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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

Metrolina sponsors Indian Trail Fall Festival and Pow Wow September 25-27

Metrolina Native American Association announces Indian Trail's Fifth Annual Fall Festival and Pow Wow to be held September 25-27 at Indian Trail Elementary School.

Friday, September 25, will be set up day for the traders. Grand Entry will be at 12 noon on both days of the pow wow. The grounds will open at 10 a.m. both days and will continue until 8 p.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday.

The Festival and Pow Wow will feature Native American dancing, singing, and drumming, Indian jewelry, pottery, arts and crafts. There will be a food booth where the vendors will serve fry bread, Indian Tacos, barbecue and chicken sandwiches and plates and other great food.

Master of Ceremonies will be Keith

Colston, Lumbee, from Baltimore, MD. Head Lady Dancer will be Ronda Jones, Lumbee, Miss Indian North Carolina; and Head Male Dancer will be Daryll Bird, Winnebago.

There will be a special appearance by Miss Indian World April Whittemore from the Lumbee Tribe and Miss Indian North Carolina Ronda Jones who is also from the Lumbee Tribe.

The public is invited to share in this event which features activities and educational opportunities for all ages. There is no admission charges but donations are welcome. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. No pets please. No drugs or alcohol permitted.

For more information please call Letha D. Strickland at (704) 331-4818.



President of the Association of American Physicians

JOSEPH T. BELL, MD. (shown right) Lumbee from Pembroke, NC was recently inducted as president of the Association of American Physicians. The ceremony took place during the AAIP 27th Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on July 25th. Past president Ray Begay (Navajo) passed the traditional gourd rattle to Dr. Bell after a prayer of blessing from Mr. Andy Batsona, traditional Navajo healer.

The Association of American Indian Physicians is an organization of over 260 Native physicians from across the country and is based in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. AAIP manages over one half million dollars in funds directed towards improving Native American health care across the country through such programs as pre-admission workshops for Indian students and cross cultural workshops.

Dr. Bell has served the past three years on the Executive Board of AAIP. He is also the AAIP's liaison to the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee on Native American Child Health. Dr. Bell will serve as President until the 28th Annual Conference next July 23-27 in , NC.

Ms. Agnes Chavis takes part in White House Conference on Indian Education & Self Determination

WASHINGTON, DC - While Washington buzzed with talk of his alleged affair with Monica Lewinsky, President Bill Clinton took time out of his busy schedule to meet with Indian leaders at a White House sponsored conference on August 6 to talk about the educational needs of Indian children.

Ms. Agnes Chavis, who still works part time with the Indian Education Program, attended the important conference in her role as a member of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE). Ms. Chavis noted that "It is time for the executive branch of government to get involved in the education of Indian children. Indian education has been woefully neglected over the years. Maybe the president can help energize the federal government to do more."

Statistics indicate that fifteen out of every 100 Native American children drop out of school, and more than a third of adults over 25 do not have high school degrees. President Clinton told the assemblage of Indian and tribal leaders, that "if the trend continues, the future for Native American children will become even bleaker. The opportunity gap between them and their peers will widen to a dangerous chasm."

After his speech at the White House, President Clinton signed an executive order that requires his administration to develop a comprehensive Indian education policy within two years, calls for a series of regional forums for educators to share information, and provides for a series of pilot schools to test new teaching methods.

Ms. Chavis said that President Clinton was greeted enthusiastically and that his speech was interrupted a number of times by applause and the beating of a ceremonial drum. Traditionally, Clinton's relationship with Indians has been warm.

The Public Schools of Robeson county operates the largest Indian Education Project in the country, and has been in operation since 1972. Ms. Margaret H. Chavis is the Director of Indian Education for the Public Schools of Robeson County. For more information, call 521-2054 or 521-1881. The Indian Education Resource Center is housed in the original Indian High School in Pembroke and is located at 818 West Third Street, Pembroke. For more information contact Mr. Bruce Barton, at 521-2054 or 521-1881.

Education Resource Center

PEMBROKE-It's school time across the county, and at the Indian Education resource center. Ms. Margaret H. Chavis, Director of Title IX Indian education for the Public Schools of Robeson county, welcomed her staff on August 3 and the children in the Alternative Program on August 10. The center, housed in the historic and original Pembroke Indian High School building, has been a beehive of activity since the opening bell.

ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

The Indian Education Program funds an Alternative Program for students in grades 9-12. Students, however, will only be allowed to remain in the alternative program for one semester this school year. Instruction has already begun, and the students are happily using the new software in our modern computer lab. Courses offered include Environmental Science, Native American Studies, English, Mathematics and Computer Skills.

18 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SPECIALISTS AND 2 COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRUCTORS HELP INDIAN STUDENTS

Indian Education also funds 18 youth Development specialists and 2 Computer Assisted Instructors who are based in our local schools to work

with Indian children to help them realize their full potential.

NASA AND AISES CLUBS
Indian Education also hosts NASA (Native American Student Association) clubs in all of our middle and high schools and AISES (American Indian Science and Engineering Society) clubs in all of our high schools.

BRUCE BARTON, CULTURAL ENRICHMENT SPECIALIST/CURATOR

Bruce Barton is our new Cultural Enrichment specialist and Curator of our museum and gallery at the Indian Education Resource Center. Barton, a former social studies teacher in the Public Schools of Robeson county, comes to us from Lumbee River EMC where he served as Public Relations Director. Barton also founded and edited THE CAROLINA INDIAN VOICE Newspaper for a number of years. He has already begun contacting principals and teachers about the offerings available at the Indian Education Resource Center.

It promises to be an exciting and rewarding year in our Indian Education Program. Visit us at the Indian Education Resource Center in Pembroke (housed in the original Pembroke Indian High School) on 818 West Third Street. Call 521-2054 or 521-1881 for more information.

United Tribes of N.C. Board Supports Indian Housing Authority for Lumbee funds

The United Tribes board of directors met Friday in Fayetteville, NC and voted to support the HUD housing funds for the Lumbee tribe to go to the NC Indian Housing Authority in Fayetteville, NC.

The Lumbee Tribal board of LRDA voted in August of 1997 to allow the NCIHA to manage the funds for the tribe under a Memorandum of Understanding.

Also in June of 1997 the NC Commission of Indian Affairs passed a unanimous resolution asking its member tribes to designate the North Carolina Housing Authority as the managing agent for the New Indian Housing

Act Funds. The United Tribes board vote affirms that tribes should seek to implement the New Indian Housing Act funds from the context of self-determination and sovereignty.

In particular the Lumbee tribal dispute should not cause housing funds for the tribe to be managed by non-Indian entities in Laurinburg or Lumberton.

United Tribes recognized also the long-experienced history of the NCIHA in the area of new housing construction for Indian people and feels this experience could best serve the Lumbee people.

EMC Board approves Capital Credits

1997 Members to receive Checks

A their August meeting, the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation's board of directors approved returning Capital Credits to individuals who were LREMC members in 1978 and 1997. Because electric cooperatives are not-for-profit corporations, all operating revenues left over at the end of the year are credited back to the member-consumer, called Capital Credits. The amount of credit or allocation is determined by the individual purchase of electricity during the past year. Historically Capital Credits have been returned on a 20 year cycle. This year individuals who were co op members in 1997 will also be getting a check. In addition to approving the return of

more than \$320,000 to individuals who were members in 1978, the board also approved returning 30% of the 1997 Capital Credits. After agreeing to disburse the more than \$1.1 million, Board President Proctor Locklear commented, "This is a great way to show our current members the benefits of belonging to a co-op." The Capital Credits checks will be mailed by the end of September.

Lumbee River EMC is a member owned, not-for-profit, electric cooperative, overseen by a board of directors elected by the membership, serving 40,000 families and businesses in Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson and Scotland counties.

Actress Heather Locklear acknowledges ancestral link to Lumbee Tribe

Actress Heather Locklear acknowledged her Lumbee ancestry in *Parade Magazine* May 23, 1998. The Magazine answers questions for readers in the "Personality Parade" section. Tanoi Daniels of Clearwater, Fla. was quoted as asking this question: "I belong to a Native American tribe called the Lumbee, and Locklear is a common last name. That makes me wonder: Is Heather Locklear part Native American?"

The magazine printed this answer: "Yes, she is. Locklear, 36, who plays the terminally selfish Amanda Woodward on *Melrose Place*, was amazed when we posed your question to her. 'I am part Lumbee-way, way, back on my father's side,' she told us. Her maternal ancestors were predominantly Scottish. Incidentally, our sources at *Melrose Place* say you will be seeing a softer, gentler Amanda this season."

Heather Locklear's second cousin, William "Bill" Locklear of Brooklet, Georgia attended this year's July 4th Lumbee Homecoming in Pembroke.

It was Locklear's first visit to the ancestral land of his father. He and his wife Doris, and sons, Jackson and Mason, were invited guests of Lumbee friends, Barbara Braveboy-Locklear and Horace Locklear of Angier.

Survey: UNCP ranks high nationally for number of Native American graduates

PEMBROKE-How well does the University of North Carolina at Pembroke live up to its historic mission of serving Native Americans?

For the second year in a row, UNCP graduated more Native Americans with undergraduate degrees in biology and physical science than any US university.

According to a new survey of the 1995-96 academic year, UNCP ranks eighth nationally for all undergraduate degrees awarded to Native Americans.

The survey of undergraduate or baccalaureate degrees conferred, now in its sixth year, was released in the July 9 edition of *Black Issues in Higher Education*. The survey charts the number of degrees awarded to "students of color" in the US, including African Americans, Native Americans, Hispanic Americans and Asian Americans.

UNCP ranks third nationally in the percent of graduates who are Native American. Slightly more than one-fifth or 21% of all undergraduate degrees in 1995-96 went to Native Americans. Approximately 57% of all undergraduates at the university are white and 15% are African American.

NUMBER ONE IN THE EAST
UNCP consistently ranks in the top nationally and first among univer-

sities east of the Mississippi River for Native American participation in a wide variety of undergraduate programs.

The statistics were welcome news concerning one of the continuing missions of UNCP, according to Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine.

"The singular mission of UNC Pembroke was to educate American Indians of this region," Chancellor Oxendine said. "Obviously, our scope has expanded to include persons of all races. As a result, today, we have the most racially diverse student body east of the Mississippi."

"S High Black Issues in affirms the fact that the drop off in this university's enrollment to American Indians." "In fact, we have greater numbers of American Indian students enrolled than at any other time in our 110 year history."

"It is noteworthy that the strong traditional interest in biology and physical sciences continues."

HEALTH CAREER PIPELINE
Dr. David Maxwell, a biology professor and director of the University's Minority access to Research Careers (MARC) Program, is not surprised by UNCP's top ranking of Native American graduates with biology majors.

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major among Native American graduates with biology majors.

"This is not surprising news," he said. "Biology has been popular major among Native American students at UNCP for several years."

"One factor of particular importance here is the success that our students have enjoyed in gaining admission to and graduation from a variety of health professional schools," Dr. Maxwell said. "I feel that the success of our students speaks well of the quality of training that they obtained at UNCP."

Dr. Jose D'Arruda, chair of the Chemistry and Physics Department, said chemistry has also proved to be good preparation for aspiring medical students.

"A degree in chemistry offers these students a great preparation for entrance to medical school," he said. "Chemistry and physics are popular because our undergraduates are able to participate in publishable research projects."

Highlights from the 1996-97 national survey show that among all US colleges and universities, UNCP ranks: 1st in biology degrees awarded in 1995-96 with 14; 1st physical science degrees with six; 2nd in computer science degrees awarded with three; 7th in English degrees with four; 8th in business and management degrees awarded with 13 and 10th in education degrees awarded with 11.

WESTERN UNIVERSITIES RANK HIGH

UNCP graduated a total of 90 Native American students in 1996-97 (110 the year before) compared to 214 Native American graduates from number one ranked Northeastern State University in Oklahoma.

Seven western universities finished ahead of UNCP in total undergraduate or baccalaureate degrees conferred to Native Americans. They are Northwestern and Southeastern Oklahoma State Universities, Northern Arizona State University, Oklahoma State University, University of New Mexico, University of Oklahoma (Norman campus) and Fort Lewis College.

In the East, the University of Michigan ranked 31st with 36 Native American graduates in 1994-95. Dartmouth college, a university founded for the education of the "youth of the Indian tribes," finished 45th with 27 Native American graduates in 1994-95. Neither university was in the top 50 for 1995-96.

While Dartmouth's Native American graduates represented only 2.4 percent of the baccalaureate degrees conferred, 21.1 percent of UNCP's mission as an institution of higher education was to train Indian school teachers.

While recruitment of all students into the teaching profession is a prior-



Waiting for the president are (left to right): Jim Kohlmoon, special assistant to Dr. Gerald Tirozzi, Assistant Secretary of the US Department of Education; Ms. Agnes Chavis, NACIE member; and Thomas M. Corwin, Budget Service, US Department of Education.

PAST AND FUTURE MEET AT UNCP

UNCP was founded in 1887 as Croatan Normal School to educate Indian youths. Later, as Cherokee Indian Normal School of Robeson County, the college awarded its first four-year degree in 1940.

As Pembroke State College, the first non-Indian students were admit-

"The Native American population on campus adds a special thread to our quilt of diversity that we enthusiastically celebrate," she added.