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District Court Judge Floyd announces candidacy for Superior Court Judge



District Court Judge Robert (Frank) Floyd, Jr. has announced his candidacy for a seat on the Superior Court of Judicial District 16B (Robeson County).

"I feel honored to have served as Robeson County's District Court Judge for seven years," Judge Floyd said. "I look forward to serving the people of Robeson County fairly and impartially as their Superior Court Judge."

A native and life-long resident of Robeson County, Judge Floyd is a graduate of Fairmont High School. He is also a cum laude graduate of Campbell University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology, and a 1979 graduate

of the charter of Campbell's School of Law.

Judge Floyd practiced law in Fairmont until 1988 when he was elected to the District Court, where he is presently serving his second term. While practicing law, Judge Floyd represented clients before civil and criminal courts on both the state and federal level. He is the former attorney for the Town of Proctorville, Fairmont City Schools, and numerous local businesses. He is a member of the North Carolina State Bar Association.

As District Court Judge, he has heard criminal, civil, and juvenile cases. He has received certification in Juvenile Justice and has completed the National Judicial College's two-week intensive Judicial Education course. He is also a member of the Juvenile Task Force.

He and his family are members of First Baptist Church of Fairmont, where he presently serves as vice chairman of the Board of Deacons, chairman of the Trustees, a substitute teacher for the Adult Men's Sunday School class, chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, RA

leader and coach.

He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Howard Lewis Scholarship Fund, which is available to and utilized by college and secondary education students of all races in the Fairmont area. He is also a Mason, Shriner, and a former president of the Civitans. For many years, he has coached and umpired in the Civitan Little League program at Fairmont.

Judge Floyd, a life-long Democrat, is married to June Leggett Floyd, a pre-school teacher at Rosenwald School. They have five children: Beth, a junior at UNC-Chapel Hill; Leigh, a senior at Fairmont High School; Bobby, a fifth grader at Fairmont Middle School; Jennifer, a first grader at Rosenwald and Megan, a kindergarten at Rosenwald.

He is the son of the late Robert F. (Bobby Frank) Floyd, a former District Court Judge for Robeson and Scotland counties, and the late Ellen B. Floyd, a former member of the Fairmont City School Board. The oldest of six children, Judge Floyd is also the grandson of the late Wayland Floyd, a former six-term North Carolina Legislator.

PSU Board of Trustees recommends name change to UNC at Pembroke

Pembroke-The PSU Board of Trustees held their quarterly meeting Friday and voted unanimously to forward to Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine its recommendation to change the institution's name to The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The motion was introduced by Dr. Adolph Dial who said, "We should proceed with all deliberate speed, and let it begin now."

Supporting Dr. Dial's motion were Board Chair David Weinstein, Robert E. Caton, Sybil Lowry Collins, H. Thomas Jones II, Henry G. Lewis, Dr. Cheryl Locklear, Rev. Jerry Lowry, John Nicholson, and Roger Oxendine. McDuffie Cummings and Kenneth Griswold were unable to attend the meeting. J. Rodney Bullard previously resigned from the Board due to business commitments that prevented him from attending the meetings.

Prior to the vote, Dr. Warren Baker, Director of Institutional Research, presented the results of the surveys that were conducted

last month. According to Dr. Baker, about 71 percent of the alumni were in favor of the name change; 25 percent wished to retain the PSU name; and 4 percent had no opinion. Almost 89 percent of the faculty were for UNC at Pembroke; 5 percent wished to retain PSU; and 6 percent had no opinion. A large percentage of staff members who returned the survey also wanted to see the University's name changed. Almost 76 percent voted for UNC at Pembroke with about 20 percent desiring to remain PSU. About 5 percent had no opinion. Students' opinions were very close to the staff's. About 76 percent were for the change, 17 percent against, and about 6 percent had no opinion.

Of the total of 3,542 responses received, about 73 percent were for changing the name to UNC at Pembroke, about 22 percent wanted to retain the name PSU, and about 5 percent had no opinion.

With this support, and the support from the Town of Pembroke, the Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce, and the

"citizens of this region. Chancellor Oxendine told the board he would send a letter to UNC President CD Spangler, Jr. requesting the name change.

Dr. Oxendine pointed out to those in attendance that the name change would have to be approved by the UNC Board of Governors and the State Legislature.

The board was also unanimous in their voting to request Chancellor Oxendine conduct feasibility studies to determine if a school of pharmacy and a school of law could be offered here.

Weinstein introduced the measure by saying as chair of the board he has tried to look at the future to enhance the University. One way was the name change. Mr. Weinstein acknowledged that this region is under served by institutions of higher education in these areas and believes the two schools would be a contribution to southeastern North Carolina.

Chancellor Oxendine said he will present the studies during the may board meeting.



Summer Chavis receives award from Tom Selleck

Summer Leigh Chavis received an award for her essay on "Citizenship" from actor/producer Tom Selleck of the Character Counts Conference in Raleigh, NC. She discussed with Mr. Selleck what Robeson County Schools were doing in promoting character education and the positive influence it seems to have on the students. Summer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Chavis of Pembroke and is an eighth grade student at Pembroke Middle School.

Outstanding volunteers honored in North Carolina

Fayetteville-Governor and Mrs. James B. Hunt, Jr. presented the annual Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service for the southeast region, Tuesday evening, November 21. A total of 138 awards were given to individuals, groups, and businesses from 19 southeast counties, before a large crowd at Reeves Auditorium on the campus of Methodist College.

"This year's recipients represent what is best about North Carolina," Hunt said. "They represent different communities, different backgrounds and different age groups. But they all have one thing in common—a spirit that drives them to help others, to make a difference, to build a better future for our children and our grandchildren."

Judith C. Bell, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs, served as Master

of Ceremonies. The invocation was provided by Dr. M. Elton Hendricks, President of Methodist College. Entertainment was provided by Rainbow's End, a choral group from Methodist College, consisting of 6 students. Under the direction of Alan Porter, Head of the Music Department, with Jay Locklear at the piano, Rainbow's End performed "Heart and Soul," "Let the River Run," and "It Had To Be You."

Jean S. Johnson, Assistant Director of the Cumberland County Partnership for Children, assisted Governor and Mrs. Hunt in the presentation of the awards.

The Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service were first awarded in 1979 by Governor Hunt. 1995 marks the 17th consecutive year that citizens have been honored for giving exemplary service to their communities on a volunteer basis.



Shown left to right are Robeson County residents, Katherine M. Bethu and Anthony W. Chavis with Governor Jim Hunt

Town Creek Indian Mound New Book

After 50 years of research and excavation at Town Creek Indian Mound, archeologist Dr. Joffre L. Coe has recounted the findings in Town Creek Indian Mound: A Native American Legacy, newly published by UNC Press. A book signing featuring Dr. Coe will be held in the visitor center at Town Creek Indian Mound State Historic Site on Sunday, December 10, from 2-4 pm.

Copies of the book will be available at the site at a cost of \$45 for hardbound copies and \$18.95

for paperbacks. The first 100 copies of this first edition will contain a special numbered page bound into the book and the author's signature. These volumes will be priced \$100 each and the number one issue of this series will be sold to the highest bidder in auction during the event. Proceeds from these special issue sales will benefit the historic site's many educational and heritage programs.

Other archaeologists who have helped research and excavate Town Creek also will be at this

Supt. Swett Wins Technology Administrator Award

Purnell Swett, Superintendent of the Public Schools of Robeson County, has been honored as the 1995 North Carolina Technology Administrator by the Instructional Technology Division of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Mr. Swett was recognized for his contributions to the use of technology in the Instructional Program of his school system. Included among the many technology-related activities that he has initiated and for which he received the award are the establishment of the North Carolina Information Highway at all six of the county's high schools, an award-winning tech prep program, the incorporation of the Abacus Instructional Management System in the Helping Teachers Program, a network computer system for supervisors, and, of course, the expansion of the number of computers available in the classrooms.

Mr. Swett received his award at the Eighth Annual North Carolina Educational Technology Conference on November 29, 1995 in Greensboro.

"Stars Over Robeson County" Opens at Planetarium

Starting Monday evening, January 8, 1996 area residents will be able to spend Monday evenings under the stars in the comfort of the Robeson County Planetarium. The night, the Planetarium will present the first program entitled "Stars Over Robeson County", audience members will learn how to locate stars, constellations, and other prominent objects visible in the skies that evening. Complimentary starcharts will be available to help attendees learn more about astronomy.

Following the program, the patrons will also have access to the Science Center. Showtime each Monday, except for holidays and special occasions, will be at 7:00 pm. Doors will open at 6:45 pm and the program ends at 8:30 pm. Admissions is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children 12 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

present Best Christmas Pageant Ever

ROBESON LITTLE THEATER is presenting THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER, December 8th and 9th at 7:00 pm and December 9th and 10th at 2:00 pm. All seats are \$5.00 or \$3.00 and one can of food. The play is presented at Carolina Civic Center on Chestnut Street in Lumberton.

About the story: A couple announces auditions for their church's Christmas pageant. Some children show up who are disliked and shunned by the entire town. The road to love and compassion is hilarious and heart-warming. Adults will have as much fun as the children.

The cast includes about forty children and adults from this area. The director is Gail Johnson. If you have questions, call (910) 738-5439.

Rep. Cummings is guest speaker at Bennett College

Lumberton, NC--The Honorable France McArthur Cummings, State Representative for Robeson, Hoke, Scotland Counties-District 87, was the featured Awards Luncheon Speaker on Thursday, November 30, 1995 on the campus of Bennett College in Greensboro.

The event was the First "Education Day" Observance sponsored by the Division of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, and the Bennett College community and is thought to be the first of its kind.

Rep. Cummings addressing the topic, "Reflections of the Past, To Celebrate the Present, To Cultivate the Future", spoke to teacher education majors and faculty, members of the Bennett College community, and the honored guests, including NC "Teachers of the Year", the State's National Teachers of the Year since 1970, and the African-American distinguished female State Legislators. Other guests included local and state colleges and universities students, government and educational officials, and alumni.

Rep. Cummings, along with

the honored guests, was awarded a citation as a pioneer for her contributions made in the field of education as well as her commitment to public service and as a role model for phenomenal young women.

Rep. Cummings said, "Since 1970, there have been five African-American females who achieved the title NC State and National Teachers of the Year, and there are five African-American females in the General Assembly."

North Carolina's 1995-96 Teacher of the Year, Vernestine Kent, is an African-American, and she addressed the student body as a part of the celebration.

Rep. Cummings said, "We must continue the legacy of preparing excellent teachers nationally and internationally to become 21st Century facilitators of learning in the contemporary, global community. We all shared a great sisterhood, a commonality-concern for the quality of education that is being provided for all of our young people. I desire excellence in teaching and learning, and teachers must let students know that they care passionately about their achievement, as well as their own."



Chavis named ROTC Cadet of the Month

Robert Earl Chavis Jr. was selected as Pembroke and Fayetteville State University's Air Force ROTC Cadet of the month. Robert is a freshman at Pembroke State University and serves as a Senator on the Student Government Council. He works as a volunteer at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in the Cardiac catheterization Department. Robert attends Mt. Airy Baptist Church and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chavis of Pembroke.