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## Rev. Welton Lowry announces his candidacy for Tribal Chairman

Dr. Welton Lowry of Pembroke has announced his candidacy for Tribal Chairman. He is the seventh in the list of candidates for this position. Dr. Lowry believes that this is a good sign. "The number seven is very significant in the Bible. It is the number of completion...the perfect number. I was hoping that we would have seven candidates for tribal chairman," Dr. Lowry stated.

Dr. Lowry offers an illustrious career in education, religious activities, and civic affairs, as his credentials in seeking the chairman position.

Dr. Lowry has spent his life in Pembroke, having been born on what is now the campus of Pembroke State University. He received his B.S. Degree in Elementary Education from Pembroke State College, having earlier completed two years at Normal in Old Main. He also earned a major in English and later attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, East Carolina University and George Peabody in Nashville, Tennessee, where he earned his Master's degree in Educational Administration in 1951.

Thirty years of Dr. Lowry's life have been spent in the educational systems of Bladen and Robeson County. During his teaching years in Bladen County he was privileged to have the opportunity to motivate the "Awakening of a group of Indian people." Through his endeavors, a new school called "Wide Awake" was built and the people recognized a

greater understanding of the "value of education."

Dr. Lowry joined the United States Air Force in 1940 after a career in Bladen County as a teacher and administrator. He was one of the two (along with Herbert Oxendine) Indian flying cadets in the Air Force.

Following his military service, Dr. Lowry became principal of Piney Grove School in Robeson County. He served there for fifteen years and began working at Pembroke Graded School. He served there for two years and transferred to Union Chapel School for four years. He then moved to Pembroke Senior High where he taught for eight years and retired from there in 1976.

Dr. Lowry has been recognized on several occasions for his contributions to education. He was a member of the First American Caucus of the National Education Association. This Caucus was instrumental in the formulation of the National Indian Education Act (IEA) legislation.

Dr. Lowry has served as pastor of Lumberton since 1962. His religious activities include serving as Moderator of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association on two separate occasions. He has served on various committees in the Baptist Association. State wide he has served on the North Carolina Baptist General Board and as a committee member of the North Carolina Christian Board of Higher Education.

In addition to educational and

religious activities, Dr. Lowry has been busy in civic affairs. He has long been active in the Pembroke Lions Club, the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts, the Robeson County Association of Retired Educators, the North Carolina Association of Retired Education, the PSU Alumni Association, the Robeson County Democratic Party.

In making his announcement for Tribal Chairman, Dr. Lowry released the following statement:

"When Indian people vote for Tribal Chairman on August 27, they should carefully evaluate the candidates. Ask yourself three questions about each one. What has he done? What is he doing? And what will he do? These three questions, if answered properly will allow the voters to make the right decisions in selecting our Tribal Chairman.

"My record is distinctive on my service and commitment to my people. I have lived a life of service and worked diligently to enhance educational, spiritual, social and economic conditions. I am not ashamed to have anyone evaluate my record. For more than six decades I have demonstrated my qualifications, potential, commitment, dedication and ability to provide the leadership necessary for us to move into tribal government.

"I promise, if elected, to continue what I have been doing all my life, to strive for the betterment of the Lumbee tribe."



Rev. Welton Lowry

## Jones Appointed to Human Relation Commission

Lt. Gov. Dennis A. Wicker recently appointed Mr. James A. Jones of Rt. 3 Maxton to the N.C. Human Relation Commission. The appointment followed a recommendation of Mr. Jones by Rep. Ron Sutton, Democrat, District 65 and was effective July 1, 1994.

Mr. Jones, a retired educator, lives in the Prospect Community. He graduated from Pembroke State College in 1948 and received his Masters in Education from East Carolina University in 1973.

A Lumbee Indian, Mr. Jones spent 33 years in the public schools of Robeson County, all of it at Prospect School. He was a teacher for 15 years, an assistant principal for 5 years and then principal until he retired in 1984. The media center at Prospect School was named the "James A. Jones Media Center" in his honor.

The Human Relation Commission is composed of 21 members who meet throughout the state. The Commission considers, among other things, matters of fair housing laws, public discriminations, community relations and crisis in communities.

When asked about his recent appointment, Mr. Jones stated "I believe with my strong history of working with people, especially people of all backgrounds and races, I can have a positive impact on this Commission. I look forward to serving my people, my community and my state."

Mr. Jones is married to Pearl Mae Chavis Jones. They are the parents of a son Jimmie Jones of Dillon, SC, a daughter Kathy Jones Dudley of Raleigh and their youngest daughter Dr. Alfreda Jones Garcia of Fairfax, VA.

Mr. Jones' appointment is for four years.

## Revival To Be Held

The Mission Church will hold revival services beginning Sunday August 7-12th. Service starts Sunday at 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Guest Speakers will be from the country of Trinidad. The pastor is the Reverend Crites Oxendine. The public is cordially invited to attend. For further information call (910) 521-2445.

## PSU Internship Summer Program

The North Carolina Health Career Access Program at Pembroke State completed its 13th year of sponsoring a six week clinical internship summer program," announced Gina L. Scavone Pittman, PSU's interim director.

Six minority students interested in the health professions attended the program held on the campus of Pembroke State. The summer program is designed to provide PSU Native American and other ethnic students majoring in the sciences with opportunities to work in local health care agencies.

"They gain valuable on-the-job experience while paving their academic careers to become a health care professional," said Pittman.

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## Students Receive Wynn Scholarships



Recently, the Fifth Annual Harold B. Wynn Scholarships were awarded. Six students from the Saddletree community received scholarships. Each student will receive a minimum of \$600.

Scholarship recipients were: Lorna Hazel McNeill, a graduate of St. Pauls High School will attend East Carolina University or UNC-Wilmington in the Fall with plans to obtain a undergraduate degree in music. Lorna is the daughter of L.H. and Hazel McNeill of Rt. 8, Lumberton, NC. James Mingo Hammonds, graduated from St. Pauls High School and will attend North Carolina State University in the Fall and plans to major in horticulture. Mingo is the son of Jimmy and Wanda Hammonds of Rt. 10, Lumberton, NC.

Jonathan Bell, a graduate of Lumberton Senior High School will attend North Carolina State University or Pembroke State University in the fall with plans to acquire a degree in the area of law enforcement. Jonathan is the son of Johnny and Rhonda Bell of Rt. 10, Lumberton, NC. Kristy Dawn Fields, graduated from Lumberton Senior High School and will attend Pembroke State University or UNC-Wilmington and major in biology. Kristy is the daughter of Billy and Angela Fields of Rt. 8, Lumberton, NC.

Tara Tomasina Chavis, a graduate of Lumberton Senior High School will attend Robeson Community College in the Fall and obtain a degree in respiratory therapy. Tara is the daughter of Thomas Earl and Patricia Chavis of 445 County Club Drive, Lumberton, NC. James Kelvin Jones, graduated from Lumberton Senior High School and will attend Mars Hill College in the Fall and receive a degree in physical therapy. Kelvin is the son of James and Wanda Jones of Rt. 1, Shannon, NC.

"Again this year the community as well as the churches have given their overwhelming support," stated Lance Harding, President of the Saddletree Community Center.

This year Dr. Joey Bell was the keynote speaker. Dr. Bell shared with the group some of his experiences while studying and working with Indian tribes in Oklahoma. He encouraged students to follow their dreams and succeed in their endeavors in life. Also present for awarding of scholarships was Ms. JoAnn Locklear, Clerk of Court, along with her husband Grover. Ms. Locklear shared some of her life experiences as she journeyed down the road of success.

JoAnn, her husband and son Kevin are all members of the Saddletree Community Center. Several members of the Harold B. Wynn family were present to give their thanks and encouragement to the recipients.

The welcome was given by Kevin Locklear, with invocation by Rev. Jackson Locklear with opening comments made by Lance Harding, President of the Community Center. Introducing the keynote speaker was Ms. Gloria Lowery and presentation of scholarships were made by several members of the Wynn family. Ronald Hammonds, past president of the several members of the Wynn family. Entertainment was provided by the youth group of Riverside Independent Baptist Church.

Scholarship recipients along with their family members, friends and special guests were all treated to refreshments following the presentations.

Pictured: Left to Right: Beginning with the front row, Tara Tomasina Chavis, Lorna Hazel McNeill, Kristy Dawn Fields, James Kelvin Jones, James Mingo Hammonds, Jonathan Bell.

## Locklear Accepts Position at UNC

Anthony Locklear, who served as Pembroke State University admissions director since 1983, has taken a position with University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill as assistant dean of student counseling. He began his duties August 1.

Locklear graduated with a bachelor of science degree in business administration from PSU in 1977 after transferring from N.C. State. He was originally hired as PSU's admissions counselor in 1978, but left his job to take an assistant admissions directorship at UNC-Greensboro in 1982. The following year he was offered the top PSU Office of Admissions slot, a job he has served for 11 years.

"Pembroke State University is part of my heritage," said Locklear. "Being a Native American and an alumnus of the institution, PSU was part of my life and my love. With my job here, I had an opportunity to give back to other students what so many PSU staff and faculty members had given to me. It was an opportunity to make a difference in somebody's life."

In his new position, Locklear will be working one-on-one with freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. He will help in every aspect of a student's college needs, but will specialize in helping minority students, he said.

"The students at UNC-Chapel Hill, particularly the Native American students, have been petitioning for some time to have a full-time Native American staff members on board," said Locklear. "I'm very excited to be named to this new position and I plan to do my best to make a difference in their life and to be the best I possibly can be."

Locklear's duties will include everything from helping a new student with financial aid, to helping him or her adapt to the cultural shock of a collegiate setting. Other duties may

include helping upper classmen redefine their career choices, or even helping select a likely graduate curriculum.

Locklear realized several notable successes while admissions director. He was president of the PSU Alumni Association and the president of the Carolina Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACRAO), as well as an executive committee member of the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers organization.

In 1991 while president of CACRAO, he gave a presentation at the organization's national annual meeting that was held in Hawaii. He received the CACRAO Distinguished Service Award during this conference for a project that the two-state regional organization orchestrated. The project was titled "Educational Consultants" and trained admissions professionals to conduct college workshops. In turn, these workshops were presented to high school sophomores to prepare them for the scholastic rigors of college life and to enumerate the countless possibilities available through higher education.

By far, the most rewarding part of Locklear's job while at PSU was his contact with students, he said. "In this job I've had an opportunity to talk with students who were extremely well prepared and some who believed that college was not an option for them. In all cases, I've tried to take the students from the point where they were at and help them realize more than they believed possible."

Locklear, a member of the Berea Baptist Church, is married to Felecia Maynor Locklear. The couple has two children, Anjellica Bryce, 7, and Francesca Maynor, 4. He is the son of Curtis and Margaret Locklear of the Red Springs area.

Anthony Locklear, his wife and children have relocated to Cary.



Anthony Locklear

## Plate Sale Planned for Strickland Campaign

A plate sale is planned for Friday, August 12, 1994 at Union Chapel Community Baptist Church. The sale begins at 11 a.m. and will last until 4 p.m. Chicken and barbecue will be available. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the campaign of Rev. Jimmy Strickland, candidate for Tribal Chairman.