

ALONG the ROBESON TRAIL

by Dr. Stan Knick, Director,
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November is nationally observed as American Indian Heritage Month. This was intended as a commemoration of the Native American heritage of our country, and as a time when we should turn extra attention toward learning about American Indians in the nation's school rooms. In a way, declaration of this special month parallels Black History Month (February), when our usually-European-centered school curricula are supposed to turn the focus to the African-American part of our country's heritage. Given that most of what the average public school student learns in the course of a year in the way of literature, history, music, art and contemporary issues comes straight out of Europe and a European way of looking at things, this notion of dedicating a month to studying non-European heritage seems like a good idea.

But is it really? How much can a student learn about these special topics in a month, in the midst of everything else that goes on at school (math, biology, physical education, sports, standardized testing, socializing, etc.)? Are we kidding ourselves by saying our students will study African-Americans for a month and American Indians for a month? Does it really work?

During this November I had the opportunity to visit in a couple of the high schools in Robeson County. I had been asked to make presentations

about Indian history and contemporary issues, and I figured that here in the middle of such a large Native American population the students would have loads of background in these topic areas. After all, it is American Indian Heritage Month. And sure enough, some of the students did seem to know something about Native American history and contemporary issues.

But most of the students showed little if any sign that they had been learning anything extra about Indians. Many of them didn't even know it was American Indian Heritage Month. I asked two different groups of students what they had learned about Native Americans so far during November (this was more than half way through the month), and most of them said: "Nothing." When I asked how many Native Americans lived in North Carolina, it took quite a few guesses (most of which were far off the real number) to come up with 80,000.

With one group I tried a little experiment. I asked them how many countries in Europe they could name. Very quickly they called out almost the entire list — from Scandinavia to the Mediterranean, from the Atlantic to the Balkans. Then I asked how many tribes or nations of North Carolina Indians they could name. Since North Carolina is a much smaller area than Europe, and since these students actually live and go to school in North Carolina, I figured they

ought to be able to do just as well naming the Indians in the state as they had done in naming the countries of a far-away continent.

The room got quiet. Finally one young man (apparently a local Native American himself) said: "Cherokee." A young Native American woman instantly added: "Lumbee!" After that the room got quiet again. Eventually someone shyly mentioned the Tuscarora. But the rest of the Indian tribes or nations of North Carolina were conspicuously absent from our list — the Coharie, Haliwapa, Waccamaw-Siouan, Meherrin, Eno-Ocaneechi. As Professor Dial would say: "Their absence was a lesson to us all."

While it is certainly true that some students in some groups did seem to know much more about Indians than did other students and other groups, the fact remains that a lot of our students aren't getting the message. And if that's true in Robeson County where there are so many Native American teachers and students, imagine what's happening in the rest of our country's schools.

Maybe we should teach more about Native Americans (and African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, etc.) all through the year, and not just try to do it for a single month. For more information, visit the Native American Resource Center in Old Main Building, on the campus of Pembroke State University.

Who's Who Among Students List

Thirty six Pembroke State University students have been named to the 1994 edition of "Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,800 institutions of high learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Twelve fields of study are represented in the PSU selection, led by Social Work with eight, followed by psychology with five.

The "Who's Who" students at PSU hail from 15 different towns and cities. Leading the list of towns or cities are Fayetteville with six, Lumberton with five, and Pembroke with four.

Of the 36 students, 24 are seniors and 12 are juniors and they are listed in the following order: Lumberton—Ricky Lynn Dial, junior, music, Maria Koks, senior, English; Carol Denise Mitchell, senior, history; Christine

Elizabeth Romine, junior, elementary education; John Wallace Simpson Jr., senior, music.

Pembroke—Michael Alan Cummings, senior, communicative arts; Candace Michelle Hoke, senior, biology; Leslie Lowry, senior, chemistry; Mary Ellen Revels, senior, criminal justice.

Red Springs—Lisa Ford, senior, psychology; Linda Leigh Hofman, senior, psychology.

Rowland—Kimberly Dare Bridges, junior, business management; Marcus Collins, junior, chemistry; Carolyn Deese Strickland, senior, social work.

Fairmont—Gregory Mitchell, senior, history; David Davenport Rich, senior, social work.

Shannon—David Alexander McLean III, senior, psychology.

Fayetteville—Heather Marie Gardner, senior, communicative arts; Melissa Ann Murphy, senior, biology; Susan Schumann, senior, health/physical education; Heather Noel Thornton, junior, biology; Sharon Wilkerson Turner, junior, psychology; Gene Gary Wolf, senior, criminal justice.

Hope Mills—Robin Lynn Spann, senior, social work.

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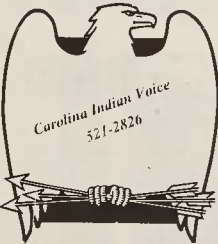


Notice of Public Hearing Relative to Application by the Town of Pembroke, NC for community development entrepreneurial empowerment pre-development funding under the housing and community development act of 1974, as amended.

Notice is hereby given that the Pembroke Town Council will conduct a public hearing on December 5, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pembroke Town Hall, Pembroke, NC, relative to the intention of the Town of Pembroke to apply for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act, as amended. The Town of Pembroke intends to submit an application for an Entrepreneurial Empowerment Pre-Development Grant.

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain the views and proposals of the citizens of Pembroke with regard to the determination of priorities for the community development needs of Pembroke.

All citizens are requested and encouraged to attend the public hearing and make comments and suggestions. If additional information is needed, please contact the Town Manager's office at (910) 521-9758. Formal written complaints or comments concerning the application process which are submitted to the Pembroke Town Manager's office will be responded to within 10 working days by the Pembroke Town Council.
Milton R. Hunt, Mayor



Pembroke Kiwanis Report

by Dr. Ken Johnson

The weekly meeting was held at the Town and Country Restaurant Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. President Grady Hunt presiding.

The evening's program chairman Bob Lowry introduced Mr. Arthur Simpson, Diesel Fuel Inspector for the Department of Revenue in Fayetteville.

The Clean Air Act of 1988 was assayed by Congress in an effort to reduce sulfur in diesel fuel and lead in gasoline. The IRS is responsible for the enforcement of the Act. Samples are taken by the inspector from trucks or farm tractors and if the sample doesn't pass the test, fines are very high, even \$A10 a gallon. Some trucks carry large tanks of 200 gallons or more. That time stien would be \$2,000 in fines. The tax is included in the price of the fuel. Some large storage tanks of sulfur bearing diesel fuel have been fined \$400,000 or more.

The Spaghetti Dinneri is Friday, Dec. 9 from 5 til 9 p.m. and the Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$4 and they may be bought from any Kiwanian.

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by Alta Nye Oxendine

Lots to be Thankful For
Just look around and see what God has provided a world of natural beauty and wonder, resources like land, plants and seeds, sunshine and rain. Minds that can think and create. The ability to work and make money. Time, talents, and personal blessings that we so often overlook. Friends, our family — parents, sisters and brothers, husband or wife, and children.

Being Good Stewards
I've been taught that we should be good "stewards" of ALL that God has provided. The Bible tells us that we are stewards of our children. God has instructed us to care for their needs, to teach and guide them, especially to help them prepare for their future -- here and hereafter.

I was impressed by the attitude of the minister whose six children were recently killed in a freak highway accident. He explained to reporters that those children had been "on loan" from God.
Actually I feel this way about my two boys. And I'd like to have another chance to be a better steward, and

mother, than I was the first around. (To Be Continued.)
Dale's brother in law.
But Dale couldn't pass-up the opportunity for a dream team like the open Robert Yates puts on the track on Sunday. Dale signed a one year contract which allows him to eventually own his own car something he turned down when your last name Jarrett. Should Eric Ivan stay healthy and ready to drive some next season, then Yates may have Jarrett one marriage will be ending closely next February in Daytona. If you're looking for a quarter horse draft number one by the Panthers name, John Walsh from BYU, should be near the top. Walsh is only 20 years old but looks like a 2nd or 3rd year. If Walsh doesn't come out, look Steve McNair at Alcorn State. Kerry Collins of Penn State. Quote of the week from Jeff Miller Philadelphia 76ers guard, "Some guy yelled, 'Hey Malone, the ball for a change and stop giving so much'. I went 5 for 5 that night. What if I listened to that guy?"

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