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Dr. Diane Jones Named PSU Assistant Vice Chancellor

Dr. Diane O. Jones, who has been a member of Pembroke State University's administrative staff since 1973 in ever increasing positions of responsibility, has been named assistant vice chancellor for student affairs. Since 1989 she has been director of student activities, serving under Dr. James B. Chavis, PSU vice chancellor for student affairs, to whom she will continue to report in her new duties. As director of student activities, she has been responsible for the multiple events involving students, including the annual "Miss PSU" Scholarship Pageant and student homecoming activities. Her duties included the management and supervision of the total operation of PSU's Chavis Center, its services, programs, and personnel.



Dr. Diane Jones

In her role as director of student activities, she has also assisted all student organizations with their operational activities, advised the Panhellenic council, monitored budget, provided leadership training, and prepared several publications. Of her new appointment, Jones said, "I'm excited about it. This will give us the opportunity to do some things in student activities and programs that we have not done before. Being in this position will give me an opportunity to focus on the big picture of student activities."

Jones said an additional person will be hired to do some things she was doing. "I will still supervise student activities, but will become involved in some other areas like special projects," she said. Jones is the daughter of David Earl Oxendine of Pembroke and the late Nancy Dial Oxendine. She is the wife of Randall Jones of Pembroke, former president of the PSU Alumni Association and the son of the last Chancellor English E. Jones of PSU.

Dr. Jones earned her Bachelor of Science degree in business education from PSU in 1971. She received her Master of Science degree in guidance and counseling from Radford University in Radford, Va., in '72. She earned her Doctor of Education in adult and community college administration from N.C. State University in '83.

From 1972-73, she was guidance counselor at Southeastern Community College at Whiteville. She was then employed by PSU from 1973-74 as director of its special services program. From 1974-77 she was working on her doctorate at N.C. State University. From 1977-89, she was director of PSU career planning and placement. Since 1989, she has been PSU's director of student activities.

In addition to her college duties, Dr. Jones is now serving as chairperson of the Board of Directors of First Union National Bank in Pembroke, a member of the Board of Directors of the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce, a board member of "Strike at the Wind" (the outdoor drama presented each summer near Pembroke since 1976), and a member of the Board of Directors of the Palmer Drug Abuse Program, which includes both Pembroke and Lumberton.

Her professional affiliations include: the National Association for Campus Activities, the Southern Association for College Student Affairs, the American Association of University Women, the Women Administrators in Higher Education in North Carolina, and the N.C. Association for Women Deans, Administrators, and Counselors.

Dr. Jones and her husband, Randall, are the parents of two sons: Channing, 14, and David, 10.



Ronnie Hunt, General Manager of Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation, presented a check for \$2,240 to Mrs. Madie Run Locklear, Board of Directors member, for the co-op's energy assistance program, "Help A Needy Friend". The funds were raised through an Industrial Golf Tournament sponsored by the co-op.

Lumbee Youth Who Stumped President Home for Summer



Adrian Andrade is shown above with her mother, Ellen Lowry Andrade during a recent visit to The Carolina Indian Voice. Adrian is the 14-year-old Lumbee who stumped President Bill Clinton with her question about federal recognition for her people (Photo By Helen Locklear)

Federal Acknowledgment is a very important issue. And most all Lumbees have very definite opinions about what passage of HR 334 will mean to the Lumbee people. Strategists and politicians look at the improve economics and political clout that could be available with the passage of the bill. Educators are delighted with the potential for educational advancement. Others are concerned about improved health care.

But for Adrian Andrade it is a much simpler matter. Federal acknowledgment is simply "doing the right thing." Will it make her any more Indian? "Certainly not!" The 14-year-old sees the issue of federal recognition as correcting a wrong that has been done to her people, the Lumbee.

And when opportunity presented itself earlier this year, Adrian Andrade let the President of the United States know what issue was important to her. She was one of several children selected from across the nation to take part in President Bill Clinton's "Kid's Town Meeting," a nationally televised program whereby kids asked questions about issues that concerned them. She remembers vividly how nervous she was.

"During the program a little boy sitting beside me and myself had been holding our hand up since the beginning. We'd almost given up 'hope' because we were nearing the end of the program. When we went to a commercial, they said 'when we return we'll get Adrian Andrade. She's had her hand up for a long time.' I was so excited," Adrian said.

After the commercial, Adrian asked President Bill Clinton what he and his administration could be to resolve the issue of federal acknowledgment. The problem is that the Lumbee are recognized by the federal government but are denied the benefits through the Department of the Interior provided to other federally recognized tribes.

President Clinton said he didn't know anything about the issue, but he would do some research and let Adrian know.

In recalling that event, Adrian said: "I wanted him to tell me everything and not beat around the bush. I guess I wanted him to say 'here, you can have it.'"

When asked if she was disappointed with President Clinton's response, Adrian said, "No. I was happy that he wrote back. I expected him to do what he said. I thought he was being honest when he said he didn't know. And I believed he would find out and do what he said."

President Clinton's letter to Adrian was dated April 3, 1993.

It reads as follows: "Thank you for participating in last month's 'Kids Town Meeting.' I know have greater confidence in our nation's future with children like you as our future leaders."

I am sorry I was not able to answer your question on federal recognition of the Lumbee Indians. I have, however, asked Secretary Babbitt of the Interior Department to take a fresh look at this issue and report his findings to you.

In addition, I have asked Secretary Babbitt to review the 1989 interpretation by the Office of the Solicitor of the 1956 Lumbee Act. After his review, if necessary, I will ask the Secretary to recommend legislative proposals to resolve this issue through the federal acknowledgment procedure in a way that is fair to the Lumbee Indians as well as other petitioners and tribes.

I know this is a difficult situation for you, but I can assure you that my administration is committed to investing in the American people, affirming the sovereignty of tribal governments and promoting the economic well-being of Indian tribes. Thank you for bringing this issue to my attention.

Adrian is not discouraged over the President's response. She believes that the "wrong" will eventually become "right" because one thing that Indians have proven they are good at is enduring. "We were here when the 'discoverers' came, and we'll be here until. And one day the Lumbee Bill will be reality. I just believe that, because right will always win out. And federal recognition is the right thing," Adrian said.

Adrian is the daughter of Ron and Ellen Lowry Andrade. She will be a freshman at Fairfax High School in Fairfax, VA. She is spending the summer in "at home" with her grandparents, "Jimbo" and Gertrude Lowry of Pembroke. by Connee Brayboy

On The Pow Wow Circuit



The following list of upcoming Pow Wows was provided by John Blackfeather of Hillsborough, NC. It is not intended to be a complete list. Anyone having information about upcoming pow wows not listed is encouraged to send them to: P.O. Box 1075, Pembroke, NC 28372 or fax to 919-521-1975.

July 16-17- Charlotte Native American Community Festival, downtown Charlotte, NC. For additional information call 704-527-7187.

July 24- Cherokee of Hoke County and Maxton, NC Tuscaroras-Intertribal Festival at Rockfish, NC (near Davis Bridge.) Contact Chief or Mrs. Edgar Bryant, Route 1 Box 129C, Lumber Bridge, NC 28357. (919) 875-0222.

July 24-25- Second Annual Pow Wow and Festival. Rising Water and Falling Water. Izaak Walton, League of American park, Fredericksburg, Va. (804) 769-1018 or (804) 443-4221.

August 13-14- Eno-Oceaneechi Pow Wow, Mebane, NC. (919) 563-4640 or 563-3091.

August 28-29- Nansemond Indian Tribal Festival, Lone Star Lodge, Chuckatuck, VA. (804) 483-4236.

September 9-11- Coharie Pow Wow, Route 3 Box 340-E, Clinton, NC 28328. (919) 564-6909.

September 10-11- Indian Heritage Festival and Pow Wow, Martinsville, VA. (703) 666-8600.

September 16-18- Guilford Native American Association Cultural Festival and Pow Wow, Castel McCulloch, Jamestown, NC. (919) 273-8686.

September 24-26- Chickahominy Festival, Route 1 Box 299, Providence Forge, VA 23104.

October 1-3 (date change)- Indian Trail Pow Wow, Indian Trail, NC. Metrolina Association. (704) 331-4818. Kinston Sanderson (704) 821-6361.

October 1-3- Lumbee Fall Festival and Pow Wow. (919) 521-8602.

October 2- Monacan Indian tribal Bazaar, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Amherst, VA. (804) 946-2531.

October 8-9 (Date change)- Cumberland County Native American 13th Annual Pow Wow, Memorial Indoor Arena, Fayetteville, NC. (919) 483-8442.

October 9- Intertribal Pow Wow. Voices of the Eagle, United Indians of Virginia, King William County, SR 30, 1 mile east of SR 360, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

October 8-9- Second Annual Native American Heritage Festival and Pow Wow, Roanoke, VA. Britt Rossiday) (703) 342-5712 or (night) (703) 362-1823.

October 15-16- Waccamaw-Siouan Pow Wow, Bolton, NC (Buckhead). (919) 655-8778.

October 22-23- Meherrin Indian Tribe Pow Wow, Winton, NC (919) 348-2166.

November 6-7- Indian Heritage Festival, Town Creek Indian Mount, Route 3 Box 50, Mt. Gilead, NC 27306. (919) 439-6802.

Traditional Dance Classes Available

Traditional classes are being held each Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the gym of the former Pembroke Middle School. Instructor for the classes is Tony Clark. He is teaching traditional dancing, singing and drumming. The classes are free to anyone wishing to learn traditional dancing, singing or drumming. Ages are from 2 years to adult.

Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to meet at the gym of the former Pembroke Middle School which is now the American Indian Center for Cultural Development.



Traditionalists' Corner

Elders and traditionalists from other tribes are encouraged to submit news releases relative to what is happening with other tribes. The information will be used to develop a traditionalists' corner which will be about non controversial and non political events within other tribes.

News releases should be submitted to P.O. Box 1075, Pembroke, NC 28372 or fax # 919-521-1975. The Carolina Indian Voice is very interested in what is happening among other tribes, nations and organizations.

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