A couple weeks ago, a friend asked me if I was trying to "get LRDA". I wasn't very sure what he meant. I lead asked him to explain why he thought was trying to "get" anybody or sanything. He said he had noticed that the beginning of the constitutional controversy. The constitutional controversy, The seemed to be anti-LRDA. He wanted to know if I and The Carolina Indian Voice was waging a personal vendetta.

Took last week off and thought, among other things, about LRDA, the Lumbee tribal constitution and the Carolina Indian Voice.

I was very glad he asked about those issues for many reasons. The first, of course, being that if he asked about what I had written, then he must about what I had written, then he must n, have read this column and this paper. Being in the newspaper business, it makes me happy whenever anyone take time to read our paper. The staff at bear the Indian Voice takes great pride in presenting to our people a forum for indeas as well as a forum for information about our community and the issues that are important to The Lumbee-Cheraw Nation. We firmly believe ... communication is the key to the ... universe. As Bruce Barton always said, "the positive exchange of ideas is always better than the negative blast from a shotgun.'

be about those issues is it showed he was do concerned about his community, his "b"people and the future. He was or a concerned enough to confront me. I respect that. It is very easy to sit back and let things run their course. Many "'r people, for many different reasons, will allow things to continue even when they feel someone should say or do something. I was raised to believe

that I am someone. If someone needs to take a stand, I truly believe as a Christian, as an Indian, and finally as an American, I have the duty, as well as the right to take that stand.

Neither I nor The Carolina Indian Voice is Anti-LRDA. We believe

LRDA has provided many services to the Lumbee people in the past and will probably continue to do so in the future. We believe that on the issue of a tribal constitution, LRDA, and its board of directors have taken a stance that is inconsistent with the needs of the Lumber people. We believe LRDA needs to do its business in the light of day, not behind closed doors. Closed doors should be saved for married folks, not public servants. LRDA's actions are not the actions of a government of the people, for the

people.

Neither I nor the Carolina Indian

Voice is Anti-the LRDA board of directors. In years past, the Indian Voice and LRDA's board has worked toward many of the same goals. Individually, I respect and admire many of the board members. I believe that many board members will run for tribal council once things are set in place. If they are elected, I'll certainly support them, as long as they do the right thing. Let the people decide. As m a shotgun."

a news organization, the Carolina
Another reason I was glad he asked Indian Voice is committed to presenting the news to the people. We are not anti-LRDA. We are not trying to "get LRDA". We are trying to get LRDA to do the right thing. We are trying to get better. We are antistupidity, anti-ignorance. We are pro-Lumbee. We are pro-Indian. We support the Lumbee Bill.

Rick Barton, President First American Publications



Before I forget it, our next Singles'
Meeting will be a week earlier this
time, on the First Tuesday, June 7th
instead of our regular Second Tuesday
of the month. As usual, we'll be
meeting at First United Methodist
Church in Pembroke, at 7:00 pm.

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Here it is, almost time for Father's day, and I'm still thinking about Mother's day. At our last Singles' meeting Shirley Lowry presented an interested program. It included several meeting form the Book of Comfort reading from the Book of Comfort and Joy. Then she asked each of us to jot down something about our mother, or about Mother's Day. As we took turns reading what we'd written, I was so impressed by these informal "essays" that, after the meeting I asked those who were still present if I could share their thoughts in this column.

Anne Boyle, "Everyday is Mother's Day. We ask so little and get so much. That's why we are special." Irene Oxendine, "If my mother was here I would tell her and show her in more ways of love, how I appreciate a mother." Myrtle Woodell, "She was a loving mother, a caring mother. But most of all, she was a Christian mother. She taught us to respect others." Norma J. Thompson, "Life is not always easy, but I always knew my mother loved me and trusted and believed in me. This trust kept me from doing things that I knew she disapproved of, therefore making me a more disciplined, moral person. She taught me the value of Love. How to Love! The Force of Love!

Flora Ransom, "My mother meant theworld and all to me. She was always there for me. She was kind an gentle. She guided me in the right direction, giving sound advice. She was there when I was happy, and sad. I still miss her, especially on Mother's days." Annie Pearl Cummings, "My mother's greatest gift to me was that she raised us in a Christian home and guided us through most of the struggles in our tives. She also was the corner stone in my life in helping me raise 6 children. And of the five that are leftthey are all Christians and workers in their churches."

Another member said her mother warned her children to be careful in choosing their friends. "There is never a lie told that someone won't believe it," she told them. I'm sorry some had already left, because each person made a special contribution. Also fetial not get down the nicethings Shirley Lowry said about her mother. I, too, have fond memories of "Miss Lela". I was staying with her when Leon and I got

About my own mother I said, "I'm thankful for a mother who has been in

are now closer than ever, for which I am very grateful.

MEMORIAL DAY

Over the phone she told me about her little trip on Memorial Day. That's when people in Montana always plan to take flowers (often wild flowers) to the cemetery.
My cousin Betty, who has looked

after Mother through the years, picked her up at the Nursing Home and several relatives drove together to the Point of Rocks cemetery where my father, his parents, Mother's parents, and many others are buried.)Let;s also remember all who have fought and died around the world, in order to keep or promote freedom, including everyone involved in the Normandy Invasion 50 years

Afterward Mother spent a little time at her own house. She said she enjoyed eating a good meal at my Aunt Clara's home, a mile and a half down the dirt road from where Mother has lived since 1941. Just before we got into World War II, we moved back to that little log house where daddy was born (in 1898). Aunt Clara also a widow has a nice double wide trailer at one

FUTURE WARSE

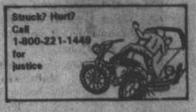
re Americans can see that the this world for 9/ years and is still going strong! I ve known her for over 66 of those years. We've had out misunderstandings. But she has been a Christian guide and a faithful friend." I could have added that we are now closer than man for the communist Serbian government are now closer than man for the communist Serbian People is other countries still have a communist back into power if they were ever really out. I still believe it's the Communist Serbian government rather than the Serbian People in Yugoslavia who started the war there by not allowing republics like Croatia and Bosnia to become independent. We have some very good friends in Montana who are Serbian. Also, I'm still wondering what Communist party leader Joe Slovo may be p to in South Africa. He has an important position in the new coalition government. There was reportedly a Big cheer when Fidel Castro arrived for Nelson Mandela's in auguration. According to what inauguration. According to what Mandela said during the town meeting when he was in this country several years ago, Castro is considered one of the ANC's good friends. Another thing I wonder about is the clenched fists you see on TV and in newspaper pictures. I understand that to be a Marxists symbol calling: "Workers of the World, Unite!"

Certainly we need to pray daily for Our country and for the Entire world! KEVIN AND KELVIN

So Kevin Eastman has replaced Kelvin Sampson as head coach at Washington State! When I called WECT to ask why they hadn't given Kelvin more coverage as a native of southeast NC, the sportscaster told me

end of the ranch where Mother grew he didn't have much info on him.





New Wind

Some say a new wind is blowing None the like our eyes have seen Though to a people it be long coming Eager are the hearts who welcome its torrent arrival

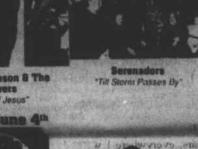
The wind we speak is the wind of change Destined to rush ore the land Rubbled empires its aftermath No evidence of survivors

Its heavenly gusts sweep clean The corridors of the mind Courageous are those who stand in its forefront Nothing will ever be the same.

Wendy Moore Ledwell

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