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"Information Fair" is being held in the varsity gym of the Jones Health and Physical Education Center.

HOLIDAY CONCERT SCHEDULED DEC. 2

A reminder that the PSU Music Department's annual Holiday Concert is Thursday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. in the Givens Performing Arts Center. Admission is free to this event, which helps to introduce the Yuletide Season. Bring the entire family.

'A CHRISTMAS CAROL' TO BE PRESENTED DEC. 7

Charles Dickens' immortal classic, "A Christmas Carol", will be presented at Givens Performing Arts Center Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m.

This is a Ft. Worth Shakespeare Festival Production and will feature elaborate sets, costumes, and special effects.

Tickets are \$14-\$18 for adults and \$5 for students and children. The production is sponsored in part by Don Andrews' Food Folks.

PSU TAKES PART IN CONFERENCE AT ST. ANDREWS

Five PSU faculty members recently attended a conference at St. Andrews Presbyterian College entitled the International Interdisciplinary Conference on the Fine Arts of the 20th Century.

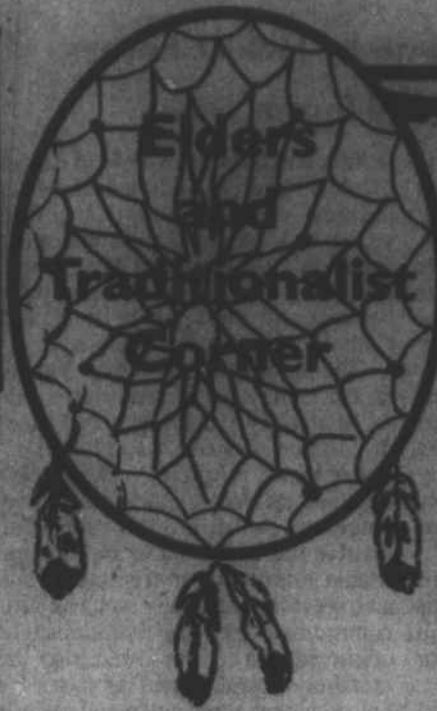
Those participating were Dr. Thomas Leach, chair of the Communicative Arts Department; Dr. Monika Brown, Communicative Arts Department; Dr. Robert Brown, History Department; Dr. Jeffery Geller, Philosophy and Religion Department; and Dr. Sharon Sharp, Education Department. A PSU student attending was Misti Harrison of Lumberton, who presented a paper on "Feminist Elements in Stoker's 'Dracula' and in John Badham's 1979 adaption 'Dracula'".

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Traditionally Speaking...

WANNABEES

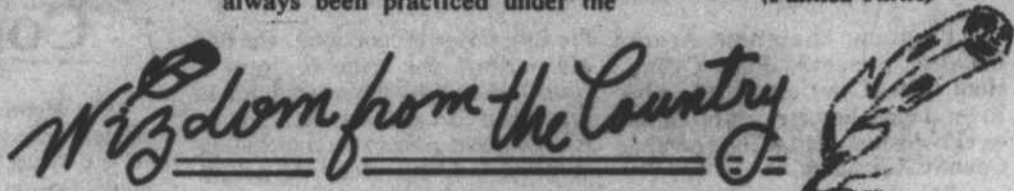
Most of you who are involved in the Native American cultural movement recognize this term. However, you will be surprised to see my usage of this term. Normally, those non-native persons who would love to be Natives are affectionately referred to as "Wannabees" by some Native Americans. In this article, I am referring to those Native Americans who long to be of the white cultural group as "Wannabees". In the following paragraphs, I will attempt to describe my understanding of these persons.

There seems to be a number of people who have stated publicly that their ancestors didn't perform Native American dances, sing native songs, participate in native religion, and do anything uniquely Native American. These persons feel that their cultural ties lie solely with the United States of America and all that is represented in that cultural. This attitude is completely acceptable to me because I recognize that it is not my responsibility to judge another person's sense of culture. However, I would like to point out that the Native American population in and around Robeson County have been performing native dancing, singing and the practice of Native American religion continuously from the beginning of recorded history to the present day. These practices have not always been practiced under the

cognizant eye of the general public. These events occurred many times in would not be the participants would not be the recipients of negative reactions. So when people say that the local natives didn't do those activities often associated with Native Americans, I say to them talk to the elders of the tribes that know about such matters and perform your own research in the historical documents available to all of us. If you are a Native American and the following applies: (1) you don't believe that your ancestors participated in these Native activities and (2) you are not willing to do some research to discover the truth about yourself then you are truly a "Wannabee". If you are a "Wannabee" then I suggest that you leave Native American business to those of us that understand or who are trying to understand our cultural heritage.

Involve yourself with those activities that affect the non native populace of this county, this state and this country. What we need in Native American country are people willing to work for the preservation of our rich heritage not those that would have us forget. I will end in saying when you "Wannabee" find yourself and your true heritage, come back to your people because we need you and your support.

Loca' E Essiki'KV
(Painted Turtle)



Well, I'm troubled again. I'm having a hard time, Miss Connee, figuring out whether our Sheriff is going to be our Sheriff or move up to the Marshall job. Some folks are wanting him out as Sheriff, so they can put in an Indian. I don't have much dealing with the law, but I'm thinking Mr. Stone may ought to consider retiring down to the White Lake or up there in White Plains, NY.

Our delegates are still meeting and working on our constitution. I seen in our Indian paper where Miss Cynthia went and met with the folks from Saddletree. There's some mighty fine things. Take, for example, all that money they're giving to our young people to go to school. If I had someone backing me like that when I was a growing up, I mighty of made something of myself instead of being a poor old farmer.

But, nothing suits me better than to work on the farm, talk with the boys on what needs to be done, and watch

them bring in the crops. A man gets close to the Lord when he works with his elements and the land. He learns some things about risks and he learns that there are things that are beyond his power to control, like a year in which there ain't no rain, or a year when there is too much rain. He learns a lot about the government, how it works, and he learns that nobody really appreciates the farmer all that much. But, when the farmer stops his plowing, and planting, people will know something in this country.

Now, you take these delegates. They're out there plowing, planting, and tending our future. In our tribe, we have got some weeds that need to be pulled less they take us over. Then, we've got some tender plants that require just the right amount of fertilizer to help them to grow. A farmer knows all about these things. These here delegates know about these things, and they'll out there pulling together to get the job done.

I am just tickled that they're holding their meetings and letting the people come. And, if you can't come, they'll telling us what they are doing in our Indian paper. And, if you can't read, they'll go out and meet with you. There ain't no way these fine people are going to let you not know what they're doing. And, to top it off, we get to vote on the constitution they're writing for us. If we don't like it, they'll go back and do it over. Now, I kind of like that. These are the kind of people who want to do the right thing by all of us.

I'm thinking that I'm going to pass up fishing this Saturday and go out and tell them that they're doing a mighty fine thing for us. And, I'm hoping to meet some of the LRDA folks cause I want to tell them about young people with their schooling. Seems to me they could learn something by the folks over there in Saddletree.

W.D. Locklear
Lumberton, NC

Fred Geoge (right) of Campbell Soup Company presents a check for \$25,000 from the Campbell Soup Foundation to Pembroke State University to be used for minority scholarships for PSU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. Receiving the check on behalf of PSU are Dr. Peggy Opitz, director of the Nursing Program, and PSU Chancellor Joseph Oxendine.

CAMPBELL SOUP FOUNDATION PRESENTS \$25,000 GRANT TO PEMBROKE STATE

Fred Geoge of Laurinburg, vice president of manufacturing for the Eastern Region of the Campbell Soup Company, has presented Pembroke State University with a \$25,000 grant from the Campbell Soup Foundation, designated for minority scholarships for PSU's new Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program.

It is one of the largest gifts of its kind that PSU has received.

The gift was presented to Dr. Peggy Opitz, director of the PSU Nursing Program, along with PSU Chancellor Joseph Oxendine.

George said it is "the Campbell Soup Company's feeling and mine too that we should do everything we can to pay back the communities and the schools of the area which were so supportive of Campbell Soup when we came here (to Maxton) and continue to be supportive on an on-going basis.

"Pembroke State University is a fine institution, I am happy to be associated with it, and this grant is to further enhance its nursing program."

George, who serves on the PSU Board of Trustees and on the PSU Foundation Board, said this project was initiated when Dr. Richard Pisano, now retired, served as PSU vice chancellor for institutional advancement. "It was when he was here along with Chancellor Oxendine, Dr. Opitz was just coming on board."

Opitz, who joined PSU in May of 1992, responded that "we are very excited about Campbell Soup's providing these funds. This program is to serve disadvantaged students who will be able to stay in the area and provide health care. We think this is very important and one of our goals. It

is what we are all about."

Chancellor Oxendine expressed his thanks to George and Campbell Soup, particularly praising George's initiative "in making it work. Fred is a friend of the University, a Board of Trustees member, and has made it happen," said the chancellor.

Oxendine also praised Opitz, saying, "Under Dr. Opitz's leadership, we have made a lot of little steps to promote this program and make progress, and this grant is a giant step -- of which there will be many more."

Opitz said among the things that her nursing program is exploring is having PSU nursing students gain intern experience next semester at Campbell Soup Company as part of their primary health care study. "They can look at occupational nursing and wellness and safety factors. We are in the negotiating process for such a program. We feel we can serve their wellness needs. This is a fairly new endeavor in some baccalaureate nursing programs," she added.

George said he was enthused about forming such "an alliance whereby the nursing students will come to Campbell Soup and intern in the Campbell plant. It's a very good marriage."

TRUSTEES TO MEET, 'OPEN HOUSE' SET DEC. 3

On Friday, Dec. 3, the quarterly meeting of the PSU Board of Trustees will take place. Trustee committees will meet at 10:30 a.m., lunch will follow in the Chancellor's Dining Room, and the trustee meeting will take place at 1:15 p.m.

On that same day, the PSU Admissions Office is sponsoring an "Open House" for prospective freshman students and their parents. Registration is scheduled at 8:30 a.m. in the Givens Performing Arts Center.

In conjunction with this day, an



MEDICINE

Promising AIDS Treatment Becomes Symbol of Hope

(NU) - On a sunny boulevard in Southern California, a man infected with HIV flashes an unlikely grin. He has gone from "deep despair" to feeling "empowered," he says.

He has donated his blood plasma.

Until recently, the thought of donating blood infected with HIV — the virus that causes AIDS — would represent a cruel joke. But in Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego, a specialty blood bank is using certain parts of the infected blood to create a potential treatment for AIDS.

The drug, called Immupath, is not considered a cure for AIDS. But in ongoing tests, it has been shown to lengthen survival in certain AIDS patients.

"People with early HIV infection can make a great contribution by donating their plasma," explained Joshua Levy, M.D. "These individuals, although having no AIDS symptoms, have plasma very rich in antibodies against the HIV virus which may be helpful to AIDS patients."

"In a way, healthy patients are helping sick patients. The intention is to bolster the immune sys-

tems of patients and keep them alive until an actual cure is available," Dr. Levy said.

The final phase of California tests of Immupath has been approved and HemaCare will be applying for U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval for nationwide studies that could begin in early 1994.

The publicly owned blood bank is currently seeking potential donors and recipients in California. For information call 310-791-5131.

"People with early HIV infection can make a great contribution by donating their plasma."

Donating plasma is safe and donors appear to be benefiting in some ways as much as recipients. The California donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, said he has learned to keep himself healthy so he can continue helping others.

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