

ALONG the ROBESON TRAIL

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Last week we began our search into the development of Native American art in the Eastern Woodlands. We saw that creations of fine art (in the form of carved and polished stone atlatl weights and "effigy beads") date back at least 3,000 years before the time of Christ. We also saw that artwork became more frequent and more elaborate in Indian cultures as the centuries went by.

One of the most expressive art forms in the ancient Eastern Woodlands was the pipe. The smoking pipe seems to have been associated very early, perhaps even from the very beginning of its use, with ceremonial activities. Many researchers see in archaeological pipes from early times the same kind of ritualism that we see in modern days among many living Native American people, in which the pipe is often directly connected with prayer (for a discussion of this notion, see *Ancient Art of the American Woodland Indians*, by D. Brose, J. Brown and D. Penney, 1985). Many traditionally-minded Native American people today, those who see their culture as being connected to a time before Europeans came to America, believe that prayer goes up to the Creator with the smoke from the pipe.

In the Late Archaic Period (around 3,000 to 2,000 BC) we find the first examples of pipes, relatively simple tubes made of carved stone or fired clay. These pipes have often been located in association with what are thought to be ceremonial objects, lending support to the belief that pipes themselves were parts of ceremonial

Western Carolina University Graduates

Western Carolina University Chancellor Myron L. Coulter conferred degrees on 1,080 students Saturday, May 7, at the University's 1994 spring commencement exercises.

In addition to presiding at the Saturday afternoon ceremonies held in the Liston B. Ramsey Regional Activity Center, Coulter also delivered the commencement address. Coulter is scheduled to retire June 30 after 10 years as the university's chancellor.

Receiving diplomas were candidates from WCU's five colleges. There were 269 graduates from the College of Applied Sciences, 189 from the College of Arts and Sciences, 214 from the College of Business, 234 from the College of Education and Psychology, and 174 from the Graduate School.

A total of 193 students graduated with academic honors. Of these, 11 students were designated University Scholars for completing all of their

activity. By the Early Woodland Period (beginning around 2,000 to 1,500 BC), these basic tubular pipes had evolved into art. From numerous sites in the Eastern Woodlands we see tubular pipes made in the shape of various animals, and occasionally in the form of human figures.

By the Middle Woodland Period (beginning around 500 AD) pipe-making had developed into "an impressive sculptural tradition (Brose, Brown and Penney, 1985:194)." During this period all over the Eastern Woodlands there were tubular and other pipes with elegant artwork incorporated into their design. Some pipes in this period are elbow-shaped (where the mouth-piece tube turns a 90 degree angle to become the bowl of the pipe, similar to modern tobacco pipes). Others are in the shape of what is called "platform" pipes (where the mouth-piece part of the pipe continues on beyond the place where the bowl rises out of the top of the tube, giving the appearance that the bowl is sitting on top of a platform).

Both elbow and platform pipes from this period have animal (or rarely, human) figures built into the smoking part of the pipe. For example the entire pipe, or just the bowl itself, may be carved in the shape of a bear's head or a bird's body. In other examples, an animal figure may appear to be attached to the pipe in a way that the smoke does not actually pass through the animal's body (even though the pipe part and the animal figure part are really all the same academic work at WCU with highest honors. Forty-seven students graduated summa cum laude (with highest honors), 58 graduated magna cum laude (with high honors), and 88 graduated cum laude (with honors).

Listed are area students in the graduating class, showing each student's field of study. All students received bachelor's degrees, except where graduate-level degrees are noted. Appropriate honors also are designated.

Area students receiving degrees from Western Carolina University are: Lumberton -- James Luckey Welsh, 210 Walnut Cove Rd. finance and management. Maxton--Donna Lynn Chavis, economics.

Tennis Lessons

The Lumberton Recreation Department will sponsor tennis lessons for age 6 years and up. Classes will begin June 1st and will be held every Monday and Wednesday at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00. Classes are \$40.00 per month and will be held at Lumberton High School. The instructor is Kami McClaurin. Please call the Bill Sapp Center at 671-3869 to register.

piece of stone). Some of the animals featured on these pipes are coyotes, bears, cougars, turtles and various bird species. One especially fine example from the Bedford site in Illinois, and now housed at the Gilcrease Institute in Oklahoma, is a stone beaver platform pipe with bone and river-pearl inlay for the eyes and teeth.

Most researchers believe that it is no coincidence that so many of these ancient pipes were made in the form of animals. The oral history of many living Native American nations tells us of the special relationship that has always existed between man and animals -- animals as the "spirit guide" of humans; animals as the teachers of certain important lessons about how humans should behave; animals as the symbols of human families or clans. It is logical to think that these ideas which we hear told in the stories of living Native American cultures did not just "spring up" out of nowhere. These are probably very old ideas, which extend back into ancient times in the Eastern Woodlands.

Thus the study of ancient Indian art can tell us more than simply how they decorated their lives. The art of the ancient Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands reflects a world beyond their technical and artistic talent, beyond their sense of aesthetic beauty. It probably also reflects their system of beliefs -- their sense of connectedness to the natural world and the spirit world.

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

Local Students Among Graduates at Campell

During Campbell University's 108th Commencement Exercises on May 9, 1994, 1,080 students graduated. The Commencement Address was delivered by U.S. Representative Henry J. Hyde. The speaker for the Commencement Sermon on Sunday, May 8, was Dr. James C. Dobson, founder and president of Focus on the Family.

From Robeson graduates are as follows: Faimont, Lisa Lewis Schaeffer, Ed.D., Lumber Bridge. Wanda Kay Ammons, Ed. Spec., Lumberton. Sandra Martin Clark, Juris D., Lumberton. Melanie Horne, B.B.A., Lumberton. Deborah J. Stogner, Juris D., Lumberton. Demetrius LaVonne Worley, B.A., Maxton. Mark Bowen Fleming, B.B.A., Pembroke. Shana Dial, B.S., Pembroke. Lemarr Harris, M.B.A., Pembroke. Larry Dean Jacobs, M.B.A., Pembroke. Rose Marie Lowry, Ed.D., Pembroke. Curtis R. Pierce, M.B.A., Pembroke. Garry Revels, B.A., St. Pauls, Brian Phillin Kinlaw R.A.

Prospect Honor Roll Released

The Honor Roll for Prospect School has been released for the fifth six-weeks grading period.

Seventh grade, Superintendent's Honor Roll: Crystal Bullard; Brandon Emanuel; Bobby Freeman; Christy Oxendine; Melissa Revels; Tyler Thompson.

A Honor Roll: Ceneca Cummings; Porsha Dial; Jessica Lambert; Conchata Locklear; Misha Melvin; Melissa Stricklin; Eugenia Dial.

B Honor Roll: Mark Bullard, Jacqueline Cummings; Kimberly Dial; Reginald Jacobs; Brandy N. Locklear; Jeanette Locklear; Matthew W. Tyler; Carla Brewer; Derek Bullard; Tiff Bullard; Christy Chavis; Phillip Henderson; Jeremy Hunt; Constance Locklear; Melissa McGirt; Robert Pate; Cathy Hunt; Jessica Locklear; John Locklear; Kristin Locklear; Tere Locklear; Eryn Sanderson; Constance Barton; Jan Benson; Jody Bullard; Serena Jones; tara locklear; Cassandra Oxendine; Pamela Oxendine; Loreal Revels; Ashleigh Sanderson; Melissa Blue.

Eighth Grade Superintendent's Honor Roll: Jadene Lowry Sabrina R. Pickens.

A Honor Roll: Annie B Lowery; April Williams; Jessica Bullard; Hal Hunt.

B Honor Roll: Natasha Quick; Jamie Blue; Lashawn Evans; Erick Hunt; Tabitha Scott; Tori Worrix; Ronald Sampson; Tonya Lowry; Rodney R. Locklear; Randy Locklear; teddy Clark; Joey Bullard; Leecheffe Chavis; Star M. Chavis; Elizabeth Deese. Tara S. Deese; Karen Dial; April Locklear; Kristina Locklear; Ashley Thompson; Cindy M. Clark; Christie L. Chavis; Deidra Chavis; Brenna S. Jacobs; Christina Barton; Stacey Clark; Crystal Mariah; Kate Locklear; Sarya Locklear; Shannon Locklear; Amanda Lowery; Derek Brewer.

Piney Grove School News

Mr. Wayne Royal, a volunteer from the Red Springs Rescue Squad, spoke to the third graders at Piney Grove School recently. Mr. Royal demonstrated many of the procedures that rescue workers follow in order to help those in need. Pictured above are Mr. Royal and Mrs. Sheila Locklear, a third grade teacher at Piney Grove School.

Piney Grove School Child Nutrition staff celebrated National Breakfast Week recently. They started out with a breakfast kit that they displayed in the cafeteria dining area. Letters were sent to the teachers explaining what we would be doing during the week. On Tuesday, March 8 each student was presented a puzzle game and coloring placemat. The students were very excited on Wednesday, March 9 when they had a contest called "Come on down Number 140th student." One of our kindergarten students was the 140th student to eat breakfast. He received an extra treat. On Friday, March 11 each student received a Food Guide Pyramid Sticker. It was an exciting week and our staff worked very hard. They are Linda Baldwin, Manager; Grace Jones, Assistant Manager; Gracie Locklear; Betty Hayes; Rhonda Locklear; and Cindy Bryant.

The Law And You

by David Nash

If you rent an apartment or house, you will probably have to pay a security deposit to the landlord before you move in. While a security deposit provides the landlord with some protection, you also have legal rights regarding the security deposit.

A security deposit can become the point of contention between a landlord and tenant when issues arise about repairs, rent or other matters. State law limits what the landlord can charge, how the deposit can be used, and says how you get it back.

The law limits the amount a landlord can charge for a security deposit according to the length of the lease. For a week-to-week lease, the maximum deposit is two weeks' rent. For a month-to-month lease, the deposit cannot be more than one and one-half month's rent. For any rent agreement longer than a month, the security deposit cannot exceed two months rent. These limits apply whether the lease is written or oral.

A landlord must either deposit your security deposit in a trust account of a North Carolina bank or give you a bond from an insurance company licensed in North Carolina. The landlord must tell you the name and address of the bank or insurance company within 30 days after you move in.

The landlord may only use the deposit for certain reasons. If you break your lease by leaving before it is over, the deposit can cover rent for the rest of your lease, as well as the costs or re-renting the property. Whether or not you leave early, the deposit can be used to cover late rent, damage you caused to the property, and electricity or other bills you did not pay that are a lien against the property. It can also be used for the cost of moving and storing your property after a judicial eviction, and for court costs.

The law says that your landlord cannot use the deposit for any other purpose. Specifically, it cannot be used for normal wear and tear on the property. Furthermore, she can only keep the part of your deposit that is actually needed for the costs listed above.

The law does not say what your landlord has to pay you interest on the deposit. Earning interest for the landlord, however, is not one of the permitted uses of the deposit. You

could argue, if any interest is earned in the security deposit account, it should be paid to you. That is probably an issue that a judge would have to decide.

Within 30 days after your move out, the landlord must return your deposit. If some of it was used for allowable expenses, then he must return the remaining portion and give you a list of the expenses for which it was used. If the landlord does not know your new address, he must hold the deposit for six months.

If the landlord does not give you the list or refund your deposit, then you can file a lawsuit. You can sue without an attorney in small claims court. If you hire an attorney and the court finds that your landlord willfully violated the law, then you can get reasonable attorney's fees in addition to the refund.

Practically speaking, it will cost time and money to get your deposit back if your landlord does not follow the law. The best way to avoid a problem is to maintain a good relationship with your landlord and keep your home in good condition while you live there. If you have done that, ask your landlord before you move if she will agree to keep the deposit instead of your last month's rent.

You can consider just telling the landlord to keep your deposit instead of rent. If you do that, the landlord may sue you for eviction or for the rent. Some landlords, however, will not go to court if they have your deposit, you move on time, and you leave the unit clean and undamaged. In any case, it is a good idea to take pictures of the empty unit after you clean it and keep good records of your rent payments, in case you need them for court.

If the landlord has charged you an additional fee for pets, this fee does not have to be returned. The fee must be a reasonable amount.

If you have a security deposit problem or another problem with your landlord, call an attorney or your local Legal Services office for advice about your specific situation. The Legal Services office can advise you about representing yourself in small claims court and may be able to help in other ways.

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