

ALONG the ROBESON TRAIL

by Dr. Stan Knick, Director,
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A few weeks ago a good friend handed me an article from a recent Genesee newspaper which deserves comment here and anywhere that thinking folks look for information and discussion of important issues. In that article an assistant principal of a public school wrote concerning what he sees as the dangers of teaching students about different cultures. He said that multicultural education makes us more divided as a country, and implied that an understanding of Western (European) culture was all we really need to give students today.

That article represents the worst of reactionary thinking, and gives the rest of us an opportunity to think about how important it is for public education to focus not only on the merits of "Western civilization" but also on the too-long-overlooked merits of other cultures.

The assistant principal is correct in arguing that America doesn't need to be any more disunited. But if this new learning about cultural differences is what causes us to become disunited, then how is it that we got so disunited in the first place? Surely the recent learning about different cultures didn't do that to us — our history of cultural collisions was more than adequate to divide the country along ethnic lines.

Our former focus on the exclusive study of Western "civilization" has been central to our remaining disunited. The tendency to overlook non-Western cultures has only promoted the divisions within our society. For decades our public schools have pretended that Western civilization is all that is good — that not to study Western civilization is, as the assistant principal put it: "a disaster in the making, a curriculum

sailing without a compass." Do we really want the "civilization" that gave us disastrous ecological plundering to be our only compass for the future?

Exclusive study of European culture for all these years has not produced American Indian and African American students who want to forget their own ancestry and blend quietly into the "melting pot." Most of those students still want to be who they are, and they're right to feel that way. So why not try a different approach — teaching all our students about all of our various heritages, in hopes of promoting reasoned appreciation of cultural differences instead of the xenophobic rage that can result from not knowing about each other?

The assistant principal says he wants us to "practice the values of America, such as kindness, dignity, charity." Where were these noble values when American Indians were forced off their homelands and onto reservations, or when African Americans were held in second-class citizenship for a century after Emancipation? The difference between our country's real operating values and its ideal mythological values is staggering. To ignore this difference in the teaching of social studies is to insult our students' intelligence and to betray our country's potential.

Recently there has been a movement toward introduction of Native American cultural elements into public school curricula. For too long the only time Indian culture was mentioned was around Thanksgiving, when boys and girls dressed up as "pilgrims" or "Indians." But earnest efforts have begun to include Indian culture as it actually was and is —

diverse, adaptive, ecologically and spiritually oriented — definitely not all teepees and buffaloes. This new focus has not produced students who are more disunited from their fellows. It has produced students who are more aware of themselves, of their cultures and of each other.

Is it more important for students to learn about computers and outer space than to learn about traditional cultures and customs? Is it more important for them to learn to be the best they can be individually than to learn how to live in harmony with their fellow human beings and with the environment? Is it more important for them to learn American History with, or without, the truth about non-Western cultures?

The assistant principal who wrote that article tells us that studying the different cultures which make up America "will surely disrupt our miraculous American experience by accentuating ethnic differences." There are and have been wonderful things about the evolution of America, but it has not been entirely miraculous. The past gave us the present, and I take it from the assistant principal's article (and from my own experience) that most educators are not exactly delighted with where we have arrived in 1994. Maybe this means the old way didn't work.

To fall back to the exclusive study of "Western civilization," as in our earlier educational philosophy, is to retreat to repetition of the past. To learn more about each other is our best hope for the future.

For more information, visit the Native American Resource Center in Old Main Building, on the campus of Pembroke State University.

In The Armed Services

Daniel J. Bullard

Army PFC. Daniel J. Bullard has returned from duty in Somalia in support of Operation Continued Hope. The on going NATO operation provides humanitarian relief to the Somali people in accordance with a United Nations Security mandate.

Bullard is the son of Vileana and Daniel Bullard of Rt. 4, Fairmont, NC.

Christian Women's Club to meet March 10

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Pediatric Pointers

By JOSEPH T. BELL, MD

Well, its been exactly one year since I began writing this article. I have really enjoyed the chance to share my experiences with you, hopefully some of you have been able to use the information we have discussed. It has been gratifying to have an audience to address such issues as fetal alcohol syndrome, the Native American Marrow Donor Program, and other health issues from across Indian country. I have always felt the best way to improve our health care is through education, of course education starts with the sharing of ideas. Thanks for sharing these ideas with me.

The Coach's Corner

by Dr. Ken Johnson

We Reap What We Sow Today's Profile

And No Prayer in School Athletic wise, it would be nice if the media would print the tax revenue the government gets from the \$5 million salary the baseball player pays. Or how much he finally gets after taxes. Then maybe I would feel better about his contribution to our general welfare, and to his society at large. Society needs to make requirements dealing with the National debt. Society wants to eliminate crime but it does not require art, music and play to be taught in high school. Thus showing our youth we require them to be of good character. We want them to be happy and progressive. Governor Hunt wants after school activities; but this is free play. Physical Education should be required all four years in high school and the first two years of college. This is the way it was in the old days before run-away professionalism took over in college athletics. You can lay the blame squarely on their shoulders as

special time for me. This week I move back home after almost 4 years of working in the Indian Health Service in Oklahoma. Although it has been very hard to be away from family, friends and the community this long, it has been a very special time for us. Oklahoma is a good place to live with good Indian people in all parts of the state. I have had the honor of sitting with tribal Chiefs, Councilmen and community members to discuss ways of improving Indian healthcare. I have been proud to live and serve here. I know I have made friendships that will last a lifetime. We hope to come back and visit often. Hope to see you in Robeson County soon! Take Care!

they do not educate for leisure time activity. Thus not knowing how to swim, play tennis, golf, basketball, shuffle board, softball, football, touch football, track, cross-country, bowling, soccer, wrestling, skiing, water polo, archery, rope-skipping, eumers, music, especially singing, piano, instruments, design in art, arts and crafts, pottery and more.

Industrial arts should be required in junior high. Our society has to show these kids we still love them and REQUIRE them to be educated in the most important life is worth living activities. The philosophy should be: "We are created with inalienable rights—the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Do away with Scats and require them to play instead of shooting people, arousing, stealing, getting pregnant. We have experienced the seven cardinal principles—health, ethical character, worthy home members, command of the fundamental processes, vocational efficiency, social efficiency and citizenship. Physical education has the following objectives—skills, knowledge and attitudes, as does the arts and music. They need to be required, not elective. Give the kids a break!

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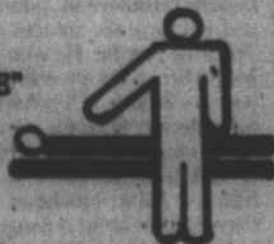
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