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## Governor James B. Hunt Visits Pembroke

Governor James B. Hunt visited the town of Pembroke on Friday, September 20, 1996. He attended a fund raising event at the home of Dr. Jeff and Sybil Collins in Pembroke. It was a historic occasion for the town to have the Governor at a social gathering. The mayor of the Town, Milton R. Hunt, took advantage of the historic significance of the visit and presented the Governor with a print depicting the Centennial Celebration of the Town of Pembroke. The print was local artist, Delora Cummings. Mayor Hunt acknowledged that the Governor's visit coincided with the Centennial Year of the incorporation of the Town of Pembroke.

Pembroke is recognized as the center of the Lumbee Indian Community, and is home for the Lumbee Bank, the first Indian-owned bank, as well as the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, originally founded as a college for Indians.

There were more than 200 people in attendance at the function.



Shown above Mayor Milton Hunt, right, presents a print of the Centennial Celebration of the Town of Pembroke to Governor James B. Hunt. Mayor Hunt acknowledged the historic significance of Gov. Hunt's visit to the town. Gov. Hunt spoke fondly of his "dear friend" Milton Hunt who serves as one of the Chairman of Governor Hunt's Re-election Committee.



Governor Hunt is shown with Mayor Milton Hunt, Sybil Collins, and Dr. Jeff Collins, who hosted a fund-raising event at their Pembroke home.

### LREMC Incumbents Returned to Board

New Officers Elected to Executive Committee

Lumbee River EMC held its annual meeting of members Tuesday night with less than 500 members participating. Four incumbents were re-elected. They were: Robert Strickland, Conrad Oxendine, James Albert Hunt, and Herbert Clark. Oxendine was the only director with opposition. He was challenged by Barbara Collins Goins and retained his seat with 241 votes to Goins 167.

Following the business meeting and the election, the board held a brief meeting to elect officers. Long time president Lacy Cummings was replaced by Proctor Locklear with James Albert Hunt elected vice president, replacing Jim Dial. Madie Rae Locklear, the only one on the 12 member board retained her position as secretary to the board, and Robert



Governor James B. Hunt is shown shaking hands with Larry Chavis, President of Lumbee Bank while Rep. Ron Sutton and wife, Gennie, look on.



Rep. Ron Sutton and Governor James B. Hunt are shown shaking hands with Annette Swett and Purnell Swett, Superintendent of the Public School of Robeson County.

### NC Commission of Indian Affairs Director Elected Vice President of Interstate Indian Council

Gregory A. Richardson, executive director of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, was elected vice president of the Governor's Interstate Indian Council (GIIC) during the 47th annual GIIC conference Aug. 22 in Oklahoma City. The GIIC is one of the oldest national organizations concerned with Indian affairs in the United States.

Richardson was also appointed chairman of the conference's Resolutions Committee and presented 10 resolutions on the floor for debate. Eight were adopted by the conference, including resolutions to protect Indian environment and natural resources, to include the word "nation" in GIIC business matters, to increase collaboration and participation in GIIC conference activities, to support repatriation efforts nationally, to support block grants for Indian tribes, and to support Indian people being appointed to policy-making positions.

Speakers at the conference, hosted by the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, included Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating; Tim Tall Chief, chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission; E. Kelly Haney, Oklahoma state senator; and Arvo

Mikkanen, assistant U.S. attorney who is special assistant for tribal relations, U.S. Department of Justice, Western District of Oklahoma.

The GIIC was the brainchild of Minnesota Gov. Luther Youngdahl who, in 1947, presented his ideals to the National Governor's Conference (now the National Governor's Association) who passed a resolution that the GIIC be concerned with the major issues:

- \* Bringing about equitable settlement of Indian treaties;
- \* Encouraging social and economic self-sufficiency;
- \* Improving education and training opportunities for Indian people;
- \* Encouraging Indian people to preserve, as individuals, their best traditions, values and cultures; and
- \* Bringing about an early end to federal wardship and taking the federal government out of local Indian affairs.

The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs was created by the N.C. General Assembly in 1971 to represent the interest and advocate for the rights and needs of the state's Indian population. Richardson, a member of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe, has led the commission since February of 1995.

### Robeson Democrats to Honor Sen. David Parnell at Unity Rally



**Sen. David Parnell**  
The Robeson County Democratic Party will hold its annual Rally Thursday, October 24, at the Bill Sapp Center in Lumberton starting at 6:30 p.m.

A rousing gala of patriotic music, noise, speeches, food, fellowship, and politics will honor State Senator David R. Parnell who is retiring after 22 years of service to the citizens of Robeson County, the 30th Senatorial

District, and the State of North Carolina and for his strong support of the Democratic Party. Senator Parnell began his legislative career in 1974, and has served four terms in the House and seven terms in the Senate.

Invited guests include Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, Attorney General Mike Easley, Secretary of State Elaine Marshall, Rep. Daniel T. Blue, Jr., Deputy President Pro-Tempore of the Senate R.C. Soles, Jr., Senate Majority leader J. Richard Conder, Senator Majority Whip Frank W. Bellance Jr. and other dignitaries.

Robeson County is the only county in the State of North Carolina with a net registration increase in Democrats since the 1994 elections with a democratic registration of 84.6% of the voters as of 1996.

Tickets to the Rally may be ordered by mail to Robeson County Democratic Party, 206 W. 31st Street, Lumberton, NC 28358. The cost is \$5.00 per ticket. All Democrats are urged to attend.



Governor Hunt is shown with Raymond Cummings, newly-elected Robeson County Commissioner and his wife, Bridgitte Brayboy Cummings.

### Pembroke BPW Stress Interest Investment

Preparation for the future is a major concern for many individuals and more and more women are taking the initiative to invest their money for retirement, college for children, and health care.

The Pembroke Business and Professional Women's Club held its monthly meeting September 9 with Frank Daughtry, Pembroke First Union Bank manager, who shared tips and strategies for investing money with the club members.

president-elect, Annette Strickland, attended a district V individual workshop September 28 at the Fayetteville BPW Clubhouse. The program focused on the connection between effective communication, leadership skills, and professional and personal development with Dr. Patrice Alexander as a trainer for the workshop.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 21 at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke in the James B. Chavis Center at 7:00 P.M. The quest speaker is Charlene Phillips, district V director.

The Pembroke BPW invites women who are interested to join in promoting and improving the lives of women. If interested, contact Marie Moore at 521-4421.

Mr. Daughtry stated, "You may need to take a risk." Realizing that everyone's situation is different, he suggested that the investor have long term objectives and to "Prioritize yourself", investing as less as \$50.00. Club president, Yvonne Dial and

### Indian Physicians and Medical Student Attend Annual Meeting and Pow Wow

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) held its 25th Annual Meeting and Pow Wow on August 2-7 at the Ridpath Hotel in Spokane, Washington. In conjunction with the AAIP Conference was the annual meeting for the Association of Native American Medical Students. The theme of this year's meeting "Preserving Indian Health Care--The Next 500 Years: Of the Indian People, By the Indian People. For the Indian People" reflects the concern of the Association regarding the future of health care for Indian and Alaskan Native communities. Attending the conference were Dr. Joseph Bell, his daughter Victoria Bell, and John Brooks. Second year medical student Christina Hardin (Lumbee), third year medical students James West (Lumbee), and Kristy Woods (Lumbee) were also in attendance at the conference.

Their time at the conference was filled with sessions ranging from topics such as "Success on the Wards" to "Traditional Indian Medicine and Modern Western Medicine: Is there a role for collaboration in the care of Indian patients?" Also included in the conference were oppor-

tunities to learn more about the Internet (Medline, email); National Bone Marrow Donor Program; Treatment of Diabetes; and American Indian Elder Care Issues.

Apart from the many educational sessions offered were the traditional events of the conference. These events included a Sweat Ceremony held Saturday on the Coeur d'Alene reservation in Idaho, a Traditional Talking Circle, and a Pow Wow, which concluded the conference on Tuesday.

An electoral session of ANAMS was held where James West was elected to the Executive Council. Christina Hardin was selected as Regional Chairperson, Region 4. Congratulations James and Christina!

The conference was both enjoyable and relaxing--with 60 degree weather and NO HUMIDITY. For further information about AAIP, look for its web page:

<http://www.aaip.com>

The students at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine would like to thank all of the people who made it possible for them to attend the conference.

### West Lumberton Elementary honors teacher and teacher assistant of the year

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Mr. Larry Brooks, principal of West Lumberton Elementary School congratulates Mrs. Evelyn Meares and Mrs. Fronnie Sampson, as teacher and teacher assistant of the 1996-1997 academic year.



On September 20th the Cafeteria staff at Rowland-Normant Elementary School invited Grandparents to have breakfast with their grandchildren. Smiles of love were on everyone's faces as they shared donuts, muffins, and milk together.