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Time Capsule Opening, statue unveiling featured at UNCP Homecoming

Pembroke, N.C. -- The last UNCP Pembroke Homecoming of the century promises something old and something new.

Homecoming is Saturday, Feb. 13 and features the annual Awards Banquet at 4:30 p.m. In the James B. Chavis University Center. Afterward, there is a basketball doubleheader with Columbus State University beginning at 6 p.m. in the gym of the Jones Health & Physical Education Building.

At the banquet, the Alumni Association will name UNCP Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine as the recipient of its Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Oxendine will retire June 30, having led the university for 10 years.

Dr. Yvonne S. Brannon, director of the Center for Urban Affairs and Community Services at North Carolina State University, has selected for the Outstanding Alumni Award. A 1971 graduate, Dr. Brannon received a master's and Ph.D. from N.C.S.U. and has distinguished herself in the field of social sciences and community service.

Legendary basketball coach, the late Lacy Gane and Tracy Vanni '88 will be inducted into the UNCP Athletic Hall of Fame at the banquet. Mr. Gane was athletic director for 19 years, and in 10 years of coaching, he

compiled a record of 169-108. Ms. Vanni was a first team all-NAIA selection and is second on the all-time women's scoring list at UNCP.

SOMETHING OLD
A 50-year-old time capsule will be opened in a 2 p.m. ceremony at the Sampson-Livermore Library. Several of the UNCP alumni who placed the time capsule in the cornerstone of Sampson Hall will be on hand to see it opened.

A major new campus statue will be unveiled Wednesday, 10:15 a.m. in front of Jones Health & PE building. A red-tail hawk, cast in bronze by Art Department Chair Paul Van Zandt and sitting atop 10 tons of granite, will offer students and athletes inspiration and school spirit, according to Director of Athletics Dan Kenny.

"The red-tail hawk is a powerful symbol of strength, cunning and courage," Mr. Kenny said. "The hawk is a spiritual icon and the subject of American Indian folklore. And, it is part of UNCP tradition as our Braves mascot."

The Red-Tail Hawk Rock will be the largest piece of statuary on campus and displayed in one of the most visible locations.

SCHEDULE
Wednesday: Red-tail hawk unveiling in front of Jones PE building at 10:15 a.m.

Friday: Parade -- on campus at 3 p.m.

Saturday: Barbecue luncheon for Greek, basketball and soccer alumni, 11:30 a.m.

Baptist Student Union alumni gathering, at the B.S.U., 1 p.m.

Time capsule opening at Sampson-Livermore Library, 2 p.m.

Reunions of the Classes of '49, '59, '69, '79, and '89 and business and nursing alumni at the James B. Chavis University Center, 3 p.m.

Awards Dinner at the University Center Cafeteria, 4:30 p.m.

Basketball vs. Columbus State University, 6 p.m.

Alumni Dance at the University Center Cafeteria, 9 p.m.

"This promises to be an exciting and memorable Homecoming," said Dr. Glen Burnette, Jr., director of Alumni Relations. "There are some truly unique events planned and some old favorites. I hope to see many of our old friends."

The UNCP Bookstore will be open from noon to 3:30 p.m.

For reservations to the Awards Banquet or other information, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 521-6213.



Mr. Karl A. Hunt, from the Indian Cultural Center visited Belva McDowell and Delane Hunt's third grade class at Green Grove School recently. Mr. Hunt demonstrated an art activity from modeling clay. The students had an opportunity to make their own pottery. After his presentation, Principal Sally Jones presented Mr. Hunt with a Green Grove School cup.

Reverend Vernon King, the Pastor of First Baptist Church in Fairmont, and nephew of a slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. visited Belva McDowell and Delane Hunt's third grade class. He gave a brief speech about the legacy of his uncle.

On Friday, January 15, Belva McDowell and Delane Hunt's third grade class observed "Hat Day" by each student wearing different styles of hats. Hat Day is observed the third Friday in January by wearing numerous head coverings throughout the world. During the day the students did a variety of activities which included a class discussion about hats. Also, each student had an opportunity to model his or her hat.

Local Educator attends seminar

Cullowhee -- JoAnn C. Lowery of Pembroke, counselor at South Robeson High School, recently attended a seminar at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

Lowery was one of 21 North Carolina teachers participating in "The Trail of Tears: Grappling with History," January 19-23, conducted center fellow Donna Gee Williams.

Part of the University of North Carolina, NCCAT provides a year-round series of residential seminars and teacher-scholar programs for teachers and professional development activities for teachers and staff in selected school systems. At the center, teachers engage in stimulating scholarly activities and professional networking to renew their vitality for teaching and learning. Center director is Mary Jo Utley.

Honored with service awards

Pembroke, N.C. -- Thirteen UNCP Pembroke staff members were honored at a recent luncheon for service to the university. Plaques and/or gifts were given to each employee.

10-year service awards: Susan Chavis of Red Springs in Financial Aid; Larry Gales of Pembroke in Physical Plant; Sallie Huggins of Lumberton in Student Housing; Marla Locklear of Pembroke in Athletics; Carson Lowery, Jr. of Lumberton in Physical Plant; Beverly Lowery of Maxton in Student Activities; Margie Oxendine of Pembroke in Physical Plant; Emelita Maynor of Pembroke in Student Health and Malissa Smith in Student Housing.

20-year service awards: Josephine Monroe of Rowland in Student Housing; Lillie Oxendine of Pembroke in Library, Services and M. Judy Presley of Pembroke in Accounting.

30-year service awards: Percell Blue of Pembroke in Physical Plant.

Interviews to be held for Native Children at NC School of Science and Math

Children have dreams... that very concept is the subject of a new HBO Project. On February 20, 1999 at the School of Science and Math Powwow in Durham, HBO will be interviewing native children between the ages of 6-10.

During a dreamcatcher workshop, Native American Indian children will be asked to tell their dreams. This interviewing will take place between 10am and 6pm.

All children interviewed will not be included in the final product. For more information contact Kay Littlefield (910) 738-5959.

McIntyre Sends Letter

Washington D.C. -- U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre today released portions of the text of a letter he authored to President Clinton in opposition to his proposal to initiate a federal lawsuit against the tobacco companies. The bi-partisan letter was co-signed by several other tobacco-state representatives.

In his letter, McIntyre criticized Clinton for pursuing another initiative on tobacco that would "result in devastation for tobacco farmers, their families, and their communities throughout the Southeast, the doubletalk must end!"

McIntyre's letter was signed by several members of the North Carolina delegation, including Representatives Howard Coble, Bob Etheridge, Richard Burr, Charles Taylor, Walter Jones, Cass Ballenger, and Robin Hayes, as well as Representative Virgil Goode from Virginia and Representative Harold Rogers from Kentucky.

"I am very pleased at the level of bi-partisan interest generated by his letter," said McIntyre. "It shows a real commitment on the part of tobacco-state representatives to put an end to yet another misguided policy initiative by this administration that seriously threatens the livelihoods of our farmers and their families."

McIntyre said additional discussions were proceeding among tobacco-state representatives as to the best way to prevent the proposed federal lawsuit from taking shape. "Let there be no doubt that I am absolutely resolved to see that this initiative never gets past the drawing board, and I am exploring every avenue to kill it."

Tree Quotes: Revisiting Native Roots: A Critique by Wendy Moore-Cummings

Today as Native Americans prepare to enter a new millennium, we are thrust into a world where asphalt and concrete abound in the places that grasses and berry bushes once grew. A simpler world were majestic oaks, redwoods and birches once reached toward the heavens with praise, now hover dark inanimate skyscrapers.

Author/poet/journalist Marijo Moore's *Tree Quotes* entreats the reader to journey back to a place where peace and harmony abound - the forest. To commune with nature is to commune with Creator/Spirit. Moore states "There is nothing more invigorating and renewing than a day in woods. I always come home inspired." For the Cherokee writer a day with nature is as close as the back door of her North Carolina mountain cottage. *Tree Quotes* is strategically balanced with verses that convey Moore's keen awareness of the serious side of life, such as "Life will use your wants and insecurities to teach you your most valuable lessons," to quotes such as "Trees are necessary. Computers are not," and "Crows are our buddies," that exhibit her gift of humor. Marijo Moore says she has always had a reverence for nature and a genuine concern for environmental issues. For these reasons *Tree Quotes* is produced "tree free." The paper is produced from hemp rather than trees. Moore jests in saying that she hopes people will read *Tree Quotes* before they try to smoke it.

Moore is no stranger to the literary arena. Lauded by her peers, her works *Crow Quotes* and newly released *Spirit Voices of Bones* have been given highly favorable reviews by native literary pioneer, Vine

Deloria, Jr., author of such noted works as *Custer Died For Your Sins*, and *God Is Red*. Deloria compares the reading of Moore's verse to "taking a long cool drink of water on a hellishly hot day - refreshing and satisfying!"

The recipient of numerous awards, Moore was honored as the 1998 North Carolina Woman of the Year in the Arts. She is constantly doing workshop after workshop hoping to ignite literary sparks within the Native American and general public. Moore, the owner of *RENEGADE PLANETS PUBLISHING*, hopes to offer other aspiring writers the opportunity to get their works in print. She says that assisting in the publishing of upcoming North Carolina Native American writers, whether actively or as merely a catalyst, gives the hope of preserving native creativity by promoting the native perspective free from cultural filtration. Moore feels that when we tell our stories we help to dispel the negative stereotypes that have plagued Native Americans since contact.

Accompanying the veteran poet is an upcoming young Cherokee artist named Darrin Bark. He beautifully illustrates, with synchronicity, Moore's inspiring verse. The cover drawing features Bark's maternal great-grandmother, Minda Reed, of the Wolf Clan, who, at the time, was more than one hundred years young. Bark is a welcomed edition to the artistic community and a poignant example of Cherokee creativity.

A simple walk in the forest can revive the traditional spirit of even the most contemporary Native American. For those who may know only the confines of urbania, Moore evokes

the senses with inspired verse such as, "Life is a mixture of sweet rain and rotten leaves." For one brief moment I would have sworn that I actually smelled life, but in that same instant I knew that I was experiencing the beauty and reality of the lyric. *Tree Quotes* provides the solution ingredient to many of life's confrontations. This is not a singular incident. In page after page Moore's spiritual connection to nature and Spirit is indicated through the healing power of her words. *Tree Quotes* allows the reader to discard the superficial baggage of human circumstance, by taking a thought provoking journey to explore the ancient purity of spirituality - a journey to revisit our native roots.

Tree Quotes may be purchased by sending \$8 (check or money order) to: *Tree Quotes*, 130 Beaverdam Loop Road, Canler, North Carolina 28715. Other works may be purchased by calling Marijo Moore at (828) 665-7630 or on her web site at <http://www.powersource.com/gallery/marijo>.

Wendy Moore-Cummings is of Lumbee/Cheraw descent. She resides near the Lumbee River in Robeson County, North Carolina. Moore-Cummings' works have been published in The Carolina Indian Voice and Pembroke Magazine. Forthcoming works will be in Feeding the Ancient Fires. Moore-Cummings' first publication, Talon Tracks, will be released in Spring 1999. You may contact Wendy Moore-Cummings by writing: P.O. Box 1685, Pembroke, North Carolina 28372.

Head Start Now Recruiting 3 and 4 year olds

Head Start is in the process of recruiting children ages three (3) and four (4) years old, by public school entry date - October 16, 1999. Head Start is a federally funded program designed to help break the cycle of poverty. The program provides preschool children from low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet the children's emotion, social health, nutritional and psychological needs. Applications are being accepted Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For further information or assistance, please call:

Fairmont Head Start, Cole Str. Ext., Fairmont, NC 28340, (910) 628-7994

Sandy Grove Head Start, Martin Luther King Dr., Lumberton, NC 28358, (910) 738-4757.

Marietta Head Start, Rural Road #2277, Marietta, NC 28362, (910) 628-6092

Rowland Head Start, South Walnut Street, Rowland, NC 28362, (910) 422-3001

Maxton Head Start, Old Rockingham Rd., Maxton, NC 28364, (910) 844-3406

Education promises must be kept, senator says

Weinstein co-sponsors bills for school accountability, teacher pay

Raleigh -- Sen. David Weinstein is the co-sponsor of two major education initiatives to raise teacher pay and increase accountability in public schools. The Senate Appropriations Committee, which convenes this week, will consider both education bills. The first allocates \$274.9 million to the Excellent Schools Act, which links higher teacher pay to higher standards. The second gives \$125 million to the ABC's (Accountability, Basics, Local Control) of Public Education Program.

"A good education is the key to a good future, and all students should have a shot at success," Weinstein, D-Robeson, said Tuesday. "We need to build on the progress we have made in improving our schools."

The Excellent Schools Act aims to attract and keep good teachers in the classroom. The act raises teacher pay to the national average by next year and increases teacher accountability, while extending mentor programs and adding bonuses for extra duties. It also requires state universities to raise the standards for admission into education programs and improves the way would-be teachers are trained to work in the classroom.

The ABC's of Education gives public schools incentives to boost student performance while giving communities more control over how students are taught. Under the plan, nearly 84 percent of elementary and middle schools during the 1997-98 school year either met or exceeded expectations, compared to 56.7 percent the year before. Help is also on the way for the schools deemed low-performing. Assistance teams work with teachers and assistants to improve learning.

"The ABC's program and the Excellent Schools Act have produced real achievements in our schools," Weinstein said. "We need to continue our support of these and other initiatives to help our students learn."

This week Weinstein, chairman of the Select Committee on Tobacco Settlement Issues, also was named to several Senate Committees. He is vice chair of Finance and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources. He is a member of Health Care, Ways & Means, Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources, and Pensions & Retirements and Aging.

Native American Literary Voices seeks submissions for upcoming reading

"Native American Literary Voices" announces the 1999 (Second Annual) National Writing Contests for Lumbee students: R.W. Reising, Professor at UNC-Pembroke with the Department of American Indian Studies Department, serves as Chairman. Committee members include Ms. Patsy Baker, Dr. Joseph Bell, Ms. Yvonne B. Dial, Ms. Barbara Braveboy-Locklear, Ms. Marilyn Locklear.

1) Native American Literary Voices: Lumbee Youth, Grades 7,8,9
2) Native American Literary Voices: Lumbee Youth, Grades 10,11,12

In each of the above categories, there will be two winners: one for poetry, one for fiction. The four prizewinners will be announced in April, with each prize-winner to receive \$100.00, plus a copy of the Lumbee classic *The Only Land I Know*, co-authored by the late Adolph L. Dial and recently republished by Syracuse University Press. Each of the winners, too, will be invited to read at the Fourth Annual "Native American Literary Voices" Reading in Dial Humanities Building at UNCP during Lumbee Homecoming. The prizes, like the Reception that follows the Reading, are made possible this year by a grant from the Lumberton Tourism Development Authority.

Please encourage Lumbee student participation in the contests, and indicate that:

1) a student may compete in either or both of the categories: poetry and fiction;
2) every submission should read, at least loosely, teaching, as the Reading this year features and honors Ms. Julia L. Russell, the much-respected Lumbee writer and teacher;
3) no student may submit more than two (2) pieces in a category;
4) no poem may be fewer than three (3) lines or more than thirty (30);
5) no piece of fiction may be more than 2,500 words;

6) every piece must be typewritten with no name included, and stapled to each submission must be a 3x5 card containing the writer's name, grade, school, and home phone number.

All submissions must be post marked no later than 12 midnight on Monday, March 15, 1999. Winners will be announced in late April.

Please direct all questions and submissions to me. The other members of the Planning Committee for "Native American Literary Voices" join me in thanking you for your support. We are united in our hope that Lumbee youth nationally will participate in the contests in enormous numbers and thus prove - once again - that their world, the Lumbee world, is rich in talent and promise.

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