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## H.B. Bullard honored for work with Bone Marrow Transplant Registry



**HENDERSON H.B. BULLARD**  
Henderson H.B. Bullard is the recipient of The Grant Hartley Award through the National Marrow Donor Program.

This prestigious award is bestowed nationally once a year to an individual who demonstrates outstanding leadership in building awareness of the need to diversify the Registry. This individual also implements recruitment efforts that have increased the number of minority volunteers.

Mr. Bullard has given the people of this region many occasions for pride. His efforts on behalf of the Lumbee Nation have served to promote social, economic, educational and political equality for Indians.

Perhaps nowhere has Mr. Bullard's work been more notable than in the arena of bone marrow donation. When diagnosed with Chronic Myelogenous

Leukemia four years ago, he discovered that his chances of finding a matched donor were only about one in a million because there were so few Native Americans on the National Registry. Rather than giving in to despair, he educated himself about bone marrow typing and donation—and then set about educating his people. He has coordinated every bone marrow drive in the Lumberton-Pembroke-Robeson County area—and there have been many. He spends countless hours telephoning to find sites for drives, to provide refreshments for donors, to recruit volunteers to assist with drives—to pull the parts together into a workable solution to a complex problem.

And he speaks—wherever people will listen—he speaks. Hundreds of people in this area have learned about bone marrow donation from hearing Mr. Bullard speak—and have subsequently been moved to add their names to the National Registry in hopes of someday being able to give the gift of life to another. His efforts have added over 1600 Native Americans and 215 African Americans to the Bone Marrow Registry in one year. This alone has been a major contribution to thousands of recipients, to the American Red Cross and to the National Marrow Donor Program.

Bullard give real substance to the term "grace under pressure." He has made a lasting contribution for good in the lives he has touched. As his friends and neighbors, we should all be grateful that our lives are counted among them.



Roger Oxendine, center, accepts plaque for Philip Morris Award of Excellence in Tobacco Production at ceremonies held in Raleigh on October 14. Left is Dr. Larry Sykes, Director of Agricultural Programs for Philip Morris, and right is Dr. Dick Phillips, Associate Director of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service.

## Rowland Grower Receives Philip Morris Award

Roger Oxendine, one of Robeson County's most outstanding farmers, was recently selected as one of five fine-cured tobacco growers in North Carolina to receive the Philip Morris Award of Excellence in Tobacco Production. This awards program, conducted by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and sponsored by Philip Morris USA, recognizes tobacco producers between the ages of 21 and 40 for outstanding production and community service.

Oxendine and four other producers from North Carolina were selected from a field of over 40 nominations. They were selected by a panel composed of other tobacco producers, company representatives, and Cooperative Extension specialists. Each received a very attractive plaque and a check for \$1,000 at a banquet in Raleigh on October 14.

Oxendine Farms, located in the Five Forks community of Robeson

County, is the largest farm operation in the county and the largest farm operation on the east coast managed and operated by Native Americans. Roger serves as manager of the operation along with his father, Zeb; his partner, Larry Sampson; and two brothers, Rex and Ricky. Roger is quick to add that both his wife Bobbie and his mother, Margie Oxendine, play major roles in the operation and management of the farm.

This farm operation is made up of over 8,000 acres of owned, rented and leased farmland. It includes 480 acres of tobacco, 1,500 acres of corn, 5,500 acres of soybeans, 700 acres of cotton, 2,600 acres of wheat, and 100 acres of pickling cucumbers.

Oxendine stressed that "the ability to manage large farm operations and the complex details concerning this management are very confusing." He

added that "all farmers need assistance in developing strong management skills since the complexity of government regulations is killing us."

It was very apparent to the selection committee that Roger was very deserving of this award, since he is much more than just a tobacco producer. He serves on several Extension advisory committees; is a member of the Farm Credit Advisory Board; is on the board of the North Carolina Corn Producers Association; serves on the Advisory Committee for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University; serves on the Executive Committee of Lumbee Industries; and is active in many other church, civic and community organizations. Employment and program opportunities are offered to all people regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

## Plans for Christmas Parade in Pembroke

On behalf of the Town of Pembroke, Pembroke Jaycees, Pembroke Chamber of Commerce, we would like to invite the Schools, and citizens of Robeson County and surrounding counties to participate in our 1993, 18th Annual Christmas Parade.

There are several changes concerning the Parade line up and date: (1) Date: Thursday, December 9th, 1993 (2) Line Up Time: 4:00 p.m.; (3) Parade Time: 4:30 p.m.; (4) Line Up Area: East of Pembroke at the Pembroke Elementary School. The parade will go through town one time and "END" at the PSU Performing Arts Center.

Last year's parade was very spectacular and colorful with beauty queens, floats, marching bands, marching units, fire trucks and of course, the main attraction "SANTA CLAUS" and his "LITTLE HELPERS". The parade last year had well over 6,000 spectators with (91) entries participating.

The following entries will be judged: (1) Marching Bands (high school and above) (2) Elementary Bands (3) Marching Units (4) Non-commercial floats. FOR THOSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CONTACT: Charles Gregory Cummings c/o Town of Pembroke, P.O. Box 866 Pembroke, NC 28372 call (919) 521-9761 or 521-2784 or Town Hall (919) 521-9758.

IN MEMORY OF BRANLIN WOODELL AND JEREMIAH CUMMINGS, JUNIORS OF PURNELL SWETT.

## Local teacher attends seminar

Glenda L. Bullard of Pembroke, a grades K-6 special education teacher at Rowland Norment Elementary School, recently attended a seminar at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

Bullard was one of 20 North Carolina teachers participating in "Whodunit?: North Carolina Mystery Writers" October 24-29, 1993, conducted by senior fellow, Chris Shea.

NCCAT, a unit of the University of North Carolina, provides intellectual and creative renewal experiences for teachers in a year-round series of interdisciplinary seminars. Teachers from every county in the state have participated in center programs since NCCAT was established in 1985. Richard L. Thompson is director.

## Graduates of UNCG

Greensboro, N.C. The following students completed their degree requirements at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro during summer session.

Altogether, over 400 students completed degree requirements at UNCG this summer. The students are being invited back to participate in UNCG's 102nd Annual Commencement exercises on May 15, 1994.

Students who received their degrees are:  
Jo Ann C. Lowery P.O. Box 682, Pembroke, NC 28372 Doctor of Education; Hattie L. Taylor 2108 MLK Drive Lumberton, NC Nursing Major Master of Science in Nursing.

## National Issues Forums To Be Videotaped

Pembroke State University, which has hosted very successful National Issues Forums (NIF) Summer Public Policy Institutes for the last two summers, will have an opportunity on Monday, Nov. 15, to have two of its own national issues forums videotaped for national exposure.

The PSU-sponsored forums will be videotaped by Milton Hoffman Productions of New York. Clips from the forums will be shown on "Public Voice", a television program produced by the Public Agenda Foundation that is shown all over the nation.

Terry Hutchins, legal assistant to the PSU chancellor who coordinated PSU's two NIF summer institutes, is in charge of the Nov. 15 forums to be held in Room 213 of PSU's Chavis Center.

The 2:30 p.m. forum will have as its topic "The \$4 Trillion Debt." The 6:30 p.m. forum will have as its topic "Poverty Program: What Can Be Done To Help The Poor."

Moderators of "The \$4 Trillion Debt" will be Dr. Paul Berghoff, PSU professor of education, and Gail

McRae, project director of the Community Services Block Grant Program of the Four-County Community Services in Laurinburg.

Moderators of "Poverty Program" will be Dr. Felicia Turner a consultant who has spoken many times at PSU and elsewhere, and Judith Hester, who is employed by the PSU Registrar's Office.

"We are delighted to have these forums videotaped by a national organization," said Hutchins. "We want to invite everyone to attend these forums free of charge."

PSU's NIF Summer Public Policy Institute last summer attracted a record 235 participants, whereas the first one in 1992 attracted 227, which was the largest number of people ever to participate in an NIF summer institute. Those institutes were co-sponsored by PSU and the Charles F. Kettering Foundation of Dayton, O. Hutchins says another Summer Public Policy Institute is scheduled next summer at PSU.

For more information about the Nov. 15 forums, telephone 521-6281 or 521-6632.

## Saddletree Community Hears Presentation of Lumbee Tribal Constitution Project

by Cynthia L. Hunt

On November 4, 1993, the Saddletree Community Center held its monthly meeting. There were approximately 30 members and 20 non-members present. A country meal was provided to those in attendance.

A presentation on the Constitutional Assembly of the Lumbee tribe was given by Cynthia L. Hunt of the Indian Law Unit at Lumbee River Legal Services, Inc. The Assembly consists of delegates appointed by the Indian churches of Robeson and adjoining counties. It was explained that the reason for asking churches to select delegates to the project was that all decisions of importance affecting the Lumbee Tribe have been made through the tribe's religious leadership. These delegates will be responsible for drafting a constitution for the tribe. The project is funded by a grant from the Methodist Church to LRDA.

Ms. Hunt reported on the historical importance of tribes organizing under a constitution. According to Ms. Hunt, "the tribe has an inherent right to organize under a tribal constitution. This document will display on paper the sovereignty of the Lumbee tribe." Ms. Hunt further explained the process by stating, "once this document is

drafted, tribal members will be asked to review the constitution, and will be asked to vote on the document." These meetings are held every third Saturday of the month at the Robeson County Indian Education Center in Pembroke. The meetings begin at 9:00 and last until 12:00. Ms. Hunt encouraged the public to attend, and advised that they would be given an opportunity to voice their concerns over the issues discussed.

The Saddletree Community Center was organized to promote the interest of people living in the Saddletree community. One way the Center is doing this is to invite people, like Ms. Hunt, to speak on issues that affect us in Saddletree. Eventually the tribe will be asked to vote on the tribal constitution. We, at the Saddletree Center, will be making every effort to keep our community informed about this project so that when the constitution is presented, we have an understanding of what we will be voting on.

In the Saddletree community, we are also promoting our young people. Through the efforts of the people in Saddletree, the Harold B. Wynn Scholarship Fund was established. This year, the Center awarded approximately \$5,000 to students in

financial aid to students.

The Center will be asking Ms. Hunt to come back and give an update on the constitution project. We want to follow the development of this project, and support these delegates who are giving their time to bring about positive changes in all our communities. We are highly pleased that LRDA has turned to our Churches for leadership in drafting the tribal constitution. We encourage all the Lumbee communities to take the opportunity to invite Ms. Hunt to speak to them on these important matters.

We also invite any community person to come join us on the First Thursday of each month. Mr. Ronald Hammonds, President of the United Community Center invites the community to come and be involved.



Pictured left to right: Ruth B. Locklear, Lumbee Tribal Enrollment; Cynthia L. Hunt, Lumbee River Legal Services; Hayes Allen Locklear, Delegate for the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe