# Editorial and Opinion Page

# Along the Robeson Trail

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

(Author's Note: This is the eleventh in a series of articles about contact feeding is in this wise. They lay a between English colonists and early Algonkian Indians in coastal North Carolina, based on the writings of Barlowe in 1584, Lane in 1585-86 and Harriot in 1587.)

encountered coastal Algonkian people recovered from archaeological sites in (and not the more inland Eastern the Southeast). Siouan and Iroquoian people), but his descriptions are the best we have of Algonkians ate a great deal of fish. any Native people in the Carolinas in the sixteenth century. This week we turn to some of the customs of these Englishmen that he described in detail early Native Carolinians.

the people ate - meat and fish and fowl, vegetables and fruits, tubers, nuts,

cook their food? earthen vessels with special cunning. and...so large and fine that our potters with...wheels can make no better: and as easily as we can do our brass kettles. put wood under, which being kindled, one of them taketh great care that the people, sometimes wading, and going Eden. fire burn equally round about. sometimes sailing in those rivers, then put in fruit, flesh and fish and let from all care of heaping up riches..., people. For more information, visit all boil together .... Then they put it out content with their state, and living the Native American Resource Center

cheer together .... Their manner of them .... mat...on the ground and set their [food] on the midst thereof, and then sit down round, the men upon one side and the sober in their eating and drinking, and

Their method of fishing was so unusual to Harriot and the other how it was done: "They have ... a and steel, they fasten onto their reeds or long rods the hollow tail [spike] of seeds and herbs. But how did they a certain fish...[as] a point, wherewith by night or day they strike fishes and "Their women know how to make take them up into their boats .... They also make weirs, with setting up reeds or twigs in the water, which they so plant one within another that they grow They...fill the vessel with water, and which are shallow and not deep, free at more customs of these early Native into dishes, and set before the friendly together off those things which in Old Main Building, on the campus company, and then they make good God of His bounty hath given unto of Pembroke State University.

"After they have taken store of fish, they get them unto a place fit to dress it. There they stick up in the ground four stakes in a square...and women on the other .... They are very lay four poles upon them, and others [poles] over...the same like unto a consequently very long lived because hurdle [a wickerwork rack]..., and Last week we began to look at they do not oppress nature." John laying their fish upon this hurdle, they Harriot's 1587 descriptions of the White's drawing of this cooking make a fire underneath to broil the Native Americans themselves — their method shows a pottery vessel at least same.... And when as the hurdle physical appearance and the clothing two feet high and almost as wide cannot hold all the fishes, they hang they wore. Harriot apparently only (vessels of this size have been the rest by the fire on sticks set up in the ground.... They take good heed that they be not burnt. When the first Being coastal people, these are broiled, they lay others on that were newly brought...until they...have sufficient."

White's drawing of this activity (reproduced in the engravings of Harriot spends a lot of time notable way to catch fish in their carrying large baskets full of large fish writing about the variety of foods which rivers, for whereas they lack both iron to the broiling rack. His drawing of the actual fishing process shows people spear-fishing from canoes as well as some wading, while others collect fish from weirs. Even though these descriptions are of Algonkians, we can safely assume that other Native Carolinians of the period used similar methods of taking, and cooking, their then remove them from place to place still narrower and narrower .... There food. In comparison to the war-torn was never seen among us so cunning a Europe of the time, the lives of these After they have set them upon a heap way to take fish, whereof sundry sorts Indian people ("free from all care of of earth to stay them from falling, they they found in their rivers unlike unto heaping up riches") must have seemed ours.... It is a pleasant sight to see the to Harriot something like a garden of

In the next segment, we will look

## Native American Youth Conference Scheduled

the United National Indian Tribal Youth.Inc. (UNITY).a Native youth leadership organization, announced today that KLAHOMA CITY is the site of it's upcoming 22nd national conference which is expected to attract more than 1,000 American Indian and Alaskan

Native youth. According to J.R. Cook, executive director of UNITY Conference is for Native American youth ages 15-24 seeking to enhance their leadership skills. During the five-day event, youth leaders will take in an in-depth look at issues impacting them such as education alcohol and drug abuse teen pregnancy.cultural heritage.prejudice/ racism and gang violence.

Under the banner theme 'Celebrate UNITY!" the conference is scheduled for June 21-25 at the Clarion/Comfort Inn Hotel and Conference 4345 Lincoln Blvd. Theodor de Bry) shows Indian men cALL(405)528-2741 for hotel

> All conference activities and workshops are designed to equip youth their lives and become contributing youth.

OKLAHOMA CITY-Officials of members of their communities. Workshops willbe offered on how to develop communication skills, set goals, develop a healthy self esteem, and improve problem solving and organization skills.

Several youth participants will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience while serving as speakers. group leaders, hosts, facilitators and emcees of conference activities.

Conference registration is \$55 per youth or advisor recieved by June Late or on-site registration is \$65. For more info about the National UNITY Conference and registration forms.contact UNITY at(405) 424-3010 or P.O. BOX 25042. Oklahoma.OK 73125. Based in Oklahoma City, UNITY

is a national non-profit organization that has provided leadership training to American Indian and Alaska Native youth since its inception in 1976. UNITY's mission is to foster the spiritual.mental.physical and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth and help build a strong unified and self-reliant Native with skills they need to take charge of America through involvement of its

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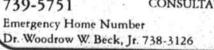
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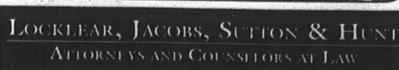
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