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TWENTY-FIVE CENTS



Assistant Head Coach at the University of Tennessee to speak at Pembroke Elementary

John Chavis, Assistant Head Coach at the University of Tennessee will be the guest speaker at Pembroke Elementary School on Friday, May 21 at 7 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Chavis, whose stingy defensive units at Tennessee have complemented the offense for a winning combination, has experienced four successful seasons as the Vols' defensive coordinator. Citing qualities Chavis had displayed as a longtime Vol staff member, Head Coach Phillip Fulmer last February promoted him to assistant head coach.

Attaining a high moment in his career when the Vols notched the national championship in 1998, Chavis looks forward to the return of most of the players who played a role in the title run.

At the position that bears his own coaching stamp, linebacker Chavis hopes to offset the loss of fiery leader Al Wilson with the return of two battle-tested starters, Raynoch Thompson and Eric Westmoreland.

Now in his fifth year as coordinator, Chavis hopes returns such as Thompson and Westmoreland as well as Shaun Ellis will combine with some promising younger players to give the Vols a defense reminiscent of the grudging outfit that led the SEC two years ago, ranked third in 1997 and finished second in 1998.

Chavis, a fiercely competitive lineman in his undergraduate days at Tennessee, maintains that same all-out attitude as defensive coordinator

and linebacker coach for head coach Phillip Fulmer.

Chavis has divided his responsibilities between the defensive line and the linebacker corps since returning to his alma mater eight years ago. In 1989 John spent his time with the defensive line. Then in 1990, to help accommodate additions to the defensive staff, he made the switch to linebacker coach. In recognition of Chavis' experience, technical knowledge and fighting temperament, Fulmer promoted him to defensive coordinator before the 1995 season.

Before coming to Tennessee, Chavis had been defensive coordinator at Alabama A & M, leading the Division II school to the best defensive record in the nation. The Bulldogs ranked first in total defense in both 1987 and 1988.

Chavis came to UT as a walk-on defensive lineman and was later granted a scholarship on the basis of his scrappy play at middle guard and tackle. He lettered in 1977 and 1978 and received his degree from the College of Education in 1979. Chavis is a native of Dillon, SC.

Before taking the defensive coordinator job at Alabama, Chavis coached as a graduate assistant at Tennessee in 1979, as defensive line coach in an earlier stint at Alabama A & M from 1980 to 1983 and then as defensive line coach and defensive coordinator at Alabama State in Montgomery in 1984 and 1985.

He and his wife, Diane Crisp Chavis, are parents to two boys, John and Jason.

Dr. Felicia Wilkins-Turner Invited to White House for Democratic National Committee Reception

Dr. Felicia Wilkins-Turner was invited to the White House recently for a reception for the Democratic National Committee (DNC). Dr. Turner is an Advisory Board Member for the American Indian Desk of the DNC.

"This meeting was very productive," states Turner. "We met with Ben Richardson, Secretary of the Energy, Lynn Cutler, Vice-President Gore's office, and dialogued with President Clinton, at the reception, concerning American Indian Issues across the Nation."

Presently, there are anti-Indian movement strategies in US Congress and work is in motion to block these actions, she continues. This anti-Indian movement has far reaching implication with a strong possibility of major changes at local levels of Indian Governance.

The DNC American Indian Desk Advisory Board was established with a Mission to confront and challenge the legislative actions at the National level states Turner, since then, we have accomplished some positive things. The recent American Indian Rally in DC, coordinated nationally by local and State Indian leaders, is evidence of some positive action at the National level.

Photo caption: L to R (Gwen Carr, DNC Political Director of the American Indian Desk, President Bill Clinton, Dr. Felicia Wilkins-Turner, DNC American Indian Desk Advisory Board Member.)



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McIntyre Speaks at Native American Rally on Capitol Hill

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre today joined nearly 1,000 Native American leaders, representatives, and supporters on the steps of the U.S. Capitol to rally support for Native American issues in the U.S. Congress. Several North Carolinians were present from southeastern North Carolina counties including Robeson, Sampson, and Columbus counties.

Representative McIntyre stated, "With seven Native American tribes in North Carolina, it is important that the issues and concerns of the Native American people are heard at the highest levels of government." McIntyre urged the crowd to use their "vision and voice" on issues such as health care, education, and economic development to ensure that "all Native Americans are united in victory for a better quality of life for their families." In addition, McIntyre commented, "As many Native American tribes in North Carolina continue to seek federal recognition, I stand ready to work with them to ensure that discrimination ends and recognition begins!"

The Census of 1990 listed about 80,100 Native Americans as residents of North Carolina. Most live in the section of rural southeastern North Carolina. The tribes in southeastern North Carolina include: the Lumbee Indians, the Waccamaw-Sioux Indians, the Tuscarora Indians, and the Coharie Indians.

Joining Representative McIntyre at the event was Connie Locklear, a Native American from Robeson County, serves as a Legislative Assistant in McIntyre's Washington office.



UNC-CH Sorority Soars Scholastically

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill recently recognized Alpha Pi Omega, the nation's first Native American sorority in two separate recognition ceremonies. On October 20, 1998, the sorority won Chapter Excellence awards for outstanding scholarship. The Chapter Excellence for scholarship award presented to Greek organizations in two categories - for most improved grade point average and for organizations whose average grade point average for all members is a 3.0 or above. According to Ron Binder, Director of Greek Affairs, Alpha Pi Omega is "clearly a top performing sorority on the UNC campus. They are winning all our awards."

In a separate ceremony on March 16, 1999, the sorority received three additional awards. Two of the awards were based on outstanding scholarship and the last award was based on community service.

Alpha Pi Omega got its start on the UNC campus in the fall of 1994. Four Native American women founded the first Native American sorority in the United States because they felt that none of the existing Greek organizations met their cultural, academic and social needs. These women envisioned the creation of an organization that would celebrate their heritage, serve as a support system, and contribute positively to the academic and social welfare of Native American women. As evidenced by the recent achievements of the women of Alpha Pi Omega during this academic year, their expectations have been achieved and perhaps surpassed.

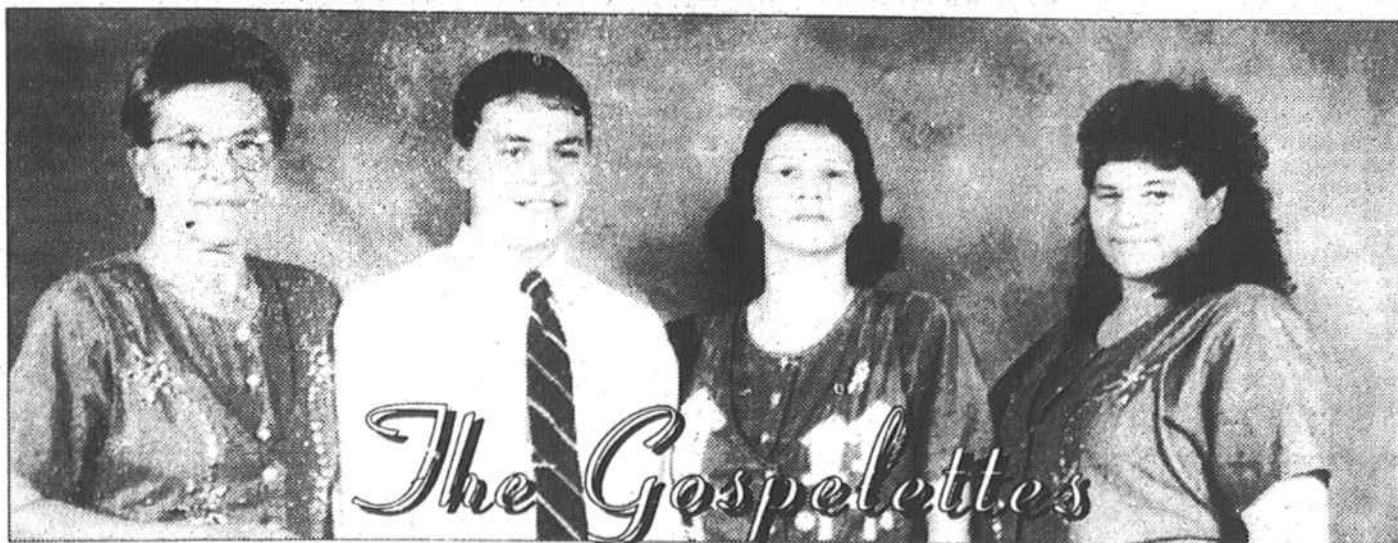
The individuals pictured above are from left to right, Cheryl Jones, August Hammonds and Brooke Locklear.

AISES National Science Fair Winners

Six students from the Public Schools of Robeson County participated in the 12th Annual American Indian Science and Engineering Fair held recently in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The students received first place recognition in our local AISES Science Fair from among 44 entries.

In Albuquerque, Benjamin McMillian, a 7th grader at Prospect, received second place in Physics; Aleshia Brewer, a 9th grader at St. Pauls High School, won 1st place in Environmental Science and 1st place in Math for 9th and 10th grade; Toby Carter, a 10th grader at Lumberton Senior High, won 2nd place in Medicine/Health; Megan Scott, an 11th grader at Purnell Swett, took 2nd place in Botany; and David Lowry, a 12th grader at Lumberton Senior, won 1st place in Environmental Science and 1st place for 11th and 12th grader at Purnell Swett, won a 1st place Gold Medal for Bio-Chemistry. Another student introduced at the April School Board meeting was Jasmin Fowler, an 8th grader at Fairmont Middle School who received a 1st place award at the local AISES science fair. Nicholas Dimery was unable to attend the Board meeting.

The Gospelettes Anniversary Sing



May 22, 1999, 7 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the Gospelette's Anniversary Sing - Saturday, May 22, 1999, beginning at 7 p.m., at Faith Baptist Church located on Highway 710 between Pembroke and Rowland.

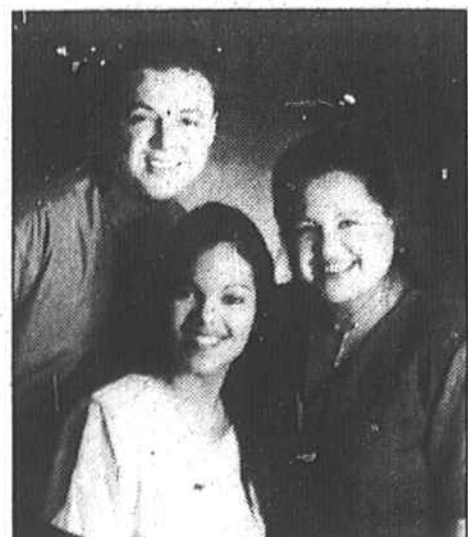
Each year, the Gospelettes hold an anniversary sing to raise monies which allow them to travel throughout Robeson and surrounding counties praising God's name in song. The gospel group features Carol Brooks singing lead, along with her mother, Pearl Locklear, singing alto, and Carol's daughter Crystal Hunt, who sings soprano, and Lavance Locklear. Musicians include Leverne Gibbs on keyboards, Garry Barton on bass guitar, Steve Oxendine on drums. Appearing at the gospel sing

along with the Gospelettes will be the Locklear Brothers and New Covenant, Royal Blood, and Brother Randy Sullivan.

There will be no admission charge, however, a love offering will be accepted. Also, there will be a drawing for a color TV (tickets can be purchased from Carol Brooks by calling 521-8878). And refreshments will be available.

Last year's Anniversary Sing raised enough funds to allow the Gospelettes to go into the studio and have some tapes made, which will also be available Saturday, on the night of the Gospel Sing.

The Gospelettes invite all their friends to come out and support them as they fulfill their commitment to praise God in song.



• Royal Blood



• The Locklear Brothers & New Covenant

• Brother Randy Sullivan