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Wrestling Coach, M.D. Coleman, promises wrestlers that he would have his hair cut very short if they defeated Hoke County January 3rd.

PSHS Wrestling Coach Makes Sacrifice for Win

Coaches make many sacrifices for their team in order to motivate and enhance players to perform at their greatest potential. Wrestling Coach M.D. Coleman of Purnell Swett High School, continuously encourages each wrestler to work together diligently to over ride their opponent. With the match against Hoke County January 3rd, Coleman encouraged his players to beat Hoke County and he was willing to sacrifice his hair being cut very short. This sacrifice was enough to encourage the players to beat Hoke County to see their coach with a different look. On January 5 every wrestler made every attempt to take part in cutting a strand of Coach Coleman's hair after practice upon defeating Hoke County.

Under Coleman's leadership, Captains of the teams have received third place medals, participating in the Laney Booster Club Invitational Tournament Dec. 3. The team won third place in a tournament defeating Hoke and Douglas Byrd at Douglas Byrd High School, Dec. 10. During the Christmas vacation, the team also participated in the Cok-Sun-Drop Invitational Tournament and produced several winners. Their record now stands at 18-8.

Coleman, a resident of Latta, SC, was selected last year as Coach of the Year. Coleman, in his first year coaching the Rams, led the team to a 3-10 record. He also produced conference Champion Aaron Godwin and five other wrestlers who finished fourth or better in the conference tournament.

He is presently employed as Physical Education Coach at Pembroke Middle School and serves as an assistant coach at on the Purnell Swett Varsity and Junior Varsity football teams.

Coleman attended Newberry and Catawba Universities and graduated from Coastal Carolina with a degree in Physical Education.

Native American New Years Celebration To Be Held

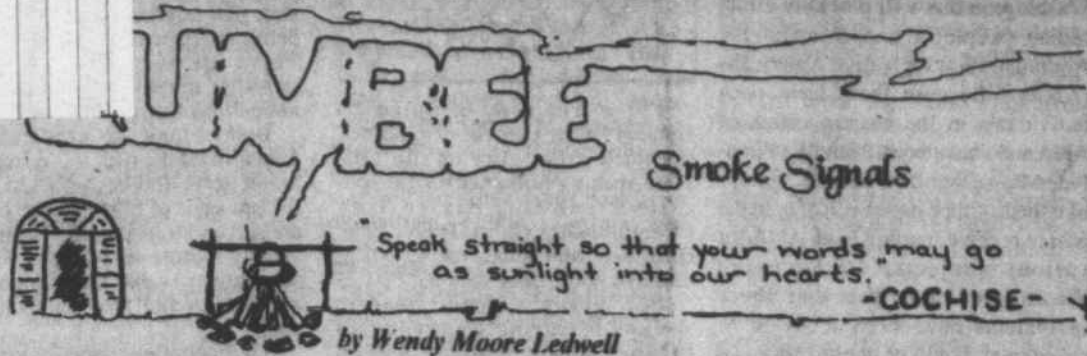
The Lumbee Council of Elders and the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center will sponsor a celebration of the Native American New Year on March 18, 1995. There will be Native American Ceremonies, vendors and traders. The event will last all day, from sun up until sun down. There is no admission charge, however, refreshments will be for sale. Vendors interested in attending this event are encouraged to call Ernie at 521-3433. This will be the first Native American New Year Celebration. The public is encouraged to attend this celebration.

Pembroke Chamber of Commerce to Hold Annual Banquet

Tickets are now on sale for the Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet. Keynote speaker for the event will be Congressman Charlie Rose. Tickets are \$12.50 each. The event will be held January 21, 1995 at 6 p.m. at the James B. Chavis University Center on the campus of Pembroke State University.

Ticket sale locations are First Union National Bank, Lumbee Guaranty Bank, Progressive Savings and Loan, and the Chamber Office, all in Pembroke.

For further information, call Sandra Locklear at 521-9458.



Smoke Signals

Speak straight so that your words may go as sunlight into our hearts.

-COCHISE-

by Wendy Moore Ledwell

My initial intentions were to report on the January 2nd and 16th meetings held by the Lumbee-Cheraw Tribal Council. As requested by the members, I will instead first try to enlighten those of you, not yet aware, of the chain of events that has brought us to the present.

In March 1993, approximately 150 Indian churches were requested, by LRDA, to submit a delegate for the purpose of drafting a tribal constitution. July 31, 1993, the first formal constitution assembly meeting was held. In attendance were: 42 delegates, which included delegates from Baltimore Association, Cumberland County Association of Indian People and Guilford Native American Association, technical advisors, Attorney Arlinda Locklear, Ms. Ruth B. Locklear, Ms. Cynthia Hunt and Mr. Leon Jacobs. This marked the beginning of a vigorous process that would extend through the months to follow. From January-March a tribal wide community education program was instituted. Delegates and technical advisors were dispersed in each community to give explanations into the articles of the constitution.

In March 1994 the Lumbee-Cheraw Constitution Assembly voted unanimously to submit the constitution final draft to the public for approval and/or revision.

In April 1994 tribal wide public hearings were held. At the final public hearing, April 28, 1994, held at Purnell Swett High School a vote was taken for approval of the constitution. The results were as follows: approx. 250-Yes and 1-No. This vote paved the way for the Constitution Elections held in July.

June 27-July 2 elections were held in 15 areas tribal wide. At the end of the voting the count stood 223-No and 8,040-Yes. This vote was not

only a yes for the constitution, but it was also a vote for change for the Lumbee people. On July 4, 1994 the constitutional election results were certified by the constitution assembly. As required by the document, on August 27, 1994, tribal elections were held resulting in the election of 17 of the 21 member council and a run-off between James A. Hunt and Dr. Dalton P. Brooks for tribal chairman (Mr. Hunt declined to seek a run-off with Dr. Brooks). September 24, 1994, the run-off elections were held placing Districts 11 and 19 council members.

On October 1994, the first Lumbee-Cheraw Tribal Government was sworn in. Your Tribal Officials are as follows: Dist. 1, Walter Lowry (appointed by council Nov. 1994), Dist. 2, Eugene Lowry, Dist. 3, Joel Dial, Jr., Dist. 4, Dr. Sam Wynn - Treasurer, Dist. 5, Rev. Jerry McNeil - Chaplain, Dist. 6, Henry B. Brewer, Dist. 7, Rhonda Locklear, Dist. 8, Robert Locklear, Dist. 10, Gary W. Locklear - Vice-Speaker, Dist. 9, J. Garth Locklear, Dist. 11, Ponce DeLeon Chavis, Dist. 12, Delton R. Oxendine, Dist. 13, Emma L. Locklear - Secretary, Dist. 14, Rev. Steve Locklear - Parliamentarian, Dist. 16, Rev. Elton Hunt, Dist. 17, Rev. Hilton Deese, Dist. 18, Doreen Sampson, Dist. 19, Terry Smith, Dist. 20, Zelma Locklear, Dist. 21, Lance Harding - Speaker of the Council.

In issues to follow, I will be doing personal profiles of tribal officials. This will hopefully better acquaint you with the people behind the titles. Now to the business of council meetings.

On January 2, 1995, tribal council passed an ordinance to establish a tribal enrollment office, under the auspices of the Elections Board, to oversee the verification and enrollment of tribal members. Although

there are no funds available, volunteer efforts are under way. Also discussed was the matter of attaining state recognition through the North Carolina Indian Commission. Members of the tribal government attended a commission Dec. 9, 1994 to petition the Indian Commission for recognition of the Constitution and its elected officials. The commission has referred the issue to its Recognition Committee. Short term goals such as the renaming US 74, "Lumbee-Cheraw Highway" were discussed.

January 14, 1994, Mr. Gene Brayboy, Director of Grants at PSU and Mr. Armand Opitz, met with members of the tribal government discussing funding avenues available to the tribe. Also discussed was the matter of formalizing a partnership between the tribal government and PSU. Through this partnership, the expertise of PSU grant writers would be available to assist the tribal government in securing administrative and human service funds. The meeting was very productive and those in attendance left very optimistic.

On January 16, 1994, at the regularly scheduled meeting, the tribal council passed a resolution to pursue actions toward the formalization of a partnership between PSU and the tribal government. Also discussed was the meeting of non-federally recognized tribes to be held in Washington, DC, Jan. 24 & 25. Attending will be our Tribal Chairman, Dr. Dalton Brooks and several council members. Their hope is to bring the plight of the Lumbee people to the attention of President Clinton. The efforts being made by our tribal government are establishing a solid foundation for future tribal governments. We should applaud their efforts and support them in their upcoming endeavors.

RCC board of Trustees Host Employee Appreciation Banquet

Robeson Community College Trustees hosted employees of the college at an employee appreciation banquet at Pinecrest Country Club during the holidays. Trustee Chairman John Stator presented service pins to the following employees:

Diamond twenty-five year pins: Henry C. Bruce, Carpentry Instructor; Eddie M. Locklear, Counselor; Lynn R. Price, Accountant.

Emerald twenty-year pins: Jackie A. Lovette, Secretary; Lynda D. MacLeod, Sociology/Math Instructor; Curtis K. Watson, Jr., Police Science Instructor.

Ruby ten-year pins: Barbara N. Brown, Nursing Instructor; Helen L. Davis, Instructor, Learning Center; Janice Davis, Director, Small Business Center; J.W. Gray, Maintenance; Elton B. Hunt, Equipment/Purchasing Officer; Connie B. Ivey, Business Instructor; Lori Ivey, Literacy/Assessment Assistant; George Jacobs, Maintenance; Pam Locklear, Accounts Payable Officer; J.T. Malcolm, Maintenance; Hilton Oxendine, Auto Mechanics; Donald Sampson, Carpentry; Ward Wall, Vice-President, Personnel; Tim Harper, Director, Emergency Services.

Aquamarine five-year pins: Cathy D. Davis, Business Instructor; Samantha Dial, Learning Center Instructor; LeVerna Emanuel, Secretary; Tina Kinlaw, Nurses Assistant

Men may be convinced, but they cannot be pleased against their will.

—Samuel Johnson

Do not drink poison, relying on the antidote you may possess.

—Arab Proverb

The chief secret of comfort lies in not suffering trifles to vex one, and in prudently cultivating an undergrowth of small pleasures, since very few great ones, alas! are let on long leases.

—William Sharp

Instructor, Christine Locklear, Maintenance; Billy Mauney, II, Assistant Vice President; Joyce McMillian, Secretary; Chip McNeill, Maintenance; Beth Sigmon, Early Childhood/ Psy Instructor; Jennifer Strommer, Math Instructor; Betty Thompson, Secretary; Levander West, Maintenance.

Stator also presented certificates of appreciation to the following employees with less than five years of service: Elizabeth McIntyre, Evening Librarian; Dennis O'Quinn, Systems Administrator.

New employees recognized for less than six months of service were: Joy Bukowy, Business Instructor; Tammy Duggins, Secretary; Samuel Floyd, Maintenance; Wayne K. Locklear, Maintenance; Wayne K. Locklear, Maintenance; James W. Worley, Maintenance.

William Franklin McNeill, Developmental Studies and Reading Instructor at the College was recognized as the 1994 recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award. He has taught at Robeson Community College since 1978.

Joining RCC employees for the evening of recognitions, dinner, dancing and entertainment were the following retirees of the College: Sarah Britt, William Brown, Nelda Jones Harmon Kivett, Eugene Mercer, Ed Nicholson, Ann Revels, Norman Rosser and Eugene Madison.

Meeting Planned for Tribal Districts 14 & 15

On January 26, 1995, there will be a meeting held at the Maxton Courthouse for purposes of informing Lumbee tribal members, in Districts 14 and 15, on the current actions of the Lumbee-Cheraw Tribal Government. You are encouraged to attend and offer input on issues concerning you as Lumbee people. GOOD government through an INFORMED public. For more information you may contact: Aggie Deese, Dist. 15, 844-5946 or Rev. Steve Locklear, Dist. 14, 843-5292.

Who's News

Larry L. Johnson, M.D.

(NAPS)—An award-winning pioneer in the field of arthroscopic surgery perfected his skills during his stint as chief resident at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children in St. Louis.



Johnson

It was Larry L. Johnson, M.D., who put arthroscopic surgery on the map. The Lansing, Mich., surgeon has developed a number of motorized instruments for that type of surgery. He owns ten different patents, and one of the instruments that he invented is the motorized rotating/cutting device that removes degenerative tissue from the joint during arthroscopic surgery.

According to Johnson, it was at the Shriners Hospital that he had what may have been his "most satisfying and memorable positive experience in medicine." In 1964, he performed spinal fusion on a young boy who had severe scoliosis (curvature of the spine). The boy gave Johnson a small plastic Frankenstein toy, saying "I want you to have this gift which I made because you have taken away my Frankenstein (referring to his previous severe curvature of the spine)."

Johnson is happy that recipients of his pioneering work in arthroscopic surgery go on to lead happy, productive lives.

Tim Brooks Wins First Place in East Carolina Swim League

Tim Brooks, a senior swimmer of Lumberton Lightning Bolts Swimming Team, competed last weekend in the East Carolina Swim League Winter Invitational in Goldsboro, NC. This meet included swimmers from ten teams from eastern North Carolina.

Though a distance specialist, Tim placed first in every event he swam, except the 500 yards free style where he grabbed second place with a time of 4:59.84. In the 200 yards butterfly he finished with a time of 2:03.80, in the 200 yards backstroke with a time of 2:08.48, in the 200 yards individual medley with a time of 2:04.17 in the 100 yards butterfly with a time of 57.02 and in the 400 yards individual medley with a time of 4:22.03.

This is about mid season training for Tim, who will compete next month

in the North Carolina Swimming Senior Championships to be held in Charlotte, NC which includes swimmers from all areas of the state. Tim has qualified to compete in the YMCA National championships for which he will travel to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. in April.

Tim is the son of Howard and Brenda Brooks of Pembroke. He is a junior at Purnell Swett High School which he represents at high school swim meets. He is vice president of the student government, an "A" honor roll student and enjoys the ranks of "Rams SAT 100+" Club. Tim trains very hard for swimming and hopes it will help him gain acceptance to a college with a strong swimming program in 1996 after graduating from high school.

Reorganization of Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

On January 11, 1995, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held a business meeting for organizational purposes at 2:30 p.m. for the 104th Congress. Official action was taken to elect the Honorable John McCain, R-AZ, as Chairman of the Committee and the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, D-HI, as Vice Chairman.

The Indian Affairs Committee will NOT be reduced in size, but maintain its current size of 17 members. Among these new members is included Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, D-CO. The new members of the Committee are Craig Thomas, R-WY, Orrin Hatch, R-UT, and Paul Coverdell, R-GA.

The Majority Staff Director, Eric Eberhardt, will be replaced in March by Steve Healy (formerly with the House Native American Affairs Subcommittee). Steve Healy is already

working with the Senate Committee. Phil Baker-Schenk will be the Majority Counsel for Senator McCain. The Minority Staff Director and General Counsel is Patricia Zell.

NIGA would like to thank all the Tribes who responded to the NIGA Alert to keep the Senate Indian Affairs Committee in tact.

Committee on Indian Affairs, Members Listing, 104th Congress: John McCain, Chairman; Frank Murkowski, AK; Slade Gorton, WA; Pete V. Domenici, NM; Nancy Landon Kassebaum, KS; Don Nickles, OK; Orrin G. Hatch, UT; Paul Coverdell, GA; Craig Thomas, WY; Daniel K. Inouye, Vice-Chairman; Kent Conrad, SD; Harry Reid, NV; Paul Simon, IL; Daniel K. Akaka, HI; Paul Wellstone, NM; Byron L. Dorgan, ND; Ben Nighthorse Campbell, CO.

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

The weekly meeting was held at the Town and Country Restaurant, Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Program Chairman Vardell Swett introduced Dr. Sandra Cross, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Community Health Education Program. Dr. Cross was brought to Pembroke State to develop a new program in Health Education. We can bring some good things to the student and the community. Special kinds of skills are needed to improve the quality of life. Especially exercise, freedom from smoking, drugs, alcohol, Aids, cardiovascular disease, hypertension and stress related diseases. These conditions are all preventable and generally demand a change in life style. Our goal is to go out and influence these changes. I may be treading on toes but cigarette smoking causes so many lung cancers. I would be remiss if I did not tell you this. Heart diseases, strokes are in many cases related to smoking. 53% are due to out

life style. How many of you exercise on a regular basis? How many watch their weight? We must remember these problems add up over the years. Factors in a person's life contribute to the disease. We have to know what is good for us. My purpose is to bridge the gap between knowing what is good for us and doing something about it. 25% of the children are overweight, 24 hours a week are spent watching television by many people. Thus there is no time for play or exercising. 75% don't use their exercise equipment when they get it. A huge gap exists between knowing and doing what is good for you. I'm in the business of trying to help people to know what is good and not good for you. We will get some form of health care from Congress but our goal is to improve health in Robeson County, now!

Presiding—Bob Lowry; Invocation—Clay Maynor; Song leader—Ed Teets; Reporter—Ken Johnson.

NAACP at PSU?

by John Rimberg
On February first, PSU students will decide whether this campus needs a unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

At 10 a.m. Wednesday, in Room 225 of the Business Administration Building, students will meet for the first time to decide whether to form a PSU unit of NAACP. This organizational meeting is open to all.

Guest speaker is Frank Bowden of Fayetteville, who is president of the Unified Robeson County Branch of NAACP.

An ad hoc committee to Establish an NAACP Unit at PSU includes Ronald Alford of Maxton, Oletia Britt of Whiteville, Angela Brown of Lumberton, Kristen Elk of Pembroke, James Farly of Pembroke, Ryan Foxworth of Red Springs, and Lisa Grimsley of Pembroke.

Johnston of Lumberton, Maggie Lane of Gibson, Rebecca Locklear of Fayetteville, Dana Lowery of Pembroke, Brenda McArthur of Rowland, Monique McClinton of Raeford, William McDonald of Pembroke, Candita McMillan of Pembroke, Corey McNeil of Fayetteville, and Ronald McQueen of Lumberton.

Also Vanessa Norris of Lumberton, Valerie Purdie of Lumberton, Valerie Rowe of Lumberton, Ronald Scott of Pembroke, Caesar Sharbono of Pembroke, Kelly Shipman of Elizabethtown, Ina Simmons of Mount Olive, Linda Thomas of Fayetteville, Jewell Thompson of Lumberton, Sadat Treish of Pembroke, Deneane Waddell of Whiteville, Amy Woods of Pembroke, and Johatha Wright of Wadesboro.

In addition to PSU students, the Committee includes three Faculty members: Greta Hawthorn, John Rimberg, and Frederick Stephens.