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## Miss Lumbee Says Farewell

Rebekah Revels, Miss Lumbee, will relinquish her crown July 4, 1997 but she will continue to honor the Lumbee people with dignity, grace and love. Rebekah has traveled over 24,000 miles to 16 states and Washington, D.C. during her reign to touch the lives of thousands of people with the story of the Lumbee people and how important it is to respect our elders and learn about our culture. Rebekah has sung, spoke and danced her way into thousands of hearts in making more than 165 appearances and performing this past year.

Although Rebekah is the most traveled Miss Lumbee, she stresses quality not quantity in appearances. Most of the pow wows she attended last 2-4 days and she averaged 10-12 hours per day each pow wow day. "People appreciate you spending time at their function, not just showing up to be seen, but talking, relaxing and enjoying their company and the functions they worked hard to make a success," Rebekah said. "I loved spending hours as Miss Lumbee."

She continued, "The Miss Lumbee title and crown one of great importance that should be honored at all times with dignity, honesty and respect. Miss Lumbee represents all of the 47,000+ Lumbee all of the time."

Rebekah dedicated her reign to the memory of her cousin, Loric Strickland, daughter of Daniel and

Cherry Strickland, who died with cancer in 1995. Loric was well known for smiling regardless of what blows life dealt to her and Rebekah's smile

has also brought happiness to many. Rebekah feels that Loric would smile upon her reign and be very proud of her.

Love for Miss Lumbee was evidenced at the Lumbee Queens Farewell Tea on Sunday as he was honored by contestants, friends, family, and her church. Many came forth to attest to Rebekah's helpfulness, love for the Lumbee people, honesty, smiles, knowledge and dignity. She was presented many beautiful gifts. Her aunt, Cherry Strickland, presented Rebekah with a coverlet, a family heirloom, made by her grandmother, Mrs. Lula Carter Hunt. Rebekah's grandmother died with cancer before she was born.

Ten Mile Baptist Church presented Rebekah with a surprise portrait of Miss Lumbee by artist Karl A. Hunt, which was painted from photographs.

Rebekah's little sisters, Junior Miss Morgan Hunt and Little Miss Angelica Chavis are precious and dear to her heart. The families have traveled extensively this past year and many memories are heart stored. As Rebekah dedicated friends and friends forever to her little sister, the tears flowed as she honored them.

As a last tribute, as Miss Lumbee, Rebekah Revels honors her Creator, parents, LRDA, family, church, friends, loved ones and every person who has touched her life this past year in a positive way.

Representing the Lumbee people with dignity and pride, Rebekah's last words to us as Miss Lumbee are:

### "HEART GIFTS"

It's not the things that can be bought  
that are life's richest treasure...  
It's just the little "heart gifts"  
that money cannot measure...  
A cheerful smile, a friendly word,  
a sympathetic nod  
Are priceless little treasures  
from the storehouse of our God...  
They are the things that can't be bought  
with silver or with gold,  
For thoughtfulness and kindness  
and love are never sold...  
They are the priceless things in life  
for which no one can pay,  
And the giver finds rich recompense  
in giving them away.



Rebekah was honored by her family and church, Ten Mile center Baptist Church on June 22, 1997 with a surprise Farewell Social in the church fellowship building.

Glenda Revels, Sunday school teacher, Earnie Hammonds, Pastor; Miss Lumbee, Rebekah Revels, Wanda Hammonds, Pastor's wife, Joyce Lowry, Sunday school teacher shown left to right.

Pastor Hammonds made warm and wonderful comments about Rebekah as he announced the surprise social. Many dear friends and family members including Junior Miss Lumbee Morgan Hunt and her mother, Demetrice Hunt, joined Rebekah for the social.

Ten Mile Center Baptist Church us given outstanding support to Miss Lumbee this year. We love you, Rebekah

## Twenty Swett High Teachers & Counselors Learning New Skills in Computer Lab at UNCP

Pembroke - "Comparing the knowledge I had coming in with the knowledge I have now, it's outstanding," said Purnell Swett High School teacher Boss Locklear.

Before participating in a two-week Internet workshop sponsored by the physical science department at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Mr. Locklear had never seen the world wide web. Today, he is building his own "home page" on the Internet with links to a world of information which he can use in teaching Vocational Education courses.

The project, which includes funds for wiring Mr. Locklear's classroom to the Internet, is funded through UNCP by a \$30,000 federal Eisenhower Grant coordinated by the North Carolina Science and Math Institute.

Twenty Purnell Swett High School teachers and counselors were in a computer lab at UNCP for two weeks of basic Internet instruction from June 16-27. Besides learning about e-mail, surfing the net and building a home page, the grant will give teachers practical ideas for using the world wide web of information in the classroom.

Project director for the grant is Dr. Jose D'Arruda, chair of the physical science department.

"The Eisenhower Grant is going to pay off well for the teachers," Dr. D'Arruda said. "Most knew little or

nothing about the Internet, but every time I go down there they have made progress."

The Internet project consists of six workshops, but classroom instruction is only the beginning. Dr. D'Arruda said. Six UNCP professors will go to the high school as one-on-one mentors for the teachers.

"The Internet is like a library in the classroom," Dr. D'Arruda said. "But the only way to learn any kind of computing is to do what they are doing by sitting down and getting their hands on it with expert instruction backing them up."

"We at UNCP need to do more with the high schools," he said. "I've been here for 24 years and can remember working with a NSF (National Science Foundation) grant with the schools on Apple IIe computers."

D'Arruda's pioneering efforts continue to pay dividends as he ushers another generation of teachers through another technological frontier of computing.

While Boss Locklear looked through an Internet site on house construction plans, French teacher Melody Gill toured France. A recent college graduate, Gill is computer trained but found new uses for the Internet in the classroom at the workshop.

"I am looking for links to put on my home page so that my students will be able to see and hear French

language and culture," she said. "I cannot teach them all the things that the French can. I'm also looking for (e-mail) pen pals."

Although she was familiar with the resources of the Internet, Gill has learned some new applications. "I have learned many things I did not know," she said. "We went to a 'net' meeting where we actually saw the people we were talking to. Our computers had video cameras, so they saw us too."

The computer skills of social studies teacher Jerry Jones and physical education teacher Nancy Owen (both UNCP graduates) fall somewhere between Locklear and Gill. Both are new to the Internet and fascinated by these sources available to them.

"I teach a minority studies class and I'm looking for Native American and African American sites that I can link them to my home page," Jones said. "The key is if the school can get on line and get us a computer then this will be valuable."

Owen was scanning sites on physical rehabilitation of sports injuries for a class she is teaching on sports medicine.

"There are not a lot of classroom materials available for this course, so I've done searches in physical therapy and rehab," Owen said. "I've ordered a catalogue and some other free materials including one from an anatomical supply company."

"I think the Internet will be very

useful," she said. "This is good for me because there have been a lot of changes in computing since I was at Pembroke in the 1980s."

Dr. Leszek Piatkiewicz, assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, taught the Internet workshop. He was impressed with his pupils' progress.

"They are doing just fine. Teachers make good students," he said. "About half have been on the Internet before, but we always have people on different levels."

Dr. Piatkiewicz noted several applications he was working on during the workshop including creating a home page for each teacher located on a computer server at UNCP. "I want them to create a home page for their students to have access to in the classroom," he said. "They may create links to any other site on the Internet for the students to use in doing research."

"We have also worked with network news (chat rooms) so they can discuss any subject with anyone in the world," he said.

Whether its French or carpentry, the Internet is a link to a world for teachers, Dr. Piatkiewicz believes. And UNCP is the teacher's link to the Internet.

For more information on the Eisenhower Grant program, you may call Dr. D'Arruda at 521-6423.

## McIntyre Co-Sponsors Recognition Bill to Help Lumbee Recognition Efforts

Washington, D.C. - Seventh District Congressman Mike McIntyre announced today that he has co-sponsored legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives that would create an independent commission that would help the Lumbee Indians achieve federal recognition.

McIntyre is calling on Congress to pass HR 1154, the Indian Federal Recognition Administration Procedures Act of 1997. This bill would create an independent commission to evaluate Native American applications for recognition. The Commission would be made up of three presidential appointees (no more than two from the same political party and no more than one from the same American Indian tribe). The commission would review applications, make grants for application research (e.g., research the genealogy of a tribe), hold hearings and grant tribal recognition. Once the commission recognizes a tribe, the tribe would be eligible to participate in Federal programs, including the specific land treaties with the Federal government.

Congressman McIntyre continued, "This bill, if enacted, would remove the politics from the Lumbee Federal recognition process and give us a much better and fairer opportunity to get recognition. As everyone knows, neither the Congress nor the bureau of Indian Affairs have yet granted recognition. The Lumbee

people have been working for many years for Federal recognition through this current process, and it is now clear that a new approach is needed. Be assured I will be working feverishly to push for enactment of HR 1154."

Congressman McIntyre stated, "Since January, I have been researching and evaluating every possible option to pursue the long sought Federal recognition for the Lumbee people. In fact, our office has documented and studied every single congressional bill, from 1888 to 1996 that would grant this recognition. After extensive discussions with Native American leaders, we have concluded that the congressional and federal procedures currently in place have not been working, and a new approach is needed to give the Lumbee people their much deserved Federal recognition."

HR 1154 is supported by both the Lumbee Regional Development Association and the Lumbee Tribal Council.

McIntyre further added that his office is still "exploring the feasibility of enacting a separate bill by which Congress would grant the Lumbees Federal recognition. However, such a bill has never succeeded in the past, and the prospects continue to look unfavorable. That is why it is my hope that this new approach will be the long-sought-after success needed."

## Kimberly Hunt is a graduate of Northfield Mount Hermon School



Northfield, Mass. -- Kimberly Hunt, the daughter of Eric D. Hunt of Pembroke, NC, and Karmel Brooks also of Pembroke is a 1997 graduate of Northfield Mount Hermon School, a Massachusetts independent college-preparatory boarding school.

She has completed a 1997 Apprenticeship program with the Garber Talent Agency in New York. She has performed in the 1996 Theatre Program production of "Much Ado About Nothing" and has served on the Class Steering Committee and as a campus tour guide. A member of the NMH Dance Company, she has volunteered through the Outreach Program with a Martin Luther King Jr. Workshop, a Bosnia Relief Fund Project, the school's National Service Day, a

Peace Pagoda Project, and as a teacher of a Children's Interest Group in dance. A member of the junior basketball team and manager of the boys' varsity swimming and football teams, she has participated in the American Indian Student Association and attended the 1994 American Indian Science and Engineering Society Conference. She has studied Advanced Placement U.S. History and attended the NMH Advanced Summer Studies program. A member of "Who's Who Among American High School Students," she has earned the "I Dare You" Leadership Award, A Better Chance, Community and Dr. Rosa Minoka Hill Fund Scholar, she also is the recipient of the Charles Curtis Scholarship Fund Award. She has taken part in the Broadway Dance Center and Steps on Broadway program. A member of Association in the Interest of a Multicultural School, Circle of Sisters and the Robeson County 4-H she assisted in the PRISM Orientation Workshop.

She also has earned academic honors for the 1997 spring term.

She will attend the University of Southern California, majoring in theater and foreign studies.

Northfield Mount Hermon, established in 1879, is located on twin campuses along the Connecticut River in rural Northfield and Gill, Mass. The class of 1997 included 359 seniors and postgraduates.



## Celebrates 96th Birthday

Mrs. Eunice Sampson of Pembroke, NC celebrated her 96th birthday recently. Family and friends gathered at Linda's Restaurant to honor the oldest grandmother. The dinner was given by her son and daughter-in-law, James and Linda Sampson and her daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Buddy Bell.

Honored guests were her brother, Mr. Ancil Sanderson, and her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth McGirt. Mrs. Sampson has one other brother, Mr. John Sanderson who lives in Cocoa Beach, Florida.



Left to right: Murphy Strickland, the honoree's brother, Jackie Strickland, (son), Mr. Robert Strickland, and Robert Lee Strickland (son).

## Celebrates 90th Birthday!

Mr. Robert Strickland celebrated his 90th birthday Saturday, June 21st at Deep Branch Church Fellowship Hall. Mr. Strickland is the son of the late Arle and Lula Strickland of Lumberton, NC. He is probably one of the oldest living Stricklands in Robeson County. When asked what he attributed his long life to, he said "I always honored and obeyed my parents."

Mr. Robert married Dollie Locklear (now deceased) in 1936. During World War II, they moved to Wilmington, NC looking for work in the shipyard. While there both were trained to be welders. They worked on Liberty Cargo Ships. At the close of World War II, Mr. Strickland came back to Robeson County and made his home in the Deep Branch community. He continued in his occupation as a welder while his wife and children farmed. He retired from

Westpoint Pepperell as Lead Welder in the Maintenance Department in 1973. His beloved wife, Dollie, shared his life with him. She departed this life November 22, 1996.

Mr. Robert lives with his daughter, Estelle Hodges, 2 miles below Deep Branch Church, where he attends every Sunday. During the past 45 years of his membership, he has served in several different capacities. For 23 years of his membership, he has been a Deacon. He attributes his health, keen mind, and witty sense of humor to obedience to God, first and his parents, second.

He and Ms. Dollie's children are: Robert L. Strickland, Jr., Lucille Emery, Estelle Hodges, Jackie Strickland Bobby R. Strickland and Jerlene Hunt. The children are so thankful and blessed to have had a father and mother with such a spiritual impact upon their lives.