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Voting Sites for First Lumbee Tribal Election

The voting for the first tribal election will be held Saturday, August 27, from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Members of the Lumbee Tribe will elect a Tribal Chairman and 21 members to the Lumbee Tribal Council. These 21 will be elected from 21 districts.

The votes will be counted at the Pembroke Courthouse after the polls close.

Challenges and complaints relative to the election will be held on Monday, September 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pembroke Courthouse.

Voting sites include:

- District 1-Stewartville Volunteer Fire Department in Scotland County.
- District 2-New Beginning Baptist Church and Lowry's Chapel, Hawk Eye Sands Housing Authority (Hoke County).
- District 3-South Hoke Volunteer Fire Department (Hoke County) and Shannon Assembly of God (RObeson).
- District 4-St. Pauls High School and Cumberland County Association for Indian People.
- District 5-Rex Rennett Elementary School.
- District 6-Magnolia Elementary.
- District 7-Union Chapel Elementary School.
- District 8-Burnt Swamp Philadelphus Volunteer Fire Department.
- District 9-Pembroke Courthouse.
- District 10-Old Pembroke Middle School.
- District 11-Deep Branch Elementary School.
- District 12-Union Elementary School.
- District 13-Prospect Elementary School.
- District 14-Oxendine Elementary School.
- District 15-Evans Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department.
- District 16-south Robeson High School and Woodmen of the World.
- District 17-Fairgrove Elementary School.
- District 18-Robeson County Career Center at Hillv Branch.
- District 19-Smyrna Baptist Church and Barker Ten Mile Men's Club.
- District 20-West Lumberton Elementary.
- District 21-Bryan's Learning Center at the Robeson County Board of Education (Highway 72).



Francis Harjo Native American Coordinator for Farmers Home Administration

Francis Harjo, a Paiute-Shoshone Native American has been named Native American Coordinator for the Farmers Home Administration (FMHA). "Francis Harjo will be a great help to our outreach efforts," said Michael V. Dunn, FMHA Administrator. "FMHA and the Clinton Administration will be well served by his understanding of Native American issues, his knowledge, and his experience as an advocate for Native American peoples."

Harjo's experience includes work as the Executive Director of the National Commission on American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Housing. He co-authored the Commission's 1991 report, "Building the Future: A Blueprint for Change." The report has served as the basis for the Clinton Administration to move effectively toward meeting the Native American housing needs.

In addition, from 1987-1990, Harjo served as the Communications Coordinator for the National American Indian Housing Council, a



Seated (left to right): Otha Swen, Public Schools of Robeson County; Bill Smith, Robeson County Health Department; Maxine Elliott, Chairman; standing (left to right): Susan Morris, Robeson County Extension Service; Tim McNeill, SRMC; Eva Meekins, SRMC, and Judy Castro, Robeson County Health Department.

Partnership Workgroup To Focus on Heart and Diabetes Education

Over the past month the Partnership for Community Health of Robeson County's Heart Education and Wellness Workgroup chaired by Maxine Elliott has been meeting to organize and develop its overall strategies and objectives. The group's mission is to raise the level of awareness of cardiovascular and diabetic risk factors and to increase access to related programs and services. Members of the workgroup are: Betty Rising, Sandra Cross, Susan Morris, Atha Stalon, Eula McNeill, Paulette Baldwin, Wyatt Johnson,

Judy Castro, Bill Smith, Tim McNeill, Ann Stephens, Eva Meekins, and Otha Swen.

Led by Southeastern Regional Medical Center, the Partnership is a voluntary organization of public and private members formed to improve the health status of local residents. The Partnership was created with support from the Duke Endowment and its ultimate goal is to establish a shared health care vision with the Robeson community and to develop plans that make possible realizing that vision.

Hunt Graduates From WCU

Western Carolina University Interim Chancellor John H. Wakeley conferred degrees on 247 students at the university's 1994 summer sessions Friday, August 5.

Western alumnus Wardell Townsend Jr., assistant secretary for administration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, delivered the commencement address at the ceremonies, held in the Liston B Ramsey Regional Activity Center.

Townsend, a 1975 graduate of WCU with a bachelor's degree in psychology and social work, warned the graduates that changes in life -- such as graduating from college -- are inevitable, necessary and often difficult. "Change is an unrelenting factor in life that can befuddle the brightest and most stable of us," he said. "It is difficult because the change process is a difficult set of steps that we are never fully prepared to go through as individuals, groups or organizations. By planning, we can

help minimize the change for disaster, but we cannot guarantee 100 percent success.

A total of 61 students received degrees from the College of Applied Sciences, 29 from the College of Arts and Sciences, 35 from the College of Business, 34 from the College of Education and Psychology, and 88 from the Graduate School.

Academic honors were bestowed upon 25 graduates. Of those, six students graduated summa cum laude with highest honors, eight graduated magna cum laude with high honors, and 11 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. Edward Ray Hunt, Rt 1 Pembroke, Natural Resources Management.

Fleetwood Homes Donates to PSU's Teaching Fellows Program



Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine of Pembroke State University, right, receives a \$510,000 donation from Jim Holmes, General Manager of Fleetwood Homes of North Carolina. The donation will support PSU's new Teaching Fellows Program. (PSU photo by Bobby Ayers)

By Don Leach
Pembroke, Jim Holmes, General Manager of Fleetwood Homes of North Carolina, Inc. presented a \$510,000 check to Pembroke State University Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine to support the University's newly instituted Teaching Fellows Program.

"The gift from Fleetwood Homes will allow us to add some exciting enrichment activities to our Teaching Fellows Program this year," said Dr. Oxendine.

"Pembroke State is the first institution in the region to offer the highly competitive Teaching Fellows Program," Dr. Oxendine said.

"These students are at the top of their classes. Once they go through our special Teaching Fellows Program and do their student teaching in this region, they will be employed by the public schools here. Consequently, the quality of our schools will be enhanced."

Fleetwood Homes of North Carolina is one of the region's top manufacturers.

"We are all aware of the opportunities in our education system in this county," said Jim Holmes of Fleetwood Homes. "I can't think of anything of more value we could do in giving back to this community."

"The potential the Teaching Fellows Program has to improve the education of our children in this county is tremendous. On behalf of Fleetwood Homes of North Carolina, Inc., I'm proud to support such a

worthwhile program at Pembroke State University.

Fleetwood Enterprises, headquartered in Riverdale, Calif. is a Fortune 500 company and listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

For the third consecutive year, the Housing Group of Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. has been named "Manufacturer of the Year" by the National Manufactured Housing Congress in Las Vegas. The Congress includes more than 5,000 voting members from the manufactured housing industry. The designation for Fleetwood is its top honor.

The Pembroke facility is the company's national customer satisfaction champion. The customer satisfaction award recognizes the manufactured housing plant that achieves the highest level customer satisfaction based on responses of Fleetwood customers to a 1993 customer survey conducted by an independent research company. Of the homebuyers who purchased a home from the Pembroke facility, 95.9 percent of the respondents said

they would recommend a Fleetwood manufactured home to others or buy a Fleetwood product again.

The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program is a dynamic recruitment and scholarship program designed to attract the State's brightest and best high school seniors into the field of teaching.

Between 1976 and 1986, the number and quality of students entering teacher education program in North Carolina has declined.

The Teaching Fellows Program was proposed by the Public School Forum of North Carolina in 1986 to reverse this trend. It was created through the collaborative efforts of business, educational and political leaders in an effort to encourage outstanding high school seniors to enter the teaching profession.

The program provides a \$64,000 per year scholarship to high school seniors who agree to teach four years in one of North Carolina's public schools or government schools following graduation from college.

The scholastic profile of the typical Teaching Fellow is a Scholastic Assessment Test score of more than 1100, a high school grade point average of 3.6 plus on a 4.0 scale, and a class ranking in the top 10 percent of his or her graduating class. Each year, about 20 percent of his or her graduating class. Each year, about 20 percent of the 400 recipients are minority students and 30 percent are male.

Irene Aiken, a former class coordinator of UNC Chapel Hill's Teaching Fellows Program, was recently selected as director of Pembroke State's Teaching Fellows Program. "We have nine students enrolled in the program this year," said Aiken. "We expect to have at least 15 entering students in the program next year. We will be able to enrich the students' experiences with the gift from Fleetwood Homes."

For more information about the Teaching Fellows Program at Pembroke State University, contact Irene Aiken at 910-521-6450.

On The Pow Wow Circuit



The following list of upcoming powwows is not intended to be a complete list. Anyone having information about upcoming powwows not listed is encouraged to send them to Wild Turkey, P.O. Box 1075, Pembroke, NC 28372 or fax to (910) 521-1974.

- * August 26-28 Baltimore American Indian Center Pow-Wow (410) 675-3535
- * September 9-10, Coharie Pow Wow, Clinton, NC Contact (910) 564-6909
- * September 15-17 Guilford Native American Association (919) 273-8686
- * September 23-24, Native American Festival, Durham Technical Community College, 1637 Lawson Street, Durham, NC (call (919) 598-9188 or (919) 479-8000
- * Sept. 30 - October 2, Lumbee Annual Old Style Dance Festival and Pow Wow at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center, Pembroke, NC
- * Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Indian Trail Pow Wow, Indian Trail, NC (call Metroline Association, 704-331-4818, Kingston Sanderson, 704-821-6361.
- October 1, Friendship Pow Wow at the Denver Art Museum, Limited Arts and Crafts booths available for info call 303-839-4830
- * October 7-8, Cumberland County Native American 13th Annual Pow Wow, Memorial Indoor Arena, Fayetteville, NC 910-483-8442
- * October 14-15, Wacamac-Siouan Pow Wow, Bolton, NC For info, (919) 655-878
- * October 14, 15, 16, 13th Annual NAIA Pow-Wow & Fall Festival Nashville, Tennessee for more info call 615-726-0806 American Indian Vendors Traders & Dancers Welcomed, 211 Union St Stahlman Bldg, suite 932 Nashville, TN 37201-1505
- * October 21-22, Meherrin Indian Tribe Pow Wow, Winton, NC
- * November 7-13 Great American Indian Expo (410) 788-0689
- * November 21-27 Native American Pow-Wow, Baltimore, MD (410) 675-3535

American Indian Film Festival to Celebrate Nineteenth Year

The American Indian Film Institute is currently seeking entries for its 19th Annual American Indian Film Festival and Video Exposition to be held November 10-17, 1994 beginning at the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco.

Film or Video to be entered for competition should be by or about Native Americans that were produced in 1993-94. The eight major categories for competition are: 1. Documentary Feature, 2. Documentary Short, 3. Commercial Feature, 4. Docu-Drama, 5. Live Short Subject, 6. Animated Short Subject, 7. Industrial Public Service, 8. Music Video.

The entry deadline for the 19th Annual American Indian Film Festival and Video Exposition is September 9, 1994. Entries must be accompanied by 1. a completed entry form, 2. a signed regulations agreement form, 3. a screening cassette, and 4. a \$50.00 entry fee per each entry submitted for consideration. Entry fee payable to American Indian Film Institute.

Promotional materials including production credits, black and white

publicity stills, and a typewritten narrative description of each entry not exceeding 500 words should be included and forwarded. Entrant is also responsible for shipment to and from San Francisco.

A film jury designated by the American Indian Film Institute will screen entries and issue recommendations to the final program and awards nomination.

On or about September 26, 1994, entrants will be notified as to entrant selection into the 1994 American Indian Film Festival and Video Exposition.

Recognizing outstanding Indian cinematic accomplishments, the American Indian Motion Picture Awards will be presented the evening of November 12 at the Palace of Fine Arts, San Francisco.

Entry Forms may be obtained by writing American Indian Film Festival 333 Valencia St Suite 322 San Francisco, CA 94103 Attn: Michael Smith, Director (415) 554-0525 or Fax (415) 554-0542

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