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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

## Robin C. Locklear To Enter The 1998 Miss North Carolina USA Pageant



Robin C. Locklear from Hamlet, North Carolina, daughter of Ms. Hazel Locklear has been selected to participate in the 1998 Miss North Carolina USA Pageant, being held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Charlotte the weekend of November 28 & 29, 1997.

Each delegate will be judged in swimsuit, evening gown, and personal interviews. The winner will represent the Tar Heel State in the nationally televised Miss USA Pageant in February of 1998. Among her many prizes will be Cash, A Luxurious Fur Coat, Wardrobe, Evening Gown to be worn

in the national pageant, a 14K gold Miss USA Crown Ring designed exclusively for our state winners, and Expense Paid Trip to New York City and the opportunity to Interview with top commercial Talent Agencies. The most exciting of all is an expense paid trip to the CBS telecast of the Miss USA Pageant where she will compete for the prestigious title of Miss USA 1998 and traditionally \$225,000.00 in cash and prizes.

Robin is employed by Chris Chestnut, C.P.A. and is a student at UNCP. She has been sponsored by: Christopher F. Chestnut, Certified Public Accountant, Quality Used Parts, Yank's Auto Service and Repair, Griffin Chrysler, Plymouth, Dodge, Jeep/Eagle of Rockingham, George R. Ferguson III Bud Loving, Terry L. Stewart, Scott Altman, Gerry Potoka, Danny Dixon Jr., Keith Patterson.

Robin invites everyone to attend Friday's preliminary and Saturday's final competition. The pageant begins each night at 8:00. Tickets to both events are available to anyone wishing to support Robin and cheer her on to become the next Miss North Carolina USA. For more information on the pageant and to order tickets call (803) 648-6220.



The Pembroke Middle School Warriors Football Team participated. Photos by Francine Chavis

## Scenes From Veterans Day Parade



The Purnell Swett High School JROTC Program was among the groups participating.

## UNCP hosts contingent from N.C. Biotechnology Center

Pembroke - The University of North Carolina at Pembroke recognized this week the work of the North Carolina Biotechnology Center (NCBC) in providing funding for its growing biotechnology programs.

A delegation from NCBC including President Dr. Charles E. Hamner met at UNCP in a luncheon forum Tuesday with faculty, students, administrators and elected representatives. Located in the Research Triangle Park, the Biotechnology Center is a state-funded, non-profit organization that promotes bioscience research, education and commerce in North Carolina.

"With programs like the new biotechnology concentration, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke is an institution that is positioned to grow with the times," Dr. Hamner said. "You are training students for careers of the future."

Helping schools prepare graduates for jobs in the growing biotechnology industry is an important part of NCBC's mission. Dr. Hamner said, "Biotechnology related jobs in North Carolina will increase tenfold in the next 25-30 years, and universities like UNCP are vital to the development of the industry in their regions."

The Biotechnology Center through its Biotechnology/Bioscience Program Initiative has awarded UNCP more than \$800,000 in grants to enhance teaching and research capabilities. The grants have purchased laboratory equipment, provided faculty training, started new courses and developed curriculum in bioscience at UNCP, said Gale Sampson, laboratories manager for the UNCP Biology Department.

"The field of biotechnology is rapidly growing, and the NCBC is allowing us to grow right along with it," Ms. Sampson said. "This has had a major impact on the quality of training that our students receive. Because of the support of the Center, UNCP is able to have state-of-the-art facilities that rival larger institutions."

Ms. Sampson listed equipment at UNCP purchased with NCBC grants including a steam sterilizer, high speed refrigerated centrifuge, a fluorescence microscope, a Co2 incubator and a plant growth chamber.

Dr. Leonard Holmes, a professor in UNCP's Department of Chemistry and Physics, agreed that funding support is critical to science programs at the University.

"NCBC has been very generous in funding the development of our facilities," Dr. Holmes said. "We do have in place a state-of-the-art facility that enables us to train students for North Carolina jobs in biotechnology."

U.S. Rep. Mike McIntyre and State Sen. David Weinstein attended the forum. Rep. McIntyre brought good news for the biotechnology/pharmaceutical industry.

"In our weekend session last week, I voted to revamp the federal Food and Drug Administration which will facilitate research and approval of new products from biomedical research," he said. "I call on all of us to work together as partners in science and research."

State Sen. Weinstein praised the Biotechnology Center's work for the economic development of North Carolina.

"We have a serious long term commitment to biotechnology because of

the General Assembly's support of the NC Biotechnology Center," he said. "North Carolina was the first state to create a Biotechnology Center, and others have followed our lead."

"What I am really proud of is that here at UNC Pembroke our students are being taught with the latest technologies of this industry," Sen. Weinstein said. "The Center deserves our support."

Among the students at the forum were seniors Keith Miller and Molinda Davis, who will be the first to graduate with the newly created biomolecular science concentration within the Biology Department. The pair, both from Hope Mills, said they will apply to graduate schools with the goal of becoming research scientists.

At the forum, UNCP faculty and students met informally with a number of NCBC staff members like Dr. Doug Darr, a former Duke University research scientist who is director of Technology Development Programs.

"There are tremendous opportunities on the business side of biotechnology," he said. "I encourage students to investigate the careers that are growing up alongside this industry."

UNCP Chancellor Joseph Oxendine thanked the Biotechnology Center for its support of the University's biology and physical sciences programs.

"We teach more effectively here at UNC Pembroke because of the support of the North Carolina Biotechnology Center," Chancellor Oxendine said. "We will continue to work closely with them in the future as this young industry matures and provides more opportunities for our students and faculty."

## McIntyre Announces UNC-Pembroke to Receive \$950,000 Grant

President Signs the Grant into Law

Washington, D.C. -- Seventh District Congressman Mike McIntyre announced today that the University of North Carolina at Pembroke will receive nearly one million dollars in federal funds under a bill signed by President Clinton. The grant is part of the Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies appropriations bill for the fiscal year 1998.

Congressman McIntyre said, "I am pleased that the President has seen fit to approve this grant for UNC-Pembroke. These funds go toward a critically important part of our region's economic and community development effort. I am doing everything that I can to promote jobs and economic development in our area."

The funds, which are in the amount of \$950,000, will be used to begin construction of a Regional Center for Economic, Community, and Profes-

sional Development at the university. "The Regional Center must have a centralized conference and administrative center to ensure the future successes. These funds will go a long way toward that goal. I look forward to continuing my work with Chancellor Oxendine and the fine folks at UNC-Pembroke to bring this project to completion," Congressman McIntyre added.

The Regional Center, which began operation in 1995, coordinates comprehensive economic development programs that focus on business growth, education, community health, and public safety. Congressman McIntyre said, "The Regional Center has become an extremely valuable resource to southeastern North Carolina's diverse communities. It is run by local citizens for local citizens. This is the sort of program the federal government should support whenever it can."

## UNCP Sorority Initiates New Members

The Delta Theta Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sorority at UNC-Pembroke recently initiated seven new members for the fall semester which include: Bridget Beard of Elizabethtown, NC, Mary Beth Britt of Lumberton, LaTosha Byrd of Burlington, NC, Cindy Cates of Raleigh, Kelly Collins of Elizabethtown, Stacey Honeycutt of Fayetteville, and Kara Schmidt of Michigan. The sorority would like to congratulate all of the new members on a job well done!

## Lumbee Documentary to Air

On Sunday, November 23 at 6:30 P.M., WRAL-TV presents a special, half-hour documentary, Lumbee: People of the Dark Water.

The documentary tells the story of the Lumbee Indians of Robeson County and their long struggle for federal recognition.

WRAL-TV is the CBS affiliate in Raleigh. For more information about Lumbee: People of the Dark Water, please contact Documentary Producer Scott Mason at 919-821-8808.

## Reunion To Be Held

The Descendants of Beachum and Mary Hunt are having a reunion at the Rock of Ages Church. The Reunion is Saturday, November 29th at 1:00 P.M. You are asked to bring a covered dish. For more information call Peggy Hunt.

## VFW Post #2843

On November 10th 1997 the post held it's monthly meeting to prepare for the veterans day parade and yearly fish fry and chicken plate sale. The cooks and organizers meeting was called to order by post Commander Harold Hunt, Mr. Larry Chavis, President and CEO of Lumbee Guaranty Bank was introduced as the 1997 grand marshal of the parade. The meeting was short as we had a long day ahead of us Tuesday veterans Day.

The loyal cooks were on duty before 8 o'clock Tuesday morning getting the food prepared for the largest plate sale since my 3 years at the post. The backbone of this plate sale is dedicated to Mr. John Harrelson, Mr. Daniel Jones, Mr. W.G. Fullmore, Mr. Jimmy Jones, Mr. James Mitchell, Mr. Fred Chavis, Mr. Calvin Hammonds, Colonel Johnson, Mr. Erwin Jacobs and the many others who cleaned fish, cut and peeled the sweet potatoes, set up the tables, carried food from outside, and the ladies auxiliary who baked cakes, served the food. A big thank you to the Lumberton Pepsi Cola Company for beverages.

I was told by one member that there were Between 6 and 7 thousand people at the parade. Of course I couldn't be there to report on it. I was preparing the food with the other cooks. I'm sure that Mr. Gregory Cummings and Mr

Bobby D. Locklear (post members) did a good job organizing the parade. The peoples names that were not mentioned, you know who you are, and what you did to contribute to the success of our sale; the list was so long. The post needs good people like you who do not mind rolling up your sleeves and getting your hands dirty. What you did was for the continuing of your post's operation. Any person can belong to an organization but not everyone believes in doing their share to make that organization function. As a member of a team we have to pull our share of the weight, not sit or stand by expecting others to do our share.

We will have our next meeting December 15th (that's just close to Christmas) many things have to be discussed. Make it a point to attend this meeting, the last one of 1997. Pray for our older members and pray we get many younger ones to carry on the tradition. The veterans of world war II are dying at a very alarming rate. Hospital chaplain George Locklear, you brought tears to many eyes when you prayed at our meeting Monday night before we closed. God Bless your ministries when they resume at the V.A. Hospital in Fayetteville.

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## The Nutcracker On Ice A Holiday Event for the Entire Family

Pembroke - The world-renowned Russian Skaters of the St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet have been transforming theatres, halls and auditoriums across North America into an enchanting Winter Palace, a place where Fairy Tales come to life before your eyes. On December 2, they will continue their tour as the "Nutcracker On Ice" comes to the Givens Performing Arts Center on the campus of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Performance time is 8:00 P.M.

The St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet returns to North America after 2 overwhelmingly successful tours in 1995, 1996, and 1997. This magnificent production of the "Nutcracker" has been choreographed by Merited Artist of Russia, Konstantin Rassadin. Mr. Rassadin was a leading soloist of the Mariinsky Theatre of Opera and Ballet of St. Petersburg. Fellow class-

mates include Rudolf Nuriyev and Natalia Makarova and fellow performers include Mikhail Baryshnikov and Natalia Dudinskaya. After having choreographed classical ballets for companies throughout Russian and the former Soviet Union, Mr. Rassadin joined the St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet in 1980.

A company of 34 skaters will bring this magical holiday story to life. The show features the original "Nutcracker" score by Tchaikovsky and over 100 breathtaking costumes. Over 8,000 pounds of crushed ice will be used on the GPAC stage.

Sponsored in-part by Triangle Ice Company and Pembroke Hardware, "The Nutcracker on Ice" will be the perfect holiday event for the entire family. For tickets or information, call the GPAC box office at (910) 521-6361 or 1-800-367-0778.

## Learning Center Is Now Open

Sunshine Learning Center Inc. is now open. Planned lessons and personal attention given to each child. We watch children from infant to age 12. We are open Monday - Friday from

6:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. Call Doris of Mitchell "Bosco" Locklear, to register your child, at 910-521-1600 or 910-521-2294. Located on 8467 Deep Branch Road in Pembroke, N.C.