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Locklear Commissioned by Campbell Divinity School

Anthony Locklear, of Pembroke, NC, a first year student in the Campbell University Divinity School, was welcomed to a life of service during the school's annual Convocation Commissioning service held on Tuesday, September 12. Locklear is one of 37 new students enrolled for the fall 2000 semester.

The Reverend Michael Cummings, president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, delivered the keynote address. Cummings put the meaning of the commissioning service into perspective.

"We've been called to bring a message of hope," Cummings told the divinity students. "We are the healers; we find a way to bring people together under God."

Cummings, who is also the director of the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, is only the second Native American to be elected to state office in North Carolina Baptist life.

According to Dr. Michael Cogdill, dean of the Campbell University Divinity School, those who enter divinity school do so as a result of a spiritual transformation in their lives.

"It means something very special has happened in their hearts," said Cogdill. "It means they have responded to God's call in a very special way."

Following the worship portion of

the ceremony, Dr. Cogdill and Dr. Bruce Powers, associate dean, "pinned" each new student with the Campbell Divinity School logo pin.

Said Irma Duke, director of Student Services and Church Relations for the Campbell Divinity School, "This convocation and commissioning service is a day for our new students to commission their lives to the service of Jesus Christ. It is also a day for our returning students to rededicate their lives to be Christ-centered, Bible-based, and ministry-focused."

The Campbell Divinity School, which opened in 1996 with 25 students, currently has 157 students enrolled. The school offers the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian education degrees and recently achieved the first step in the process of accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), being voted in as an Associate member.

The School of Divinity is committed to providing Christ-centered, Bible-based, and ministry-focused theological education for Christian ministry.

More information about the School of Divinity is available on the Campbell website, www.campbell.edu, or you may call either (910) 893-1830 or (800) 760-9827.

McIntyre Announces Emergency Loan Programs for Southeastern North Carolina Farmers

Washington, D.C.--U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre announced today that Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, New Hanover, Pender, and Robeson will be eligible for emergency USDA loan programs.

In response to Representative McIntyre's request, six North Carolina counties were declared agricultural disaster areas and are eligible for emergency farm loans because of losses caused by extreme weather this summer. Brunswick and Columbus counties were named as primary disaster areas. Also eligible, because they are contiguous, are Bladen, New Hanover, Pender, and Robeson counties.

Representative McIntyre said, "I am very pleased that Secretary Glickman has responded positively to my request, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture make this declaration. There were North Carolina farmers who suffered severe crop

losses due to high winds and hail from summer storms, and they will need to use emergency programs available through USDA's Farm Service Agency. I would also like to thank Governor Hunt for contacting Secretary Glickman about this important matter."

This designation makes all qualified family-sized farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible for low-interest emergency loans. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of this declaration to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. USDA's Farm Service Agency will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available, repayment ability, and other eligibility requirements.

Representative McIntyre is a member of the House Agriculture Committee.

Pembroke Housing Authority News

Suzette Salcido, Resident Services Coordinator has been working with the Pembroke Housing Authority's senior citizens and disabled for the past several months. This program was designed to make the most of the living environment for this targeted group. The idea was born on the suggestion of a resident. The Board of commissioners adopted the program, "Full Circle". Full Circle was implemented to help our senior and disabled residents with issues of health, banking, wills, transportation and other matters.

Suzette has helped many of the residents receive Personal Care Services; Meals On Wheels; and made referrals to the Nutrition Site at Maynor Manor, for the daily lunch program. She also helped one resident receive a microwave oven, to help with the safety of the residents, due to the fact that she is blind. The most rewarding part of all is visiting with the residents and being able to make them smile and spend time with them.

A bright and sunny Friday afternoon on September 8, 2000 Brooke Chavis; April, Dallas, and Monica McMillian; Cody and Austin Locklear, Antoin Floyd II; Christine Oxendine; and Christopher and Andrea Ruffier were escorted by Mr. Jamie, Ms. Suzette and Ms. Tressa to Riverside Golf Course. The afternoon consisted of an enjoyable day of golf. The youth learned golf etiquette and the basics to golfing. We all loaded on the carts to see the fairways and greens at Riverside. The youth all enjoyed their first ex-

perience in becoming acquainted with the meaning of Golf. The staff and youth are looking forward to more outings at the Golf Course in the near future.

On Saturday, September 9, 2000 Terrie Locklear, Brittany Lee, and Ursula McMillian along with Mr. Jamie, Ms. Suzette, and Ms. Rhonda attended the first Annual Adolescent Picnic at Robeson County Mental Health Center in Lumberton. The picnic was held as a thank you to all the participating agencies for allowing their youth to participate in the program. Mr. Joseph Smith was the guest speaker. He gave an emotional speech about not giving up on your dreams and to always strive to reach them. He also provided entertainment along with the Steppers With Attitude from the Lumberton Housing Authority. The day was filled with food, fun and door prizes.

Mr. Ed Locklear, School Resource Officer with Pembroke Police Department provided the first of two part Drug Prevention Program on September 12, 2000. Mr. Locklear is a Dare Officer and is currently providing a sixteen-week Drug Prevention Program in the Public Schools of Robeson County. The PHA staff is in hopes that Officer Locklear will be able to provide this sixteen-week program to our older youth during the summer months. The lesson for the day consisted of a story involving Darren the Lion. The purpose of the story is to encourage our youth to stay Smart and Say No to Drugs. The youth really enjoyed the program and are looking forward to Officer Locklear's last session.



Harold Chavis

Harold Chavis of Maxton Files For Seat In New Tribal Government Election

Mr. Harold Chavis of Maxton NC announces his candidacy in district 5 for the November 7th new tribal government elections to be held by the Lumbee Self-Determination Commission.

Mr. Chavis attended Oxendine Elementary School, and Prospect High School. He has lived in the Maxton community all of his life. HE has been self-employed since 1970, and operates several businesses in the Maxton area. He has two sons, and three grandchildren, and has been married for 33 years to his wife Valerie.

Mr. Chavis says he is a "self-made businessman" who supports strong economic development in tribal communities. He currently serves as Chairman of the Lumbee tribal Economic Development Committee of LRDA. He was appointed to this

position in July of this year.

Mr. Chavis has been a longtime member of the Lumbee Federal Recognition Committee, and has always supported full recognition of the tribe. He will push for a recognition bill to be re-introduced next year if elected, and have in the past-contributed financial donations to help with the extensive cost of federal recognition efforts.

He has served in various leadership roles on various committees in the past including Lumbee Homecoming, Finance & Audit Committee, Land Acquisition Committee, and Housing Commissioner.

In his current elected position Mr. Chavis feels he has gained valuable experience that will benefit a new tribal government when it is fully established under a written governing document, approved by the tribal

membership.

He added that the number one priority should be to get the Lumbee tribe fully federally recognized. "This can be accomplished with experienced leadership, and a unified tribal membership," Mr. Chavis stated.

Economic Development is what he believes would benefit Lumbee people most if the tribe was federally recognized by the federal government. Social welfare programs should not be the main goal of recognition he feels.

"As a legitimate tribal government, recognition by the state and the federal government would bring many economic development opportunities for the Lumbee People", Mr. Chavis stated.

If elected on November 7th Mr. Chavis added, "I will always continue to put my Lumbee people first in all my endeavors."

Rev. Earney D. Hammonds, Pastor of Ten Mile Center Baptist Church, files for Tribal Chairman

Rev. Earney D. Hammonds of Lumberton has announced his candidacy for Tribal Chairman. Rev. Hammonds is Pastor of Ten Mile Center Baptist Church. He Director of Maintenance for the Public Schools of Robeson County. A 1990 Graduate from the Institute of Jewish Christian Studies in Dallas, Texas, Rev. Hammonds is the former chairman of the Constitutional Assembly of the Lumbee Tribe of Cheraw Indians.

In making his announcement, Rev. Hammonds released the following statement:

"If elected, I pledge to work with the newly elected Lumbee Tribal Representatives in developing a unified Tribal government that will

promote, build, preserve and maintain the Lumbee Way of Life for our people.

"Once established our new government should work effectively with local, state and federal and international agencies to assist in solving the many problems now facing our global communities.

"As Indians our voice has been unheeded far too long, the earth is out of balance! We are a spiritual people and know that Jesus is Lord and Creator of heaven and earth.

"I would like to challenge all Lumbee people throughout the world to make your voice known on November 7th. The time is at hand, tell your family, friends and neighbors to get out and vote for the candidate of your choice!"



Chancellors Emeritus Joseph B. Oxendine and Paul R. Givens with Chancellor Allen C. Meadors at the portrait unveiling.

Oxendine portrait unveiled in new gallery at UNCP

Pembroke, N.C.--The portrait of Chancellor Emeritus Joseph B. Oxendine was unveiled Monday, Sept. 18 during the Alltel Champagne Gala at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

UNC Pembroke's portrait collection of five former chancellors was debuted in its new location in the Chancellor's Dining Room of the James B. Chavis University Center.

"We felt this is a more appropriate home for the portraits because every visitor to the university comes through here," Chancellor Allen C. Meadors said. "This is a truly special moment have with us Chancellor Paul R. Givens, who served the university from 1979-89 and Chancellor Oxendine, who served from 1989 to 1999."

Chancellor Meadors welcomed a large crowd to the ceremony honoring Dr. Oxendine that included Dr. Givens, who traveled from his home in Florida for the event.

The five portraits represent all past leaders of the university since 1942, when the school conferred its first four-year degree. Ralph D.

Wellons served as president from 1942-56, Walter J. Gale from 1956-62 and English E. Jones from 1962-79.

The portraits have had three homes - first, in the rotunda of Sampson Hall; second, in the Chancellor's office in Lumbee Hall and now in the Chancellor's Dining Room.

Chancellor Emeritus Oxendine, who continues at UNCP as a professor in the Physical Education Department, said he enjoyed his time at the helm of the university.

"This is a great institution and getting greater," Dr. Oxendine said. "I enjoyed every bit of the time I was here, and I continue to be proud to be associated with this university."

Following the Alltel Champagne Gala, the "Broadway and More Series" kicked off at the Paul R. Givens Performing Art Center with "Steel Pier." Upcoming shows include "Jekyll and Hyde" on Nov. 21, "Swan Lake on Ice" on Dec. 6, "The Diary of Anne Frank" on Feb. 21, "Doc Watson on March 1" and "Crazy for You" on May 1.

Free Art Contest Open to Pembroke area students

Owings Mills, MD (USA) - Arts and Kids is pleased to announce that \$38,000.00 in prizes and scholarships will be awarded this year in its Annual Art Competition. Students from the Pembroke area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 115 prizes. The deadline for the contest is December 31, 2000. The contest is open to everyone 17 years of age and younger and entry is FREE.

"Everyone will enjoy an equal chance of winning the contest since entrants will be judged using age-appropriate standards," stated Deidra Hampt, Contest Director. "Many of the artists who enter this contest will gain national recognition through the publication of their artwork," continued Hampt.

In addition to the 115 scholarships and prizes totaling \$38,000 that will be awarded to young artists,

a \$1000 grant will be awarded to the schools of the five finalists for art education or to provide supplies or art-related technology.

To enter, send ONE original work of art, any style and any medium. All entries must include the child's name, address and age on the back. Artwork should be sent to: Arts and Kids, Suite 101-2112, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by December 31, 2000. Artwork cannot be returned.

Arts and Kids is an organization dedicated to bringing the work of young artists to the public's attention. In the last ten years, they have awarded over \$100,000 to talented artists, most of whom have never entered - or expected to win - any type of artistic competition. You can visit their website at www.ArtsandKids.com.

FSA Accepting Committee Nominations

The Robeson/Scotland Farm Service Agency is accepting nominations for County Committee candidates from Local Administrative Areas 2 and 4 (LAA). LAA-2 contains the Alfordville, Maxton, North and South Pembroke, Rowland, Union, Gaddy, Thompson, Fairmont, and Marietta communities in Robeson County. LAA-4 contains the area West of US Hwy 15/501 in Scotland County. Farmers are encouraged to nominate, by October 30, 2000, their farm neighbors as candidates for the County Committee elections.

According to Giles B. Floyd, County Executive Director of the Robeson/Scotland FSA, "the Committee is the backbone of the local FSA office. Without these dedicated farmers, this office simply could not function." The County Committee is the most direct link between USDA farm programs and farmers. "The County Committee helps shape nationwide farm programs into programs that work at the local level on things like farm loans, conservation programs, disaster assistance, commodity price support payments and loans, and marketing quotas", Floyd said.

LRDA Community meeting planned at Prospect School

A community meeting will be held at Prospect School at 7 P.M., October 2, 2000. LRDA District 5 representatives Gerald Strickland and Harold Chavis will host the meeting. Dinner will be served and the community is urged to attend.

meeting applications for enrollment are available, as well as information and phone numbers for each program.

Also at the meetings there is an opportunity for those in attendance to ask questions and express concerns about services.

This meeting is being held in conjunction with the mandate from the new chairman of LRDA, Leroy Freeman, who has set a goal for the agency to bring the program to the people. The meetings are being held to provide information on services and programs that are available. At each

LRDA administers the following programs: housing, food distribution, energy assistance, children's health insurance, energy conservation, tribal enrollment, Work Force Investment Act (formerly JTPA), Head Start, Day Care, Federal Recognition and economic development.

Kerns receives GATES Millennium Scholarship

Ursulla H. Kerns of Durham, daughter of Bobby Ray and Frances Kerns of Pembroke, NC received the GATES Millennium Scholarship for the 2000-2001 academic school year. The academic scholarship, supported by a generous grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, provides financial support in the form of a gift for students pursuing a college education.

Kerns graduated from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke with a Bachelor of Arts in 1997. She attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is cur-

rently enrolled in the graduate program in Speech-Language Pathology at North Carolina Central University (NCCU) in Durham pursuing a Master of Education degree.

Kerns is a Speech-Language Pathology Intern at Communication Consultants & Associates in Raleigh, NC. She has served as treasurer of NCCU's chapter of the North Carolina Speech, Hearing, Language Association (NCSHLA). She is an active member in NSSHSLA as well as the National Student Speech, Hearing, Language Association (NSSHSLA).