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## News Briefs

### Lowry-Townsend wins NCAE Election For Third Term



Rose Marie Lowry-Townsend, Polk, Swain, Transylvania, and current president of the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE), has won a third term as the Association's elected official. She defeated Eddie Davis, III, a Durham teacher who serves on the State Board of Education, NCAE's Board of Directors and the Board of National Education Association (NEA)--NCAE's parent organization.

Lowry-Townsend led the voting in the annual statewide election, getting 15,194 votes to 9,349 for Davis. She will succeed Cecil Banks, beginning her third term on July 1, 1995. Lowry-Townsend will complete her second term as NCAE President at the end of June and will serve as NCAE vice president-president-elect from July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995.

In other statewide races for NCAE-NEA offices, Harold Phipps, an Ashe County teacher, was elected to the NEA Board of Directors. He was serving as interim NEA Director in the seat vacated by Karen Garr, now Governor Hunt's teacher advisor. Phipps will serve for two years in this post and automatically gets a seat on the NCAE Board.

A runoff election will be held on May 24 between John Ferguson and Rebecca Lewis banks for a three year term on the NEA Board. Ferguson is a Surry County teacher and Banks works in the State Department of Public Instruction. Banks is seeking a second term in this position. Ferguson is currently on the NCAE Board of Directors.

Six new members from districts across the state were elected to the NCAE Board for three-year terms beginning July 1.

The District 1 seat (Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Henderson, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Madison,

Polk, Swain, Transylvania, and Yancey Counties) went to Tom Stewart, a teacher at Smoky Mountain High School in Jackson County. Stewart was unopposed for the seat.

Helen Heavner, a former member of the NCAE Board, will represent District 2 (Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, McDowell and Rutherford Counties.) She is an English teacher at West Lincoln High School in Lincoln County. Heavner was unopposed.

The District 3 seat (Alexander, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Mitchell, and Watauga Counties) will be filled by Marilyn Futrelle, a teacher at Viewmont Elementary School in Catawba County. She was unopposed.

Robert P. Hartsell, Jr. won a two-way race in District 4 (Alleghany, Davie, Iredell, Rowan, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin Counties). A system-wide social worker for the Davie County schools, Hartsell was victorious over John Hoffman, a fourth grade teacher at Iseberg Elementary in Rowan County.

In the uncontested race in District 7, Etta Blaney will represent Guilford and Rockingham Counties. She is a third grade teacher at New Vision Intermediate School in Rockingham.

William F. (Bill) Mann was the winner over two contenders in District 8 (Anson, Chatham, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Richmond, and Scotland Counties). Mann is a fifth grade teacher at J.R. Ingram Elementary in Lee County. He was victor over Gloria McKenzie of Scotland County and Vickie Wilkins of Lee County.

In addition, NCAE local and district officers for the 1994-95 school year were elected, as well as delegates to the annual NEA convention which will be held in New Orleans in July.

### Buffaloe to Attend Tournament



Kenny Buffaloe, the North Carolina Representative of the International Kyokushin-Kai Karate Organization, is scheduled to do several action packed demonstrations at the Pembroke Karate Warrior's "Annual Open Karate Tournament" on Saturday, June 4th. Buffaloe will demonstrate the power, spirit, and technique of the practical Kyokushin-Kai style of Karate.

Kenny Buffaloe started his Karate training at the age of 5 under world famous Karate Master Mas Oyama of Japan. He has over 20 years training and experience and runs Karate schools in 5 towns in Northeast North Carolina and Southside Virginia. Buffaloe is a two time recipient of the state's "Governor's Award" for professional excellence in Karate. He has also been featured in leading Martial Arts magazines, T.V. talk shows, action videos and 3 feature movies.



Julia Russell

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### Faircloth supports Lumbees

By JOHN MONK  
Observer Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Efforts by the Lumbee Indians to get Congress to award them federal tribal status received a big boost Wednesday when Sen. Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C., revealed he would back the Lumbees.

"I'll vote for them," Faircloth told The Charlotte Observer.

This is the first time Faircloth has made a public statement supporting the Lumbees' effort.

If the 40,000 Lumbees, many of whom live in Eastern North Carolina, get tribal recognition, they would be the fourth-largest Indian tribe in the nation. The Lumbees also would be eligible for millions of dollars in benefits that come with federal recognition.

Faircloth, a longtime foe of new federal spending, said he's backing the bill because it doesn't give the Lumbees any money.

However, passage of the current bill would allow the Lumbees to apply for benefits. And since Congress is controlled by Democrats, and the Lumbees usually vote heavily Democratic, they are almost certain to get federal money once they get federal tribal recognition.

Faircloth said he'll vote against any bill giving money to the Lumbees.

Faircloth's endorsement of the Lumbee position was a setback for fellow Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

For years, Helms has worked behind the scenes to defeat the Lumbees' bid to win quick congressional approval of tribal status, sources said.

Helms declined comment this week on Faircloth's new position.

In the past, Helms has supported a slower method: He wants the Lumbees to get tribal recognition

by going through an involved bureaucratic process under the Department of Interior.

But Lumbee supporters said that was just Helms' method of killing the Lumbee bid since the department has told the Lumbees it doesn't want to grant them tribal status.

So the Lumbees have turned to Congress, which also has the power to grant tribal recognition.

In 1991, the House passed a Lumbee recognition bill.

The bill then went to the 100-member Senate, where ordinarily one senator can't stall a bill indefinitely.

But in February 1992, in a vote over the Lumbee bill, Helms was able to quietly persuade most Republicans to threaten a filibuster. The Democrats fell just two votes shy of getting the 60 votes necessary to break the filibuster.

That year, a key Lumbee supporter was former Sen. Terry Sanford, an N.C. Democrat.

In late 1992, when Faircloth beat Sanford, many people thought the Lumbees' chances of winning would be even worse. Faircloth, a conservative Republican, usually votes with Helms.

But Lumbee supporters began lobbying Faircloth. They also persuaded the House to pass a new Lumbee bill last October. Faircloth is backing that bill.

Faircloth said people shouldn't think he always follows Helms.

"Contrary to what the press is determined to believe, rarely do... Sen. Helms and I discuss legislation," Faircloth said.

Faircloth's decision may just "free it up," said Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii.

Inouye, chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, said he will bring the bill to the Senate floor in June.

The battle could be furious.

Critics say the Lumbees do not deserve federal recognition because they cannot prove they are all descendants of the same tribe. Lumbees say much of their Indian identity and language was lost because they were oppressed by white settlers during the 1800s.

People involved in the struggle predict that Helms might finally be forced to make speeches on the Senate floor against the Lumbees. Senators representing other tribes may vote against the Lumbees, because to recognize the Lumbees might mean that other tribes get less federal money.

Lumbee lobbyist and tribal member Arlinda Locklear said she had met many times with Faircloth to try to persuade him to vote for the Lumbees.

"We would be absolutely delighted to have his support," she said.



Faircloth

### Local Teacher Has Short Story "Faces" Published

by Yvonne Barnes Dial

An expression of Indian art, literature, and pride has erupted and people are grasping out in sharing their talents. Public Schools of Robeson County; English Teacher at PSHS, Julia Russell, has been selected to share her short story in a Native American anthology that has been recently published.

The book, Earth Song, Sky Spirit, edited by Clifford Trafzer, is a collection of short stories of contemporary Native American experiences. Mrs. Russell's short story entitled "Faces" is about the cultural and family heritages that help make us who and what we are. The author said, "It is also about the complexities of family relationships."

Mrs. Russell graduated from Pembroke High School in 1963 and received a BS degree at Radford University of Virginia in 1967 and a MA degree at Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College in Vermont in 1986. She has also been selected as PSHS's English

Department chairperson and Teacher of the Year.

She had her internships with National Endowment for the Arts in the early 1970's and through Earth Son, Sky Spirit, she won an award in the area of multi-culturalism for 1993.

Her special interests including reading, especially Latin American literature, writing fiction, watching foreign films, and being a grandmother. She enjoys teaching and working with teenagers.

Having the feeling of never sharing her writing without the encouragement of her husband, Paul, Julia can now with all sincerity quote that "No one can tell another person's story with as much accuracy as the individual himself or herself. If Native Americans want other to know who we are and what we believe, then we must be the ones to tell them."

The book's copyright date is August 1993 and was published by Doubleday in New York and London.

### Annual Gospel Singing To Be Held June 3

Carla & Redemption, A Southern Gospel Group based in Lumberton, NC have been singing together, as a group, for about four years but the members are no strangers to Southern Gospel Music. Some of them have traveled full time in Gospel Music in recent years. The group consists of 5 members. Helen Oxendine, Sings Alto and Handles the booking for the group. Helen has been singing for many years and is very excited about what God has done in their ministry in the past and even more excited about what the future holds. The first ever national release for the group will be coming out mid March from Brion and Terry Hudson on the Heritage Co. The song is entitled "Growing in Grace" it was written by group member Carla Oxendine, who in addition to song writing, sings lead/soprano for the group and plays keyboards.

Carla is also a DJ on WSTS radio 100.9 FM in Fairmont, NC. The station plays all Southern Gospel 24 hours a day. Carla covers the afternoon drive time. Rounding out the group vocals are Randy Sullivan and Earl Monds. Randy, also an evangelist, has been with Carla and the Redemption for almost 2 years. He enjoys driving the bus, singing Baritone vocals and doing

most of the MC work for the group. Earl Monds, a young man from Erwin, NC sings the bass vocals and plays drums, in addition to, driving the bus. Both of these young men really inspire the groups audiences with their stirring testimonies, of Gods Ability to save and deliver. A young man from Pembroke, NC, Mike Manuel, finishes out the group. Mike has also been with the group for almost 2 years and he really does a fine job playing bass guitar and keeping everyone's sense of humor in tact during some of their long hours on the road. Mike has been named "Mr. Positive" by fan because of wonderful smile.

God has really blessed Carla and Redemption over the past few years. We have witnessed many souls being blessed and coming to know the Lord as number one in their lives. We ministered on over 170 dates last year. In various parts of the country and we are excited about our new single and the new areas that we will get to minister in as a result of it. We are also very excited about our 4th anniversary weekend coming up June 3rd and 4th at Lumberton Senior High School. God Bless you and Please remember to Pray for our ministry.



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