mr. James Mitchell, and Mr. J. W. Locklear.

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