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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS



Shown above are Sheriff Glenn Maynor and Commissioner Noah Woods. Sheriff Maynor and many others joined Commissioner Woods for his annual dinner held at the Pembroke Fire Department Thursday, December 4. Once a year Commissioner Woods hosts a lunch to say thank you to his constituents. This year, in addition to the fun and fellowship, more than \$500 was raised for Devan Jacobs, a four-year-old cancer patient who is enrolled at Pembroke Elementary School where Woods serves as Principal.

Pembroke Area Chamber Meets

The Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce held its November meeting at the new headquarters of Lumbee Guaranty Bank. The guest speaker was Alex Locklear, a Pembroke native and new plant manager for Libby Owens Ford (LOF) in Laurinburg. Mr. Locklear has just returned from California and briefed the attendees on the new and current events at LOF.

Pembroke's Christmas Parade Proved to be an Exciting Event

The Robeson County residents were literally "Dancing in the Streets" at the 24th Annual Pembroke Christmas Parade held last Thursday. Grand Marshall Mike McIntyre, U.S. Congressman, led the parade in a candy apple red convertible. Following behind him was the Town Councilman Larry Brooks and "Miss Lumbee" Marion James.

UNCP Wins Major Awards at Science Teachers Association Conference

Pembroke -- A University of North Carolina in Pembroke professor and a graduate won major awards at the annual conference of the North Carolina Science Teachers Association (NCSTA). The conference had a very strong UNCP flavor.

Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year And To All Good Health And Prosperity In The Year To Come!

Miss Lumbee Marion E. James Visits Sante Fe

"As Miss Lumbee, my visit to Sante Fe will always be one of my most memorable experiences," said Marion James, the reigning Miss Lumbee.

She recently visited Sante Fe, New Mexico for the NCAI Convention. During the Convention, Miss Lumbee participated in Youth Track which consisted of daily meetings from 8 a.m. until 5 P.M., with the Caucus meetings held in the evening. She stated that the purpose of the Youth Track was to prepare youth for future roles as leaders of their tribes.

During her visit to Sante Fe, Miss Lumbee was able to speak with other tribes on behalf of the Lumbee people. She gave radio presentations and shared with the convention members poems that she had written. In particular, she shared the following one, entitled:

"Unity"
This land I proclaim as my own.
This land I call my home.
Wild and free as the birds in the sky
History is told, yet we still ask...why?
They tried so hard to make us extinct
All along, we were not the ones who were weak.
My ancestors, unity is what they tried to seek.
Like the sun, moon, earth and sky depend on each other.



New Board of Directors Appointed For Indian Cultural Center

A new board of directors for the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center (NCICC) will be sworn in on December 19, 1997 in Raleigh at the quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Indian Commission.

Local Surgeon initiated into Fellowship of The American College of Surgeons

Chicago - Dr. Robin G. Cummings, Cardiac and Thoracic Surgeon with the Pinchurst Surgical Clinic was recently initiated as a Fellow of The American College of Surgeons during convocation ceremonies at the College's annual Clinical Congress in Chicago.

Unity is what will make us move further.

Anyone can claim their heritage, but not everyone can claim their own.

Tribal cards misconceptions and the history untold is what keeps us apart.

Being Native American makes us unique, not obsolete

Blood begins to run out and each generation is made to forget.

Let's unite together and make our ancestors proud that we as one will keep our traditions alive.

Miss Lumbee stated, "My goal as ambassador of the Lumbee people was to build positive relationships with other tribes, especially the youth since they are future leaders. I am confident that this goal was achieved. I was greatly honored by representatives of the Navajo tribe and I was presented with their tribal seal. I was taken to a Pueblo Reservation and was asked to carve my name into a tree which held the names of tribal members. I was able to establish friendships that will last for years to come. I applied a principle that my mother taught me, you must first be a friend to gain friends."

Next year the NCAI Convention will be held at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Miss Lumbee encourages all who can to attend, to participate and to show hospitality such as she received in the West."



The UNCP Chamber Singers in the cover photo from their new recording.

UNCP Chamber Singers' First Holiday Recording Is On Sale Now

Pembroke -- The UNCP Chamber Singers' first-ever recording is now on sale, just in time for the holidays.

The recording, entitled "With (W)right Good Cheer," includes 22 Christmas favorites from Pachelbel's Canon to Jingle Bells. Available at the Music Department offices in Moore Hall (910-521-6230) or at the University Relations at 432 Lumbee Hall (910-521-6351). CDs are \$15 and tapes \$10, with proceeds going to support the choral group's 1998 tour of England.

According to the recording's namesake, UNCP choral director Dr. Gary Wright, the Chamber Singers are a talented and ambitious group of 14 students.

"I think it's safe to say this recording is a first for UNCP," Dr. Wright said. "They were very excited about this project and apprehensive. First, we had to overcome the belief that, because we've never done this before, it can't be done."

Dr. Wright, who has made a number of recordings, said the results were gratifying. "It's all part of the educational process of learning confidence and poise in performing," he said. "Some of the students had never seen a recording studio before."

The recording was completed in a marathon session that lasted nearly 12 hours at Triple R Recording studios in Pembroke.

"We're very fortunate to have a studio of this quality so close by," Dr. Wright said. "Kenny Cole, their recording engineer, really knows his

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Dr. Cummings received his medical degree in 1983 from Duke University. He subsequently completed his training in General Surgery and a Fellowship in Cardiovascular Surgery at Duke University Medical Center. He is Board Certified in both General Surgery and Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery. Dr. Cummings is a member of the Pinchurst Surgical Clinic and First Health-Moore Regional Hospital. He holds memberships in other professional societies including the North Carolina Medical Society, the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and The American College of Cardiology.

The American College of Surgeons is the largest organization of surgeons in the world and has more than 59,000 members. A Fellow must be a graduate of an approved medical school, must have completed advanced training in one of the thirteen surgical

stuff."

Not all of the Chamber Singers are novices to studio work. Michelle Locklear, who played keyboards and created the arrangements for the Christmas recording, is a member of the gospel group A Chord of Three. Michelle's sisters, Marie and Julia who make up the Pembroke-based trio, are also members of the Chamber Singers.

"These are talented young performers," Dr. Wright said of the sister act. "Michelle did most of the arrangements on the spot in the studio. She's that good."

Other members include: Lorna McNeill of Lumberton (also the reigning Miss Fayetteville); Stephen Church, Kevin Whitmore and Clay Locklear of Laurinburg; Octavius Locklear and Matthew Locklear of Pembroke; Kim Gainey of Morven, N.C.; Angel Peterson of Raeford; Thomas Bell of Winston-Salem; Michelle Faircloth of Fayetteville and Kahlid Tapia of Spring Lake.

Each student chose one selection for a solo, which is part of the learning process, Dr. Wright said.

"Probably the best learning experience for the students is when something is not perfect in a recording or a performance," he said. "That imperfection is there forever, and they'll remember it forever."

Dr. Wright said it will be two years before the group gets back into the studio with another recording. For the UNCP Chamber Singers, their first recording is a triumph to build on, he said.

specialties recognized by the College; and must have been in practice in the same geographical region for last two years at the time of his application. Before admission into Fellowship, the surgeon must further demonstrate ethical fitness and professional proficiency, and his acceptance as a Fellow of the College must be approved by three-fourths of its Board of Regents.

The College is a scientific and educational organization founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and to improve the care of the surgical patients.

The convocation ceremony was the highlight of the five-day Congress. The Congress also featured reports on research in progress, post graduate courses, panel discussions, symposiums, and scientific and industrial exhibits. Total attendance was over 16,000, including surgeons, members of various medical disciplines and members of the scientific and consumer media.

Dr. Cummings is married to the former Rebecca Godwin and they have four children: Amy, Mark, David and Adam.

Open House

The North Carolina Indian Cultural Center is having an Open House to thank everyone that has given their time, donations, and talents to support the Cultural Center throughout the year. The Open House will be held Saturday December 20, 1997 from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Everyone is invited to share in the Christmas Spirit with Food, Gospel Singing, special Drumming by the Cultural Center's Youth Group "RedSnake" and Christmas Caroling. Closing ceremonies will be around the Sacred Fire. If inclement weather, activities will be held at the Center's Youth Building on Recreation Center Road. For more information call (910) 521-2433.