

# Along the Robeson Trail

by Dr. Stan Knick, Director  
PSU Native American Resource Center

The Native American Resource Center is pleased to announce that Jim Barnes, a widely-published poet, will present a reading and discussion of his works here in Pembroke next Monday evening. Dr. Barnes was born in Oklahoma of Choctaw and Welsh descent, and took his graduate education at the University of Arkansas.

Barnes has had a diverse life. He was employed as a lumberjack in Oregon for almost a decade prior to returning to Oklahoma for an undergraduate degree at Southeastern State University. For more than two decades he has been known both for his translations of others' works and for his own poetry. In 1980 he won a Translation Prize for his book *Summons and Signs: Poems by Dagmar Nick*. His own poetry has appeared in many magazines and anthologies, and he has also published books of his own writings.

Publications of his work include: *American Book of the Dead*, which won honorable mention in the Before Columbus Foundation's American Book Awards; *A Season of Loss*; and his most recent work, *The*

*Sawdust Trail*, which won the Oklahoma Book Award in 1993.

Nowadays Dr. Barnes is a professor of comparative literature at Northeast Missouri State University. He also serves as editor of *The Chariton Review*, a literary magazine.

Monday, 2 October, at 5:30 there will be a reception to welcome Dr. Barnes to Pembroke State University. The reception will be held in Classroom North's first floor auditorium. At 6:30 there will be a reading and discussion by Dr. Barnes in the same room. During the evening Barnes' newest book, *The Sawdust Trail*, will be available for purchase. He will also be signing books.

The general public, and especially public school teachers and students, are invited to attend both the reception and the reading. These events are sponsored by the Native American Resource Center, the American Indian Studies Department, the Office of Academic Affairs and the Communicative Arts Department.

One of my personal favorites among Jim Barnes' many fine works is this one from *Harper's Anthology of 20th Century Native American*

*Poetry*. It is entitled "Heartland:"

The houses die, and will not die.  
The force of walls remains. Take  
the family portrait hanging oval  
on the wall and, underneath it  
on the chifferobe, a dish of mints.

There are houses that fall, but their  
shadows stay, lightly against a  
summer's  
dusk. And there are photographs that  
show ghosts of mothers walking halls,  
of fathers fiddling in moonlight.

Even in disrepair, there's a life  
to the houses. The rush of wind stirs  
a soul: footfalls on wood and stone,  
the creak of a kitchen door, the last  
words of a son gone away to war.

The houses die, and do not die.  
There is something that will not let  
a space be given solely to grass.  
The aura holds, the center will  
not fold, forever framed against  
the graying sky, the coming night.

For more information, visit the  
Native American Resource Center in  
Old Main Building, on the campus of  
Pembroke State University.

## Rev. Timmy Chavis to become pastor Holister, NC church



Rev. Timmy Chavis has served as pastor of Rock of Ages Baptist Church for three years. He will give up his duties there the last week in October. Rev. Chavis will begin new duties at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church in Hollister, NC the first Sunday in November.

"I find myself torn in two directions at this time. I hate to leave the fine people at Rock of Ages. It has been a blessing to have been allowed to work with them. God has blessed Rock of Ages and I am humbled to have been a part of the progress here. Naturally, I have become attached to all the people at this church and will miss them like family.

"On the other hand, God is calling into a new community and

county. While I am looking forward to meeting new people and ministering to the needs of the Haliwa-Saponi, I am humbled by the opportunity that is being presented."

Chavis is the son of Luther Hunt and Bonnie Sue Chavis. He is married to Kimberly Barton, daughter of John L. Barton and the late Anna Eliza Barton. They have three children: Dustin, 11, Tamara, 8 and Whitney, 2 1/2. He is a graduate of Prospect High School and is currently enrolled at Carolina Bible College in Fayetteville, NC, working towards an Associate Degree in Theology. His wife attends Pembroke State University where she is enrolled in the social work program.

## Avoid Credit Repair Clinics

(NAPS)—Do you usually pay a lot for a service that you can easily do yourself, for free? Of course not! So, then why would you go to a credit repair clinic? The answer is simple—you shouldn't! Credit repair clinics can't do anything for you that you can't do for yourself at no cost.



Many credit repair clinics are unethical organizations that prey upon desperate consumers who have had financial troubles. They falsely promise to remove adverse information from a consumer's credit file, usually for a large fee that needs to be paid up front. The results are usually minimal, if any at all.

Numerous legitimate credit service organizations and non-profit counseling centers will help you get your credit situation in order with little or no charge. The Consumer Credit Counseling Service is a non-profit organization that teaches consumers to manage their finances, helps consumers establish schedules with creditors for the repayment of debt, and provides financial planning. You may also work directly with Equifax, one of the world's largest consumer information companies.

Remember, beware if a credit repair firm says they will "fix" your existing credit by removing factual, but derogatory information. They simply cannot deliver on that promise. In fact, often the companies simply vanish (with your money). Only time and a conscious effort on your part to repay past obligations will "heal" bad credit.



Say you read it in the Carolina Indian Voice

## Lumbee Tribal Council Update

by Rhonda Locklear,  
Public Relations Committee

The Lumbee Tribal Council held their meeting Monday, September 18, 1995 at 7 p.m. in the Indian Education Resource Center. The public is invited to attend these meetings. The following items were taken care of at this meeting:

\*Indian Solidarity elected to give \$2,000 to pay attorney fees for the Tribal Council. They also will give \$2,000 to publish "The Voice of The Lumbee" for the first month and \$1,000 thereafter until June 1996 for the publication of this newsletter. We appreciate the help given to the Council by this group. We also received a \$50 donation from a Tribal member. May God Bless you for your generosity.

\*Mr. Lonnie Revels reported that the NC Indian Commission is asking to be placed on the agenda for the Southeastern Regional Medical Center meeting of the Board. The purpose of this is to discuss the relationship between the Medical Center and practices relative to American Indians. The

Tribal Council will have a representative on this Committee to talk to the Medical Center.

\*A donation under Economic Development will be requested from the Board of LREMC on behalf of the Tribal Council.

\*Greg Bell withdrew his decision to serve on the Judicial Branch of the Tribal Government. The Council, along with the Chairman, will work on getting a replacement for this district.

\*Tribal Council members donated chairs to the Tribal Office. Visit your Tribal Office to see how far we have come.

\*Swearing in for the Council members that were re-elected will be held on October 2, 1995 at 7 p.m. in the Indian Education Resource Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

\*Beginning in November, the Tribal Council will meet on the first Monday night of the month only.

\*Remember your Government in Prayers!

## Occaneechis appeal ruling by Indian Commission

Mebane, NC—Smarting from a recent decision by the North Carolina Commission on Indian Affairs, which has denied the tribe state recognition, the Occaneechis Band of Saponi Indians have appealed the decision, according to tribal chairperson Lawrence Dunmore. "The decision, made by the Recognition Board, is outrageous!" Dunmore explained from the tribal headquarters in Mebane. "We feel that we, and our ancestors, were slapped in the face by the board's decision. We instructed our lawyer to present our appeal at their September 8, 1995 meeting of the Commission, and now we are waiting to find out the date for our hearing before the full commission. We intend to fight this decision for as long as it takes."

Tribal members say they are recognized by the Commission as Indians, but not as a tribal group. Dunmore maintains, however, that the Occaneechis are one of the best documented tribes in the state.

"Documentation clearly shows who we are. We are the only tribe in the state, besides the Cherokees, that have ties to an archaeological site. In fact, even the archaeologists hired by the Commission to investigate our claim recommended that we be recognized. Their own archaeologists say that we meet five or more of the eight criteria needed to be eligible for state recognition. One even gives us seven out of eight."

Recognition would provide the Occaneechis with a seat on the Commission, along with access to state money and resources. Much more important, tribal members say, it would be the satisfaction of being recognized for who they claim to be.

The Occaneechis expect their appeal to be heard later this year, in November or early December.

For more information contact: John Lentz, 1002 James Street, Lumberton, NC 28358, telephone (910) 738-4347.



## Health Clip Board

by Robert M. Chavis

### Flu Failures

If you had a case of flu this spring—even though you took the flu shot...you might think, "If I am going to get the flu anyway...why bother with the shot next year?"

Understand that making a vaccine is a gigantic guessing game. Infectious diseases experts scour other countries to see what strain of flu is common—they are doing it now even as we speak. If enough cases of a new flu strain show up...it may wind up in next year's vaccine. Sometimes a new strain just pops out and sometimes it really takes hold. The culprit one year was isolated in Sichuan, China in April 1986. It was found aboard a cruise ship in Chinese and Korean waters. Most of the passengers had been vaccinated and most of them got it...experts knew they had a possible new problem worldwide, because of jet travel. If we knew there was a new strain why wasn't it included? Well, it takes over a year to isolate a new bug and for the World Health Organization to meet and determine the contents of a new vaccine for manufacturers. It will be in there next year and if a new strain does not pop up, you will be protected.

### Herbs

Americans have a peculiar interest in herbs, teas, and natural

cures. Last year alone they spent over 200 million dollars on them and were encouraged along by innumerable books, pamphlets, and magazines. The claims for some of these preparations are very seductive: Herbs have been said to cure everything from a bad sex life to balding. According to Dr. Varo Tyler, the former dean of the Purdue School of Pharmacy, herbs can be a problem. Dr. Tyler is an expert not only on drugs, but also on herbs. He wrote the book, "The New Honest Herbal." He cautions that the action of many herbs is unproven, like alfalfa for arthritis and diabetes, and some are even dangerous. Alfalfa can activate lupus. Ginseng contains hormones which may alter moods and could cause breast enlargement. Confrey tea is said to help peptic ulcers, but it contains some alkaloids that are toxic to the liver. In general, most herbs and spices are pretty safe—mainly because the chemicals they contain are so low in concentration. An old rule is, "Anything in high enough doses can be a poison." That is true for fluoride, for table salt, and also for herbs.

Please send letters with questions you would like to be addressed or subjects you would like to read on to: Robert Chavis, Julian T. Pierce Health Center, PO Box 1629, Pembroke, NC 28372.



## Re-Elect Roger Oxendine

To the LREMC  
Board of Directors

District 2  
October 3, 1995

PSU Performing Arts Center  
Registration 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
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## Re-Elect

## James Hardin

To the EMC Board of Directors  
October 3, 1995  
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Experienced, Knowledgeable and Trained  
to help EMC members with their utility related problems.

Thank you in advance

## LUMBEE RIVER ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION



## ANNUAL MEETING Tuesday, October 3, 1995

PEMBROKE STATE UNIVERSITY  
GIVENS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

\* REGISTRATION & VOTING: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
\* BUSINESS MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 p.m.

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