

ALONG the ROBESON TRAIL

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

The Adolph L. Dial Lecture Series in American Indian Studies will present its inaugural events at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM on Monday, 7 April 1997. This lecture series results from an endowment made by the late Professor Adolph L. Dial, long-time faculty member and department chair here at The University. The series is intended to bring notable speakers to campus who have distinguished themselves in research, history, literature, art, anthropology or other disciplines related to American Indian Studies. The first prestigious presenter of the Dial Lecture Series will be Dr. Joseph Bruchac.

Joseph Bruchac is a scholar of Abenaki Indian heritage who resides in the Adirondack foothills of New York. He is the founder and director of the Greenfield Review Literary Center and the Greenfield Review Press. He has written more than sixty books, including: novels (i.e., *Dawn Land*, 1993 and *Long River*, 1995); books of poetry (i.e., *Long Memory*, 1988 and *Near The Mountains*, 1986); non-fiction works (i.e., *Keepers of the Animals*, 1991 and *The Poetry of Pop*, 1973); and children's books (i.e., *Dog People*, 1995 and *The First*

Strawberries, 1993). He has also edited numerous anthologies (i.e., *Raven Tells Stories: Contemporary Alaskan Native Writing*, 1990; *Songs From This Earth On Turtle's Back: Contemporary American Indian Poetry*, 1983; and *Returning The Gift: Poetry and Prose from the First North American Native Writer's Festival*, 1994). More than 500 of his own poems, stories and non-fiction articles have been seen in such publications as *Smithsonian Magazine*, *National Geographic*, *Northeast Indian Quarterly* and *American Poetry Review*.

Professor Bruchac has also been active in performing arts. Along with his sons and his sister he performs traditional and contemporary Abenaki music as "Dawn Land Singers." He has been a storyteller-in-residence for Indian organizations and schools all over the United States. He has performed throughout Europe, and has been a featured storyteller at the British Storytelling Festival and at America's best-known legend-keeper event, the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesboro, Tennessee.

He has also been widely recognized for his creative and

scholarly work. Among the honors he has received are: The American Book Award; Rockefeller Humanities Fellowship; National Endowment for the Arts' Writing Fellowship for Poetry; The Cherokee Nation Prose Award; *Scientific American's* Young Readers Book Award; the Benjamin Franklin Award (from Publisher's Marketing Association); and the New York State Regents Scholarship.

At 1:00 PM on Monday the 7th, Dr. Bruchac will present "Seeing Through The Circle." A second event will occur at 7:00 PM, at which he will present "Stories For The Earth." Both events will be held in the Native American Resource Center, and refreshments will be served following the 7:00 PM presentation. Everyone is welcome to attend both presentations, and there will be no admission charge.

We encourage you to join us in celebrating the beginning of the Adolph L. Dial Lecture Series, and in welcoming Joseph Bruchac to our campus and community. For more information, visit the Native American Resource Center in historic Old Main Building, on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

RCC Today

by Carolin S. Watson



When Eddie Mac Locklear, 61, turns off Highway 310 onto the Robeson Community College campus this Friday morning at 7:30 a.m., he will begin his last day of work as an RCC employee. Locklear, Director of Counseling Support Services came to the College on July 1, 1969, as a counselor and since that time he has served in numerous capacities: Director of Veteran Affairs, Placement and Testing, Administrative Assistant - Personnel, and Recruiter. He will retire on March 28, 1997, prior to his employment at RCC. Locklear worked for the Board of Education in Anne Raundel County, Annapolis, Maryland as a high school civics teacher. He then taught four years in the Robeson County Public Schools

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and served as a counselor for four years at Pembroke High School. Locklear earned the A.B. degree in history at UNC-P, Master in Education at Western Carolina University and did additional graduate work at Appalachian State University. Though he served no time in the armed forces Locklear is quick to say that the job responsibility that is most near and dear to him is veteran affairs. "I never served in the armed forces, but I had four brothers who did and my Dad was in the military, so I feel like a military brat. This has given me a real understanding and sympathy for the experiences and challenges veterans face." Though he has enjoyed his work with veterans' affairs, Locklear wastes no time in pointing out that the program has also been the most troubling program he has been associated with. When asked to elaborate, he said, "The Department of Veteran Affairs requires so doggone many forms, approximately 28 per veteran!"

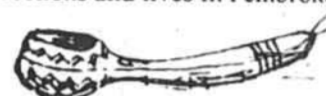
Looking back to his beginning with Robeson Community College, Locklear stated that he has seen the College "move from the Piney Woods of the Barker Ten Mile Campus to the present location where it is viewed annually by 10 million travelers on Interstate 95." In his first year serving RCC (or Robeson Technical Institute as it was then) the school served 147 curriculum students (the largest enrollment RCC had ever had at that time). Currently RCC serves approximately 1400 curriculum students. The only active RCC employees who were working at the College when Locklear came on board are: Lib Nye, Director of Nursing, Frank Leggett, Vice-President of Curricu-

lum and Student Services, and Fred Williams, President. As an addendum, Locklear pointed out that he and Lynn Price, School Accountant began working on the very same day.

"The employees at Robeson Community College are the finest people I've ever worked with. The maintenance staff keeps our campus cleaner and neater than any college in the North Carolina System of Community Colleges and those factors certainly make it a pleasure to come to work every day."

RCC Assistant Vice-President of Student Services Bill Mauney noted that Locklear has served in a wide range of jobs and witnessed the changes in student enrollment over the years. "He has supported our students by providing quality assistance and equally important, he has always been a team player."

Eddie Mac Locklear is looking forward to his retirement. He has been planning it for five years. "This was not a spur of the moment decision," he stated emphatically. "I just don't think people should walk out the door on the very day they become eligible to retire. Though he will miss his friends at RCC he is planning to spend his time taking care of his family, his garden, his peach, plum, blueberry, apple, nectarine, cherry and grape orchards and his lawn. Also he will volunteer his time to his church, nursing homes and the hospital. In addition, he hopes to travel with Mary, his wife of 34 years. The Locklears have one son Eric, 31 who works as a program Officer with the Department of Corrections and lives in Pembroke.



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NATIVE AMERICAN SHOE COLLECTION

The **COMMEMORATIVE LUMBEE TENNIS SHOE** will be auctioned to the public on April 5, 1997 at 12:00 Noon at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center located at the site of Strike At the Wind.

The auction will be part of the **1st ANNUAL GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORD BREAKING EVENTS** sponsored by Harold Collins at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center on April 5, 1997.

Proceeds to benefit the N.C. Indian Cultural Center.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners scheduled for April 7, 1997 has been cancelled.

A special meeting of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners will be held Thursday, April 10, 1997 at 6:00 PM at the O.P. Owens Building (Cooperative Extension Service) located off NC Highway 72-West of Lumberton NC. The purpose of the Special Meeting is the E-911 project for Robeson County and any other matters which may come before the Board.

Linda A. Hedgpeth
Clerk to the Board
Robeson County Board of Commissioners

The Church at "The Forks"



by Erwin Jacobs, Member West Robeson United Methodist Church

Greetings from West Robeson United Methodist Church. I am writing to let people know about a small church located at what I call the Forks. We are located where the road to Pembroke forks off U.S. 74 East of Maxton. We do not get much media coverage, but I hope to change that. I invite anyone to come visit and worship with us. Our pastor, the Rev. Marshall Locklear and his lovely wife, Mrs. Lucille, would welcome anyone who does not have a church to attend (young and old). They can be reached by phone in the evenings at 1-910-521-0544.

We also have a great youth program under the direction of Sister Sandra Locklear. Our church choir and also our youth choir is directed by her sister, Mrs. Bobby Leviner. Recently the youth went on a ski trip. They hold meetings in the fellowship hall and enjoy socials chaperoned by church leaders, always. They sponsor fund raising events to pay for their trips, visit local nursing

homes to minister to the people there, and do many other projects and activities. They conducted services on Easter Sunday at 10 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 9 a.m. The sermons for the little people are conducted by Mrs. Jackie Hammonds Deese.

On March 22 the church had a social and an Easter Egg Hunt for the little ones. In the eight years I have been attending church there, it was the greatest. We had between 50 to 60 to attend this event.

The church is having an old time box supper on Friday evening, April 4. If you want to have some fun, please come and support us. There will be home cooked meals to bid on, also home made cakes. This project is to raise money for kitchen equipment, etc. If you would like to know more about our church, please call our pastor and he will be glad to talk to you. Better yet, come be with us and we will show you a very friend welcome.

Go to church some place. We keep you in our prayers.

Hoke County Pow Wow April 5th

A Pow Wow will be held at South Hoke School on April 5, 1997 beginning at 11 a.m. and lasting until... There is no admission charge.

The Pow Wow is being sponsored by the Hoke County Native Americans. Host Drum will be Young Drum. There will be Native American foods, arts and crafts. Traders will be there by invitation only. For additional information, contact Ronald Maynor at 910-843-3474.

There will be a traditional Native American Wedding at 5 p.m. Della Maynor, the Hoke County Register of Deeds, will be married to Ronny Bowen.

Odum Home Basketball Team Completes Successful Season

On March 17th the Odum Home Staff Men's Basketball Team completed its successful season by winning the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association Church League Basketball Tournament. The team also was the regular season champion and finished the season with a 22-1 record. The Odum Home Team consists of Odum Home employees James Best, Kevin Hill, Curtis Moss, William Smiling, and Greg Sampson (Manager/Coach) along with some local friends of Odum Home.

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe to Hold Annual Pow Wow

The Haliwa-Saponi Tribe will honor veterans of the tribe, living and deceased, at its 32nd Annual pow-Wow near Hollister. The tribe identified over three hundred (300) men and women of the tribe that have served in the military.

The Haliwa-Saponi Tribe will sponsor its pow-Wow and festival on April 18-20, 1997 at Haliwa School in Warren County, North Carolina. The event will feature the best in American Indian foods (Navajo tacos, fry bread, pottery, etc...). The tribe will offer over \$6,000.00 in prize money to dancers and drummers. We expect at least five (5) drums and one hundred dancers. Over 25 Native American crafts people will visit and sell their crafts.

Congressional Staff Available April 9 in Robeson

A member of Cong. Mike McIntyre's staff will be available to meet with constituents in Robeson County Wednesday, April 9 at the following location: 9:00-11:00 am... Barnesville Post Office.

People who need help with federal matters such as social security, veterans affairs, disability, internal revenue, etc., are invited to meet with Cong. McIntyre's representative to discuss individual problems.

Comments on pending legislation are also welcome.

Applications being accepted for Little Miss and Junior Miss Lumbee

The Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) is currently accepting applications for the 1997 Little Miss and Junior Miss Pageant.

To qualify as a pageant contestant, the applicant must be a Lumbee female, ages 5 to 7 for the Little Miss Pageant and ages 12-14 for Junior Miss pageant, and accessible for appearances locally and statewide.

If you meet the criteria and are interested in competing as a contestant, please contact Hazel Perez at (910) 521-8602. Applications may be picked up at the LRDA Headstart office. Deadline is April 30.

Homecoming and Revival Planned at Salem Baptist

Salem Missionary Baptist Church will observe their homecoming on Sunday, April 27 at the church on the Red Hill Road, Maxton. Lunch will be served following the worship service. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. with morning worship at 11 a.m.

On Monday night, April 28, revival services will begin. Services will continue through Thursday night, May 1.

Conducting the revival will be Rev. Timmie Chavis, pastor of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church in Hollister, NC and Rev. Jerry McNeill, pastor of Riverside Independent Baptist Church, Hwy 74, Lumberton. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. with special music each night.

The pastor, Rev. Don Bullard, and the congregation of Salem, extend a cordial invitation to the public to attend.

Applications Now Being Accepted for Miss Lumbee Pageant

The Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) is currently accepting applications for the 1997 Miss Lumbee Pageant.

To qualify as a pageant contestant, the applicant must be a Lumbee female between 17 1/2 and 26 years of age, a high school graduate and single, never married or cohabited and must be accessible to Pembroke as a homebase.

If you meet the criteria and are interested in competing as a contestant, please contact James Monroe Chavis at (910) 521-2462. You can pick up applications at the Lumbee Tribal Enrollment Office located on Union Chapel Road in Pembroke.

Applications must be completed and returned by April 30, 1997.

HIV/AIDS/STD Awareness Sunday to be Observed at Mt. Airy Baptist Church

On Sunday, April 6, 1997 from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Mt. Airy Baptist Church will host HIV/AIDS/STD Awareness Sunday. One of the first to be held by the religious community in Robeson County, special music will be provided by the Mt. Airy Church Choir, PWA Choir, and Jason Hunt of the Saddletree Church of God. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Speakers will be local PWAs: Dr. Thomas "Shane" Koorice, III, long-time survivor, Ms. Brenda Jones, Mr. Billie Stackhouse and Ms. Patricia Locklear, widow of Larry Locklear. Locklear's quest was to bring about awareness largely in the



Odum Home student Jeanette Locklear recently took first place in the Annual Black History Month competition in which students dress up as an important person in Black History and give a presentation on that person's life. She portrayed Ray Charles.

church community. His wife will share the legacy that he implemented. Special guests will be from the HIV/STD Control Section in Raleigh, NC.

The event is being held at Mt. Airy and other churches are encouraged to be aware of this epidemic and to cooperate by giving compassion and love to those whose lives have been affected, effected and infected by HIV/AIDS/STD.

The event is sponsored by Borderbelt AIDS Resources Team (BART), Inc. Aids Resource Team of Robeson County (ATRC) and the HIV/STD Control Section in Raleigh.