

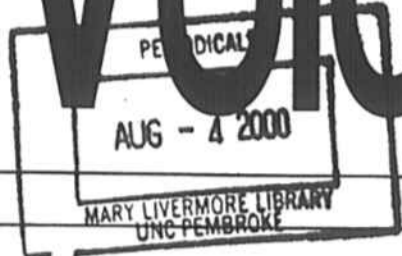
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Becky Bullard appointed to UNCP trustee board

Pembroke, N.C.--Rebecca B. Bullard, human resources director for Converse, Inc. in Lumberton, has been appointed by Gov. James B. Hunt to the UNC Pembroke Board of Trustees.

Ms. Bullard will complete Fred George's term on the 13-member board. The term expires in 2003.

Chancellor Allen C. Meadors welcomed Ms. Bullard to the board.

"We are delighted to have Ms. Bullard join The University of North Carolina at Pembroke's Board of Trustees," Chancellor Meadors said. "We look forward to the abundance of talent and energy that she will bring to this board."

Ms. Bullard said she is excited about the future of UNC Pembroke and pleased to be a part of it.

"The people of North Carolina are seeing UNC Pembroke evolve as an outstanding resource," Ms. Bullard said. "The university serves not only the students, but businesses, governmental and civic agencies."

"As students graduate and establish their careers in a global economy, UNCP is represented across the U.S. and internationally," she said. "I look forward to working with this outstanding institution, staff and board."

Ms. Bullard is active in the business and civic life of the community,

including terms as president of the Lumberton Area Chamber of Commerce and vice chair of the Tourist Development Authority. She is married to Cliff Bullard, Sr., a businessman and former mayor of Lumberton.

She is president of Lumberton Rotary and has volunteered with the Robeson County United Way. Ms. Bullard is also president of the Wingate University Alumni Association.

A 1981 Cum Laude graduate of Wingate University, Ms. Bullard majored in business administration. She is professionally certified by the Society of Human Resource Management, and is a career human resources manager, including management positions with Gerber Childrenswear and International Jensen in Lumberton.

Other UNCP trustees: Chair Roger Oxendine of Rowland, Sybil Jones Bullard of Pembroke, Mac Campbell of Elizabethtown, Bob Caton of Lumberton, Sybil Collins of Pembroke, McDuffie Cummings of Pembroke, Thomas Jones II of Whiteville, Henry Lewis of Lumberton, Cheryl Locklear of Red Springs, Gary Oxendine of Southern Pines, Sherry Prince of Tabor City and Student Government President Veronica Hatten of Cary.



Mr. Leroy Freeman, Chairman of the LRDA Board, is shown presenting a financial contribution to Miss North Carolina Lorna McNeill.

LRDA supports Miss North Carolina, Lorna McNeill

Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. passed a motion in support of Lorna McNeill, the reigning Miss NC at its monthly board meeting held July 3, 2000. McNeill, an enrolled member of the Lumbee tribe was crowned Miss NC on June 17, 2000 in Raleigh, NC. She is also a former Miss Lumbee. The agency has pledged financial support for McNeill who will be competing in the Miss America pageant in October.

LRDA accepting applications for enrollment but will delay processing

The Tribal Enrollment Office of LRDA is continuing to accept applications for enrollment although they will not be processed until

after the tribal rolls have been purged and updated. The purpose in failing to process applications at this time is to work in conjunction with the Lumbee Self-Determination Commission in order to have the tribal rolls accurate in time for the tribal election scheduled for November 7, 2000.

In order to participate in the LSCD planned election, one must be an enrolled member to vote for representatives of a governmental body. The LSCD is working under a court order to oversee the election of a governmental body of the Lumbee Tribe if the tribal members determine by survey that they wish to be governed by a tribal council.

In order for the tribal rolls to be ready for the scheduled November election, deceased members must be removed and current addresses are needed. The updating of the tribal rolls will help to ensure the integrity of an election.

According to Leroy Freeman, Chairman of the LRDA Board of Directors, the agency is committed to working with the LSCD to bring a peaceful resolution to the issue of tribal government.

"If the people want a government, and I believe they do, then they should certainly have accurate information for election officials to determine if a tribal member is eligible to vote, Freeman said."

Mr. Freeman continued, "It is our position at LRDA that we must do everything in our power to expedite the necessary purging of the tribal rolls. We are planning to hire more staff people so that the removing of deceased members names and updating of addresses can be done in a faster more efficient manner."

Any Lumbee who has not yet enrolled may come into the Tribal Enrollment Office on Union Chapel Road, Pembroke, NC and fill out an application, although the application will not be processed until after the updating of the tribal rolls. For further information call (910) 521-2462.

Teresa Cummings named UNCP's alumni director

Pembroke, N.C.--Pembroke native and UNC Pembroke graduate Teresa Cummings has been named director for the Office of Alumni Relations, according to an announcement by Dr. Glen Burnette, Jr., vice chancellor for Advancement.

Ms. Cummings served as interim director since August 1999. She graduated from UNCP in 1997 after returning to the university as a non-traditional student. She was Miss Pembroke State University in 1974.

Her responsibilities include planning student and alumni events on campus and at chapter sites throughout North Carolina. Ms. Cummings directs the annual alumni giving campaign and manages the alumni endowment, which is UNCP's largest.

She reports to Dr. Burnette, the vice chancellor for Advancement.

"We are excited about Ms. Cummings joining the Advancement team," Dr. Burnette said. "She takes on challenges as opportunities to bring alumni closer to the university. This is important because the mission of the Alumni Relations office is to offer opportunities for alumni and friends to get involved in the life of the university."

Ms. Cummings said she has several important goals for the office.

"First, I would like to see our major alumni chapters revitalized in order for them to participate in all of

the exciting things happening at UNCP, and, eventually, claim ownership for some of them," she said. "Next, I would like to establish a travel program which would allow our alumni to reconnect with the university and with each other."

"Finally, I would like to implement several new programs and activities that will bring alumni and friends back to campus more often," the new alumni director said.

Ms. Cummings received a B.A. in English from UNCP. She worked in education and health care before returning to the university.

Active in the community, Ms. Cummings serves on the Pembroke Advisory Board of the State Employees Credit Union and is a committee member for the future grand opening of the First Health of the Carolinas Medical and Fitness Center. She was chairperson for the Town of Pembroke's Bicentennial Celebration Committee.

An original cast member of "Strike at the Wind" she was featured soloist on the original soundtrack for the outdoor drama. She also played a lead role in the recent movie version of the drama "Through Native Eyes: The Henry Berry Lowrie Story."

Ms. Cummings is married to Jerry Cummings, a 1958 UNCP graduate. He is owner of Pembroke Tire Service.

She has one son, Joel.



Teresa Cummings

Local Educator Attends Seminar

Cullowhee--Ruby B. Hammonds of Lumberton, fifth-grade teacher at Pembroke Elementary School, recently attended a seminar at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

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political leaders of both parties, when looking at revitalizing distressed communities, place a priority on Native American communities.

The National American Indian Housing Council is a national non-profit organization representing tribes and tribal housing entities across the country. NAIHC provides training, technical assistance, and research and publishes Native American Housing News. NAIHC's sister organization, Coalition for Indian Housing and Development, is a non-for-profit organization representing tribes and tribal housing organizations.

Power Wheelchairs Available

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to Senior Citizens (65 yrs. old & up) and the Permanently Disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The power Wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required.

If your need is for use in your home, please call for more information to see if you qualify. Call toll free, Leon Johnson at 1-800-246-6010.



Becky Bullard

Senator Edwards Backs Medicare Improvements

Washington--Senator John Edwards has joined a bipartisan coalition of Senators calling on Finance Committee Chairman William Roth of Delaware to rescind cuts in Medicare payments to rural hospitals, teaching hospitals, home health agencies and nursing homes.

Health care services for the elderly could be jeopardized unless Congress cancels cuts that are scheduled to take effect October 1 under provisions of the 1997 Balanced Budget Act.

"When Medicare fails to pay its share, it threatens health care for all patients," the letter from Senator Edwards and others said.

"Reduced Medicare payments are contributing to decisions by many providers and insurers that threaten Medicare beneficiaries' access to care, including staff layoffs, reductions in services, or even outright facility closures or decisions to withdraw from the Medicare program," the letter added.

Signed by 72 senators, the letter also was sent to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, the ranking Democrat on the panel that

oversees the Medicare program.

Reductions in Medicare outlays have been almost double what the Congressional Budget Office projected in 1997 before the Balanced Budget Act was passed by Congress.

Last year, Congress concluded that savings had exceeded what was intended under the 1997 law and provided short-term relief to Medicare providers. "We continue to be deeply concerned that the relief is not sufficient to maintain the availability of all the high-quality providers who deliver health care to Medicare beneficiaries," the senators said in the letter to Chairman Roth.

The Finance Committee is expected to take up Medicare reforms in September after Congress returns from its August recess.

"Something will happen this year for a very simple reason, because everyone knows that if nothing happens we are going to lose hospitals, and when we lose hospitals the people in our local communities will not be able to get the medical care they need," Senator Edwards said in a recent interview with WECT-TV in Wilmington, N.C.

Indian Housing and Economic Development to Benefit from Federal Legislation

Washington (7/26/00)--The House passed legislation today that would provide new economic benefits for Native Americans, via a boost to their economic base through tax-breaks and other federal assistance, according to the National American Indian Housing Council.

The measure, which benefits other ailing communities in addition to those in Indian Country, still requires Senate passage to become law.

NAIHC Chairman Chester Carl said, "This measure, if enacted into law, will greatly benefit the 559 fed-

erally-recognized tribes in the country through specific incentives that will help to jumpstart new businesses, creating needed jobs within Indian Country. In addition, the change to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit will also spur greater production of affordable housing for Native American communities."

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Provision

Targeted toward distressed communities, the bill includes two provisions important for Indian housing. The first is a provision NAIHC

has been advocating for two years, which would make all NAHASDA (Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination ACT) block grant funds "non-federal" for the purposes of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit.

American Private Investment Corporations: one for Indian Country

The other provision is a "New Market" initiative that would allow the Secretary of HUD to license and regulate a system of investment centers known as American Private

Investment Corporations or APICs. These corporations would provide investment mechanisms to low-income or rural communities that have traditionally been ignored by private capital investments.

If passed, this bill would allow HUD to license up to ten APICs nationally. Earlier this spring, the House Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity Chairman, Rick Lazio (R-NY), added to the bill a requirement that one of the ten APICs must be for Native American investment-designated NAPIC - or Native

American Private Investment Corporation. Its primary purpose would be making community investments within Indian Country, including Hawaiian homelands.

The bill would also allow HUD to designate up to 40 communities as "renewal communities," eligible for special tax breaks, loan guarantees, and environmental help. At least eight of these communities must be in rural areas.

Christopher Boesen, Executive Director of NAIHC and the Coalition for Indian Housing and Development said, "We're glad to know that