

Happenings at Purnell Swett Senior High

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Preparation and training for the semester scheduled curriculum has captivated the high schools in the public schools of Robeson County. Teachers from junior high and senior high schools were involved in a workshop involving the semester curriculum at Purnell Swett High School Monday, March 7.

Ted Blake from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction briefly spoke of the purpose and content of the semester curriculum involving the schedule process and lesson plans.

Teachers of various, subject areas from various counties of North Carolina participated as resource people to guide and share what they have experienced along with strategies and procedures which they use for the semester curriculum. Teachers were separated according to their specialized areas to different rooms to learn in more details, components and practical approaches to use.

Teachers worked in group sessions on pacing guides, 90 minutes schedule planning, lesson plans, etc. The following resource participate who were involved in the workshop included: Brenda Thomas, Jean Lineberger, and Camellia Ellenberger of Brevard High School in Brevard, N.C., Forrest Blake of Bandy's High School in Catawba, N.C., Stone Reynolds of Central Davidson High School in Lexington, N.C. and Ted Blake.

students must do," quotes Brewington, "attend school, make an effort, and be willing to ask for help."

For students who are experiencing some difficulties, they will be given the opportunity to attend an "academic coaching room" in which teachers of math, English, and science will be able to assist students.

Other strengths of the program included less student movement with nine - ten movements this year compared to four-five movements next year, six-seven classes versus four classes, more electives, improved instruction, integrating the curriculum, AP classes offered, scholars program, super highway program, etc.

Mr. Brewington assured that graduation requirements will increase and that when students register for courses they "must be sure what they want."

RESURRECTION BREAKFAST HELD AT PURNELL SWETT HIGH

With concerned efforts to minister and give to the needy, witness, and share the gospel, the Robeson County Men's Fellowship held its third annual resurrection breakfast March 26 in the cafeteria at Purnell Swett High School with former NBA Denver Nuggets super athlete, David O'Neal Thompson, as the guest speaker.

Dr. Barry Harding welcomed everyone and Rev. Dr. Joy Johnson gave the opening prayer. Given the concept of the program as being a means of sharing God's grace, Rev. David Penick spoke with such joy and grace.

Rev. Wayne Brewer led the audience with two well known spirituals, "How Great Thou Art" and "Amazing Grace".

Evander Britt III and Rev. Jimmy Strickland introduced Mike Hall and Pam Lowry who gave personal testimonies of their past lives and how they eventually accepted "Christ as their personal Savior".

Don Whaley could have deceived anyone with his physical handicap of blindness as he sang with jovial and manifesting expressions two spirituals.

For introduction of the speaker, Dr. Ray Pennington briefly shared some great athletic accomplishments of special guest, David O'Neal Thompson, former NBA Denver Nugget's basketball star. Mr.

Thompson's talents grew and were instilled by his brothers as Thompson played basketball as fun and sport when he was quite young. His number 44 was retired as a basketball player of N.C. State and he carried his skills on to play for the Denver Nuggets. His accomplishments as a player included second place winner in a slam dunk competition, voted Most Valuable Player in two NBA All Star games, centerpiece of the 1974 North Carolina State team that dethroned UCLA, selected player of the year in 1978. "As a pro, he scored 73 points in one game, and the Denver Nuggets made him the highest paid player in the history of team sports in 1978 when they signed him to a five year, \$4 million contract," quotes Pennington.

David spoke to the audience of his family and his life as a young boy. He continued as he shared of his success as a player and how his fame and fortune was being destroyed by his use of alcohol and drugs. While in jail for a crime he committed, he met a local minister and accepted Christ. Since then, he has spoken to various groups, to enhance and encourage young people to resist drugs and alcohol and to use their talents and skills constructively.

Afterwards, Rev. Dr. Millard Maynard gave an opening invitation to anyone who desired to be saved and give their hearts to God.

Rev. Ron Mizell allowed the audience to know of the commitment cards and Bibles available to them on the tables. An offering was also collected.

A pin in recognition of the town of Pembroke was presented to David Thompson by Mayor Milton Hunt.

Upon closing of the program, Phillip Wallwork presented the closing and acknowledgements of dedicated persons who worked diligently to make the program possible.

The steering and advisory committee consist of Joe Butler, Bill Britt, Dr. Barry Harding, Wyatt Johnson, Larry Lewis, Rev. Welton Lowry, Rev. Dr. Millard Maynard, Rev. Ron Mizell, Archie Oxendine, Ray Pennington, Ron Sutton, Rev. Wayne Brewer, Evander Britt III, Rev. Dr. Joy Johnson, Rod Lattie, Rev. Tommy Lewis, Glenn Maynor, Mike McIntyre, Prathen Morgan, Rev. David Penick, Ray Seals, and Phillip Wallwork.



(Left) David Thompson, (right) Barry Harding

Native American Youth to Gather in Florida

Officials of the country's leading Native American youth organization announced today that Tampa, Fla. has been selected as the host city for their upcoming annual conference which is expected to attract 1,000 American Indian and Alaska Native youths and advisors.

According to J.R. Cook, executive director of United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. (UNITY), the 20th National UNITY Conference will be held June 24-28 at the Sheraton Inn Tampa and Conference Center on the Seminole Indian Reservation.

Operating under the theme of "Native Youth...Taking Charge," the National UNITY Conference is for Native American youth ages 15-24 who are interested in becoming leaders and contributing to a positive future for Native America. The conference allows participants to gain hands-on experience while serving as speakers, keynoters, group leaders, hosts and emcees of conference activities.

All events and workshops are designed to provide youth with skills they need to take charge of their lives. Workshops will be offered on how to develop better communication skills, set goals, develop a healthy self-esteem, and improve problem solving and organization skills.

Conference registration fee by June 1 is \$45 per youth or advisor. Late or on-site registration is \$50. Hotel rates are \$55 plus 10.5% tax. This is a flat rate for single, double, triple or quad occupancy. Hotel reservations can be made through the Sheraton Inn Tampa and Conference Center at (813) 626-0999.

Arrangements have been made with Delta Airlines to provide conference participants with discounted airfares. Airline reservations can be made by calling (800) 241-6760. When making reservations, use the UNITY File Number: Q1479.

For more information about the National UNITY Conference and registration forms, contact UNITY at (405) 424-3010 or P.O. Box 25042, Oklahoma City, OK 73125.

Based in Oklahoma City, UNITY is a nationally recognized nonprofit organization that has provided leadership training to American Indian and Alaska Native youth for 18 years. UNITY's mission is to foster the spiritual, mental, physical and social development of youth and to build a strong, unified and self-reliant Native America through involvement of its youth.

Early Detection Of Arthritis Can Prevent Disability

(NU) - New research on the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis may help millions of people avoid the pain and disability associated with the disease.

Recent studies show that rheumatoid arthritis responds better to aggressive treatment during the first few months of illness than to the same treatment after the disease advances.

That approach is the reverse of the traditional method of treating rheumatoid arthritis, in which the least aggressive therapy was used first.

"We now know that early detection and aggressive treatment of rheumatoid arthritis are the keys to preventing severe pain and disability," said David Felson, M.D., a rheumatologist at Boston University.

Rheumatoid arthritis affects more than two million Americans, about 60 percent of them women. The chronic disease causes pain, stiffness, swelling and loss of function in the joints.

Although most people associate arthritis with aging, the peak onset of rheumatoid arthritis is between the ages 20 and 45.

"Obviously, not every episode of joint pain is a sign of rheumatoid arthritis," Dr. Felson said. "But people with persistent joint pain or stiffness who wait to see a physician, hoping their pain will go away, may be passing up an opportunity to change the course of their disease and protect their quality of life."

"It's important for people to understand that this disease is treatable."

INFO INCHES

Teens at Risk From Smoking
A Life and Death Issue
Teens are at risk from smoking — experts agree that the earlier a person begins to smoke, the more likely the habit will result in premature disease and death. A new radio documentary "Teens and Smoking" outlines the devastating results of smoking on young people and their families. Cassette copies of "Teens and Smoking" are available for \$1 from the Salt Lake Distribution Center, 1999 W. 1700 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84104. Specify stock number 52512. (News USA)

Buying a Gift for Mom?
Check out the "Pie Maker".
Motherhood and apple pie seem to "go together." Sunbeam is retailing a new kitchen appliance to help mom bake her apple pie as well as quiches, pot pies, pizza and more. There is no limit to the kinds of pies the Pie Maker can bake. It works much like a waffle iron and is equally effective with ready-made or homemade dough. The Pie Maker retails for under \$39.99 and can be found at a wide variety of retail outlets. (News USA)

Submit Your 'Law of Life'
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John Marks Templeton invites readers to send him a law of life they have discovered, accompanied by an essay of 500 to 600 words about it. The law may be derived from any religious tradition — Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist or from personal experience. If the law is included in a later edition of the book "Discovering the Laws of Life," Templeton will pay the originator \$200. Send submissions to the John Templeton Foundation, Dept. NU, P.O. Box 1040, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010-0918. (News USA)

Seniors Have Special Water Needs
As people age, they may not realize when they become dehydrated and may neglect drinking the six to eight glasses of water per day recommended by doctors. Others simply refuse to drink an adequate amount of water because of the taste of tap water, according to the Water Quality Association. But home treatment systems can solve this problem. For information, write WQA, Dept. NU, P.O. Box 606, Lisle, IL 60532.

Federal Ruling Advances Native American Challenge of Federally Registered Name of Washington Redskins Football Team

Native American leaders moved a step closer today to their goal of cancelling the federal trademark of Washington's professional football team. A lawsuit, filed by a coalition of prominent Native American leaders, is attempting to remove federal trademark protection of the name "Washington Redskins", making it economically difficult for the football team to keep it. Today, the United States Patent and Trademark Office's (PTO) Trademark Trial and Appeal Board ruled in favor of the Native American coalition and against the Washington Redskins organization, with its announcement this afternoon striking the affirmative defenses asserted by the Washington football organization. The Native American community has been awaiting the Board's decision for more than a year.

While today's decision does not yet deprive the football team of its federal trademark registration for the REDSKINS team name, it disposes the legal affirmative defenses asserted by the football organization, paving the way for a decision on the action's merits, i.e., whether the term REDSKINS is offensive and inappropriate subject matter for the federal trademark register. Now that the Board has addressed the legal sufficiency of the football organization's asserted defenses, the PTO will permit the Native American leaders to proceed with their action against the team. Eventually, the PTO will hear oral arguments and determine whether to remove the federal government's protection of a name that is deeply offensive to Native Americans. That should happen by the end of the year.

The Native American leaders are sponsored in their action by The Morning Star Institute, a non-profit American Indian advocacy group based in Washington, D.C. The coalition of leaders is represented on

a pro bono basis by Dorsey & Whitney, a Minneapolis-based, international law firm.

Suzan Shown Harjo, one of the petitioners and president of The Morning Star Institute, commented, "Today's ruling means the federal government is a step closer to acknowledging that the term 'redskins' is offensive and intolerable. It's our hope that this legal action will convince the Washington football organization and others that terms like this are unacceptable and never would be tolerated if applied to other ethnic or racial groups, or to any other segment of American society."

According to Dorsey & Whitney attorney Stephen R. Baird, who is one of the principal lawyers representing the Native American coalition, the legal basis for the action is a provision in federal trademark law stating that federal trademark registrations cannot be issued for words that are "scandalous, immoral or disparaging." Baird noted that because the word "redskin" has been used throughout history as a derogatory term and is today still understood as a pejorative term for American Indian, the challenged registrations never should have been granted and are subject to cancellation.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines the term "redskin" as "offensive slang. Used as a disparaging term for a Native American." It defines the term "nigger" in the same way: "Offensive slang. Used as a disparaging term for a black person." Commenting on today's announcement, Baird said, "We are pleased that the PTO has recognized the many deficiencies in the team's affirmative defenses.

"The Board's decision is particularly encouraging in light of the United States PTO's decision earlier this year to respond favorably to Native American leaders' Letter of

Protest objecting to the registration of a new trademark application filed by NBA Properties. The organization had applied for a separate trademark containing the term "redskin" to be used in clothing items with the name SHEBOYGAN REDSKINS."

According to Baird, the Letter of Protest charged the PTO of committing clear error in approving the SHEBOYGAN REDSKINS trademark because of the offensiveness of the term "redskin," and the PTO agreed, withdrawing its approval of that mark in January of this year.

Dorsey and Whitney partner and Indian Affairs specialist Virginia Boylan concurred, explaining, "We anticipate that the ultimate outcome will be negative economic impact on the organization. That may be the only way to make the organization understand our client's commitment to ending use of this derogatory term."

According to the decision rendered today by the Board: "It is clear that petitioners have set forth statutory grounds for seeking to cancel the registrations—namely, claims under Section 2 (a) of the Trademark Act that the registered marks are scandalous and that they are disparaging to petitioners."

With respect to the Washington team's equitable defenses, the Board specifically found that "there exists a broader interest — an interest beyond the personal interest being asserted by the present petitioners — in preventing a party from receiving the benefits of registration where a trial might show that respondents' marks hold a substantial segment of the population up to public ridicule."

Both sides will continue a process of legal discovery to be followed by submissions of evidence and arguments during the next nine months. Oral arguments are scheduled to be made at the end of 1994 in Washington, DC.

Piney Grove News



Piney Grove School recently celebrated National School Breakfast Week. Mrs. Mildred Maynor, Child Nutrition Supervisor for Robeson County, spoke to the fourth grade classes about the importance of eating a healthy breakfast. Shown above are Mrs. Maynor and one of the fourth graders at Piney Grove School.



Recently Linda Baldwin, the cafeteria manager at Piney Grove School, awarded Randall Matthew Hunt a cookie for being the 140th student in line. Randall is in Mrs. Emmanuel's kindergarten class. Shown are Randall and Mrs. Baldwin.

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