

The Lumbee Spotlight
"Dedicated to the best in all of us"

By Vinita Maynor-Clark

The Lumbee Spotlight this week travels to Robeson Community College. We are visiting Vonnie L. Jacobs of Lumberton who works in the Admissions Office.

Jacobs is the daughter of the late James Godwin and Nollie H. Godwin and she is a 1959 graduate of Magnolia High School.

"After high school I knew that there was no money to go to college," Jacobs said. "I was only 16 and there were no jobs here in this county that I could do other than farm work," she continued. "So I went out to Oklahoma to stay with my brother and sister. I worked my first public job as a waitress and I was a very good worker. It was truly an experience learning how to balance trays of food and walking at the same time. And once you learn you never forget," Jacobs recalled.

"In 1962 I returned to Robeson County and I married my husband Samuel. We have four children. There is one thing that we always stressed and there was no question about it. Our children Gina, Samuel Jr., Jason and Timothy all knew that when they finished high school that the next step was college and all of them have graduated," she said.

It was not easy for Jacobs staying at home raising her four children. But the family decided to sacrifice and let the mother stay home until the children were all in school. With only one person in the family working, the family saw some hard times, but they were years filled with precious memories as Vonnie watched her infants mature into school age students. She took her job as a mother very seriously. When Jacobs' youngest

children began elementary school, she returned to the classroom and pursued a degree in General Office Technology at RCC.

One day during her second year at RCC, she became acquainted with Miss Shelby Rogers. Miss Rogers was working with the CETA program at the time through Lumbee Regional Development Association. She explained the program to Jacobs who said it sounded like a dream come true. Jacobs expressed a desire to become a participant in the program.

"Miss Shelby made it so easy for me to get into Classroom Training," Jacobs said. "She helped me with the paperwork and she was there for me the entire time. I know for a fact that she was very proud of me when I graduated," Jacobs said. As she walked down the aisle to receive her degree, Jacobs had already been employed by Robeson Community College.

"My family was very supportive of me returning to school," Jacobs stated. "We worked as a team to reach not only my goal but their goals also. I felt like I was going to be an outsider because of my age difference, but instead the students adopted me as a mentor. I tutored several students and when I was in my last year of General Office Technology and I was under the LRDA I got hired here at RCC before I even graduated and I have been here 19 years. I can say that the funds that I got from the LRDA Classroom Training made a big difference. I felt good that I could contribute to my household and my children," Jacobs continued.

Jacobs looks forward to retiring from RCC when she gets in her 25

years. She is another example of someone who wanted to help herself and Lumbee Regional Development Association gave her a hand up and not a hand out through the JTPA/ CETA programs. Jacobs is just one of many who have been helped by LRDA during their 30 years of service to the Lumbee community. Jacobs wanted a better life for her and her family and LRDA helped her to achieve that.



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Cookie's Corner

Will be in the Pembroke Town Park Saturday, May 1st from 9 am to noon. Tickets for the movie "Through Native Eyes" will be on sale. Cookie's book entitled "This Historical Making of the Movie Through Native Eyes" will on sale for \$10.

Come on by and visit with Cookie!

Will be cancelled if raining

Pediatric Pointers

By: Joseph T. Bell

Athletes foot is a fungus infection that grows best on warm, damp skin. It occurs most often in teen-agers. The infection causes a red, scaly, cracked rash between the toes that often spreads to the ball of the foot. The rash itches, burns and may become raw and weepy with scratching. The fungus also may cause an unpleasant foot odor. With proper treatment, athletes foot usually clears up in 2-3 weeks.

There are some simple measures that can be done at home to help treat athletes foot. You can buy Lotrimin, Tinactin, or Micatin anti-fungal cream at your drugstore. The child should rinse the foot in clean water or water with a little white vinegar added and dried carefully, especially in between the toes. The medication should then be applied to the rash and 1 inch beyond the border of the rash twice a day. If this treatment is continued for several weeks or for at least 7 days after the rash appears to be cleared, the fungus will heal nicely.

Keeping the feet dry is an impor-

tant part of helping improve athletes foot. Your child should be instructed to dry feet thoroughly after each bath or shower and change socks twice a day. The patient should wear cotton socks, which absorb sweat and keep the feet dry, and shoes to allow the feet to breath such as canvas tennis shoes. Thick leather shoes are the worse for holding in moisture against the feet. It helps to go barefoot or wear sandals as much as possible.

Foot odor often clears as the athletes foot improves. Rinsing the feet and changing socks twice a day are essential for helping reduce foot odor. You may need to wash the tennis shoes in the washing machine with some soap and bleach to also help get the odor out of the house.

Athletes foot is not very contagious. The fungus will not grow on dry, normal skin. Your child can continue to take physical education and play sports during the treatment of this rash.

Thats all on athletes foot. Take care and we will talk again next week.

Senate approves criminal charges for student-teacher relationships

Consent should not be a defense, senator says

Raleigh -- Teachers or school administrators who engage in sexual acts with students would face criminal charges, under a bill approved Tuesday by the state Senate.

"The student-teacher relationship should be focused on learning," said Sen. David Weinstein, D-Robeson. "Inappropriate acts or sexual relationships between students and teachers have no place in our schools."

Senate Bill 742, co-sponsored by Weinstein, now goes to the House for consideration.

Currently, teachers who have sexual relations with students who are 16 or younger may be prosecuted for statutory rape. Those teachers do not currently face criminal charges if the student is older than 16.

Senate Bill 742 closes this loophole. The bill was introduced in response to concerns expressed by school boards and law enforcement agencies. It also was triggered by an incident in Forsyth County in which a teacher was fired but could not be prosecuted after it was discovered that he had sex with several students.

"Consent is no defense for acts of this nature," Weinstein said. "Teachers hold themselves to high academic and moral standards, and those who engage in this conduct damage not only the child, but all that is good about teaching."

Senator Edwards Hosts Tar Heel Tuesdays

Washington -- Senator John Edwards on Tuesday hosted the first in what will be a series of public meetings with constituents to give North Carolina residents visiting Washington a chance to see their senator and discuss issues that affect their state and nation.

"These town-hall style meetings will give me an opportunity to hear what issues are on the minds of regular people from North Carolina who come to our nation's capitol to watch our government in action and to take part in our democracy," Senator Edwards said.

Tar Heel Tuesdays are regularly scheduled meetings that are open without reservations to all North Carolinians and their guests.

Senator Edwards has worked to make accessibility a hallmark of his senate tenure.

Since he was sworn into office in January, Senator Edwards has returned home on weekends and during congressional recesses to hold several town meetings throughout North Carolina, from mountain county court houses to a community college to an air force base.

He also has regularly appeared on call-in radio programs to give North Carolinians opportunities to hear his views and to voice their own opinions directly to him.

In addition, hundreds of people write letters or cards to Senator Edwards every week. Others call his offices in Raleigh, Charlotte and Washington to register their opinions.

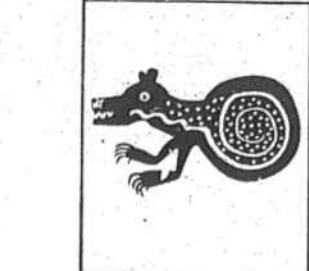
Tar Heel Tuesdays are designed to provide another way for North Carolinians to reach Senator Edwards.

The open sessions with constituents will be held at 3:00 p.m. Every other Tuesday when the Senate is in session.

After a question-and-answer session, North Carolinians who want to have their picture taken with Senator Edwards may do so. Constituents may bring their own camera or a Senate photographer will take a picture that will be mailed to them.

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