

Lumbee Guaranty Bank Announces Largest Stock Offering in 15 Year History

Pembroke, NC--Lumbee Guaranty Bank announced that it will offer \$3 million dollars worth of stock to its current shareholders starting today through April 4, 1997. Starting Monday, April 7, the Bank will offer the remaining shares to the general public. The Bank offered \$1.3 million dollars of stock in 1995 which sold out before the offering expired. The Bank will use the new capital for expansion acquisitions into new communities and markets.

The current price of the stock is \$13 per share. A minimum purchase of 75 shares is required (\$975 investment). Maximum purchase 34,616 shares (a \$450,008 investment). Please contact the corporate office for a complete offering circular.

Lumbee Guaranty Bank is a \$75 million dollar full-service community bank dedicated to serving the people of Robeson, Cumberland and surrounding counties.



On March 25, 1997, representatives from area business and industry participated in Career Day at Piney Grove Elementary School. Students learned about various careers including food services, military, health care, forestry, and law enforcement. Everyone enjoyed the presentations and the school would like to say "Thank You" to all participants.

RCC Today

by Carolus S. Watson

BETA DELTA MU WINS BIG!

The Beta Delta Mu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society at Robeson Community College, attended the Carolinas Regional Convention in Raleigh on March 7-9. The Carolinas Region includes both North and South Carolina. Representing RCC were Pat Welfare - advisor, Charlotte Lewis - chapter president, and James Hammonds - provisional member. The chapter brought back a total of four awards and scholarship money.

Beta Delta Mu was presented with the Executive Director's Achievement Award. The Executive Director's Achievement Awards are presented to newly chartered chapters which complete the first two levels in the Five-Star Chapter Development Program within the first year after the first International Convention following their chartering. RCC's chapter was the only chapter to receive this award in the Carolinas Region.

Beta Delta Mu also received a Five-Star Award - Level 3. The Five-Star Program is a chapter development program requiring the integration of the Honors Topic and the Service Project involving the members, campus, and community. The Honors Topic for this year was Arts: A Landscape of Our Times, and the Service Project was AIDS Awareness. It is very unusual for a newly chartered chapter to reach Level 3.

The Horizon Award is presented at regional awards programs to new advisors who participate in regional and international programs and senior advisors who have attained new levels of achievement in Phi Theta Kappa program. Pat Welfare, advisor of the RCC chapter, was the honored recipient of this award.

Beta Delta Mu also received Best New Chapter Award. This award is accompanied by \$100 Scholarship which can be used for either the 1997 International Convention, the 1997 International Honors Institute, or the 1997 Regional Honors Institute.

The fact that the RCC chapter is still so young, having only been chartered since June 4, 1996, has an even greater impact on the prestige of receiving these awards. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa offers an enormous potential for growth as a chapter and on a personal basis. (submitted by Pat Welfare, chapter advisor)

RCC COSMETOLOGY STUDENTS OFFER EASTER SPECIAL

Senior citizens take note! If you are 62 or more years of age, you can receive one free shampoo and style in

the RCC Cosmetology Department during Senior Citizen Days which will be held from 9 a.m.-noon on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, March 26, 27, and 28, 1997. All senior citizens are encouraged to come by and get beautiful for Easter. Please note that cuts and chemical treatments are not included in this special offer.

NEW TUITION RATES FOR SEMESTER COURSES ANNOUNCED

You probably know by now that the north Carolina System of Community Colleges is converting from the quarter system to the semester system effective Fall, 1997. Accordingly, there will be a change in tuition fees. Beginning with the summer term 1997, and based on a conversion of the current tuition policy from quarter terms to semester terms, tuition for in-state students will be \$20 per semester hour not to exceed \$180 per session for full-time students. Tuition for out-of-state students will be \$163 per semester hour not to exceed \$1,467 for full-time students. For the summer session, full-time is defined as nine or more semester credit hours.

Effective fall semester 1997, and based on the same conversion of the current tuition policy from quarter to semester terms, tuition for in-state students will again be \$20 per semester credit hour, not to exceed \$280 per semester. The difference in the maximum price reflects the definition of full-time student during fall semester being one enrolled in 14 or more semester credit hours as opposed to nine or more during the summer. Fall semester tuition for out-of-state students will again be \$163 per semester credit hour, not to exceed \$2,282 for full-time students taking 14 or more semester hours. If you should have any questions, please call Robeson Community College at 738-7101 and ask for the registrar's office at extension 242 or the admissions office at extension 254.

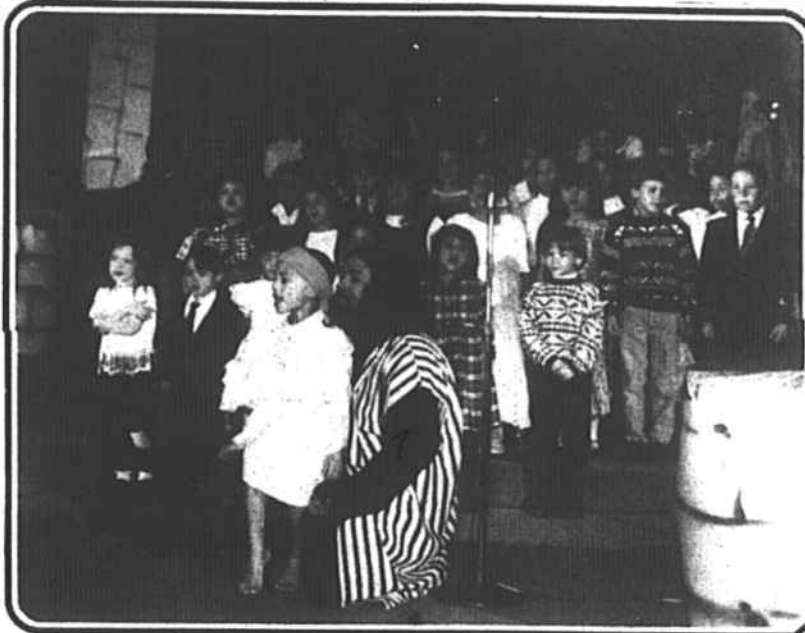
Noah Woods to Host Public Forums

Robeson County Commissioner for District 4, Mr. Noah Woods, will hold Public Forums in Robeson County Commissioner District 4 at the following locations on dates and at times listed:

Prospect-March 27, 1997-7:00 P.M. Prospect School, Maxton, NC.
Pembroke-April 1, 1997-7:00 P.M. Courthouse, 210 Main Street, Pembroke.

The purpose of the Public Forums is to receive comments, input, and to answer questions from constituents regarding matters of interest to citizens of Robeson County.

Commissioner Noah Woods welcomes your attendance.



Prospect United Methodist Church, Route 3, Box 196, Maxton will be the site for the Easter Musical Drama - "Hallelujah! What A Savior". The Music Ministries of Prospect United Methodist Church will present the cantata on Saturday, March 29, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday morning, March 30, 1997 at 10:40 a.m. This Easter presentation is under the direction of Mr. Harold D. Jacobs, the character of Jesus is performed by Mr. Morris Dial, and narrated by Mr. Leon Jacobs. There will be solos and other added attractions to make this one of the most exciting performances ever.

New UNCP Trustees Elected

PEMBROKE--The University of North Carolina Board of Governors elected three new trustees and re-elected one to the UNC Pembroke board.

Elected Friday were D.M. Campbell, Jr., from Elizabethtown, Gervais (Gary) Oxendine from Southern Pines, and Sherry Dew Prince from Tabor City. H. Thomas Jones II from Whiteville was re-elected. All are graduates of UNC Pembroke.

The newly elected trustees will begin their four-year terms July 1.

"I am thrilled to have Ms. Prince, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Oxendine join our board," said UNCP Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine. "Each of these individuals has established a distinguished career since completing their degrees at UNCP. In addition, they come to us from Bladen, Columbus and Scotland counties, areas in which we need a stronger University presence."

"Mr. Jones has contributed importantly to the University over the past two years and I am very pleased to have him return for another term."

Campbell is president of Campbell Oil Company, Inc., Gas Mart, Inc., and Campbell Rentals, LLC. He has interests in several other businesses in the region and is active in a number of civic and business organizations. Campbell earned a bachelor's degree in business from UNCP in 1968. He is married to Sylvia Brisson Campbell and they have four sons and four grandchildren. Three of his sons, D. McQueen Campbell III,

Brian and Chris, work in the family businesses. The youngest son, Wesley, is a junior at N.C. State University.

Gary Oxendine is the manufacturing manager for the Abbott Laboratories Plant in Laurinburg. He is responsible for approximately one thousand employees who manufacture blood administration devices, intravenous administration devices, and enteral feeding device. Abbott Laboratories had sales of approximately \$11 billion in 1996.

Oxendine graduated from UNCP in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and mathematics. He was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy and is a Vietnam veteran. He is married to Olivia Holmes Oxendine and they have two sons, Eric and Brock, and one grandson, Hutson.

Prince is an attorney with Soles, Phipps, Ray, Prince & Williford in Tabor City. She earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in education from UNCP in 1976 and 1982 respectively. Prince taught in the Columbus County Schools for eight years before entering Campbell University School of Law. She was awarded her law degree in 1987.

Prince is a member of numerous legal and civic organizations. She is married to Arthur Leaman Prince, Jr. and they have three daughters. Amanda, the oldest, is a freshman at UNC-Chapel Hill, and Hannah-Jo and Susan are in elementary school.

You Can Attend College Free

Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with good grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Left-Handed Student Scholarships, Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, David Letterman's Scholars hip for 'C' Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for minorities and much much more!

The general public is not aware that over \$10 billion is available to students from private sector scholarships. Over \$20.4 billion from the federal government. In a U.S. Congressional study, it was reported that:

"Over \$6.6 billion of private sector financial aid went unused because parents and students did not know where to apply." A conservative college tuition for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000. High

scoring colleges run from \$40,000-\$100,000--and this tuition is per year.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. These organizations are AEE (American Educational Excellence) members, and have a list of over 400 different addresses, telephone numbers, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarships will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition, otherwise, students combine applicable scholarships together to form one large tuition payment. Most scholarships include junior colleges, career & vocational schools, 4 year colleges, graduate schools and medical and law schools.

For more information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a S.A.S.E. and \$1 handling fee to U.S. Channel of Commerce for Higher Education, P.O. Box 127, Rule, Texas 79547.

Through One Child's Eyes



Through one child's eyes tomorrow's world could be two ways.

Through one child's eyes tomorrow's world could be strong and healthy with good role models. Good role models as you all know, mean good teachers. As a parent you are a teacher. Teach me. Give me the opportunity to learn. I need strong morals. I need to know what is expected of me. I need strong morals. I need to know who I am. I do not need to know who you want me to be. I need

good schools. I do not need negative impacts in my innocent life. I need to be happy. I do not need to be abused or ashamed. I need guidance so I know the way. I do not need to be confused or disappointed. I need to be beautiful - not for you, but for me. I do not need to be beautiful on the exterior, but on the interior. I need to be cleansed. I need to be cleansed not of grit, grime, or dirt. I need to be cleansed of hatred. I need to be cleansed of crime. I need to be cleansed of bitterness. I need to be cleansed of sin. I need to be cleansed of doubtfulness that my Father will tend to evade from time to time. I need to know in my soul that Jesus, my savior, will always be there to help and rescue me from a terrible or confusing time. I want for nothing materialistic or emotional. I have everything I need. My teachers, who are my parents, see that.

Through one child's eyes.

Through one child's eyes tomorrow's world could be weak and frail. It could be like a new born baby from a mother's womb. The baby is clueless as to what the future has in store for him or her. The baby is small, helpless, and not knowing what will pop up around the next corner. What would make our world weak and frail? you asks. Well, I'll tell you what could bring our great empire to it's knees begging for mercy, like a tortured slave. No morals would make our world weak and frail. No one caring enough to teach and prepare their children, whatever race, whatever creed, to guide our world to greatness would make our world weak, frail, and begging for mercy. No one having enough pity for a starving child groveling at their feet would shatter our world into a million scattered pieces. No one having any shame as to put filthy items to a child's access would crumble our world. Think what a ten year old would think when he or she sat down to look up a piece of information on the Internet and with a few words, we would never think to be pornographic, brought up Playboy and pornographic pictures and information. Personally, the thought terrifies me. And another thing, I fear for my life, night and day, because I know some maniac can look up my address on the Internet and come to stalk, rape, beat, or kidnap me. I've heard of it too many times to think nothing of it.

Through one child's eyes.

Through one child's eyes our strong world could be beaten by a weak today.

Our strong world could be beaten by a weak today because of racism. Our strong and healthy world could be beaten by a weak today because of drugs. Close your eyes and visualize being born with birth defects, not being like the other kids, everyone picking on you because your slow, or handicapped. Now look at your drug abusing mother and say "Why am I like this?" The only answer she can tell you is that she used drugs and she couldn't help it. While in fact, if she hadn't been so busy doing drugs she would have had the time to take care of you while you were in her womb as well as a baby or toddler. Our strong and healthy world could be beaten by a weak today because of crime. Our strong world could be beaten by a weak today because of fear. Fear that a rapist or lunatic will invade in your home and most likely intend to do you bodily harm. Our strong tomorrow will be beaten by a weak today because of hatred. Hatred that goes back hundreds of years to our ancestors and ignorant people still carry it on today while it should have been left behind, just a faint memory. Our strong tomorrow will be beaten by a weak today.

Through one child's eyes.

As I said before different races, different creeds, same needs. So the next time you decide to cuss, fuss, judge, criticize, and so forth, ponder the thought of what it teaches or looks like...

Through one child's eyes.

By: Erin Callahan
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Pembroke Middle School News "Home of the Warriors"

Pembroke Middle School's seventh grade student, Jessica Lynn Oxendine is the Robeson County Winner and the Area VII Winner of the North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Speaking Contest for the seventh grade. The county contest was held March 4, 1997 at Ryan's Steak House in Lumberton. The Area VII contest was held March 24, 1997 at the Scotland County Government Complex in Laurinburg, NC. The State competition will be held in Raleigh, April 29, 1997.

The contest began on the local level Language Arts teachers in the 6th, 7th, 8th grades throughout the state of North Carolina were asked to participate in a contest sponsored by the NC Soil and Water Conservation Association. Sixth graders were to

write an essay with the 7th and 8th graders were asked to have a 4-6 minute speech on the topic "Everyone Has a Role to Play in Soil and Water Conservation."

Mrs. Elvera Locklear, a seventh grade teacher at Pembroke Middle School, asked all of her students (the

Thunderbird Team) to participate in the speech contest. The 76 students were judged by official judges included parents, central office staff, teachers, guidance counselors, and students. Jessica was the overall winner.

She then competed with two top winners from Ms. Velinda Goins' seventh grade Language Arts classes.

Jessica represented Pembroke Middle School in the county competition. Judges included Tasha Oxendine, reporter for Channel 13 TV and Bill Williford, member of the Tobacco Board of Trade. The following Robeson County Soil and Water Conservation Board members were on hand for the contest: William Davis, Chairman, Vastine Mitchell, Contest Coordinator, William McCormick, L. Curious Lowry, Graham Smith, and Ed Holland, Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Jessica's parents, Lance and Patsy Oxendine of Pembroke and her sister Christine were also present.

Pembroke Middle School is proud of Jessica Lynn Oxendine.

Reunion to be held

The descendants of Sion and Sarah Wilkins, H.T. (Sonnie) and Rosella (Sis) Lowery will reunite on May 24, 1997 between 4 and 9 PM at Harpers Ferry Baptist Church in Pembroke. Donations: R.F.V.P.: A.S.A.P. \$7.00 min. per person. Children under 10-\$4.00. For more information contact Hazel Strickland at (910) 521-3663 or contact John Lowery at (301) 587-5434.



Shown left to right are William Davis, Elvera Locklear, Jessica Lynn Oxendine, Bill Williford and Tasha Oxendine