



## AS I SEE IT

Bruce Barton

*Lumbee River Fund is sharing this space with me*

If you haven't noticed, the Lumbee River Fund is sharing this space with me. We'll rotate I'll try to do my As I See It column one week and the Lumbee River Fund will do the next. It might work a little better and make allowances for my advancing years (I'm 60 now, you know!) and declining energy level. And also note the importance and attendance I am giving the fund. It is doing a great work and I commend its various activities to you. Note upcoming events in this week's column. See you next week.

# THE Lumbee River FUND

Family Histories, Inspiring Stories

On Thursday, October 25, the Lumbee River Fund held its first Storytelling Workshop at the Indian Education Resource Center. It was an amazing afternoon—about 25 men and women, young and old, from all over the Indian community came to recount precious family memories and share their old photographs.

We all gathered in a circle and got started with a welcome from UNC Pembroke Chancellor Allen C. Meadors, who spoke eloquently of the importance of stories and how they help us remember who we are. The workshop leaders—Bruce Barton, Malinda Maynor, Waltz Maynor, and Charlie Thompson—then got things underway. We went around the circle and each person showed their photograph and talked about the person in it. Malinda recorded their stories on audio tape, Jeff Currie (from the NC Museum of History and a LRF Advisory Board member) videotaped, Charlie Thompson took photos, and Bruce and Waltz prompted with questions and lively conversation.

Mrs. Theresa Carter Goin, for example, spoke beautifully about her grandparents, how much they cared for her and how she had always wanted to be like them. She told terrific, funny stories of spending time with her grandfather, and her memories were so vivid, she spoke just like she had been with him in the last few days. Other folks offered their memories of the Carters and we got those on tape as well.

Mr. James Moore took off work that day to come in and talk about the early years of Indian education, before the Croatan Normal School. He had valuable and interesting information—for example, did you know that one of the first Indian schools met at a turpentine cooper's shop at Moss Neck, in the 1850s? He also recalled his grandfather, Mr. W. L. Moore, one of the founders of the Croatan Normal School—what a fine man he was, how powerful his prayers were. Later, Mr. Moore identified people in the photos that other participants had brought.

These are just two examples of the many wonderful stories we shared and recorded that day—each one was a treasure and fortunately, we've gotten it on record. Every story seemed to teach an important lesson or say something valuable about who we are as a people; it just goes to show that, as someone once said, "you don't have to be famous for your life to be history." Each of these lives is tremendously important historically, because each of them is a thread in the fabric that makes us who we are as Indian people.

If you'd like to share your family's story and photographs, please attend our NEXT storytelling workshop! It will be held on Friday, November 30, from 3:00-5:00 pm at the Indian Education Resource Center in Pembroke. Please come, bring an old picture of someone who was important to you, and bring a friend or family member who has a story to tell as well.

Contact Malinda Maynor for more information about the Lumbee River Fund, 910-521-9513, or [mmaynor@nc.rr.com](mailto:mmaynor@nc.rr.com). Upcoming LRF Events include:

- Nov. 30: Storytelling Workshop
- Dec. 1: Lumbee River Canoe Trip
- Feb. 10, 2002: UNC Pembroke—Historical Photo Exhibit

## SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

The Public Schools of Robeson County Parent/Student Center proudly announces Scholarship Night on November 19, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Education Resource Center. Refreshments will be served! Speakers for this evening event will be Sharron Jackson, Anna Maynor, Bruce Blackmon and Nancy Starnes. They shall introduce you to many different kinds of scholarships such as; Minority, Native American, Merit and North Carolina scholarships. Also how to identify scholarship scams.

## Newly Recruited Physician Jessica Tucker Wins Award

Laurinburg, NC—When Dr. Jessica Tucker, family practice physician, joins Scotland Health Care System next July, her reputation will have preceded her. Dr. Tucker, in her third year of medical residency at Self Memorial Hospital in Greenwood, South Carolina, is the recipient of the prestigious Mead Johnson Award for Graduate Education in Family Practice.

The American academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) presents this award each year through a grant from Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, a pharmaceutical firm. The AAFP awards \$2,000 to medical residents chosen for their exceptional performance and for demonstrating exemplary patient care and leadership ability.

Dr. Tucker has been recruited by Scotland Health Care System to join Dr. Martina Dockery-Belfield, Physician Assistant Denis Ricard and Family Nurse Practitioner Ellen McLaurin at Pembroke family practice center. She finishes her family practice residency next June and will join the Pembroke staff shortly thereafter.

Recruitment of top-notch physicians remains a priority at Scotland Memorial Hospital and is the cornerstone of its continued success. Melissa Ciarrocca, Director of Physician Recruitment and Marketing, searches throughout the year for new physicians who will increase the community's access to medical care locally and in the hospital's outlying market areas.

"It is extremely important that we recruit high-quality physicians for our community," said Mrs. Ciarrocca. "We are very fortunate to have recruited a physician of Dr. Tucker's caliber to join our medical staff at Scotland Memorial Hospital. Jessica is a warm and caring physician who will be well received by patients and the Laurinburg and Pembroke communities."



Dr. Tucker was one of 20 national recipients chosen for this award out of 170 family practice nominees, and the only nominee from South Carolina. According to Dr. Gary Goforth, director of the family practice program at Self Memorial Hospital in Greenwood, South Carolina, Dr. Tucker's selection was based on her leadership qualities, scholastic achievement, community service and exemplary patient care. "She gives unselfishly of her time and talents by serving as a patient educator with the New Haven Apartments Latino community, informing them about issues such as tuberculosis, self-breast exams and various diseases," said Goforth. "She has served as a medical mission volunteer on trips to Nicaragua and Honduras, and presently provides medical care to patients in the Greenwood United Ministries Free Clinic."

Dr. Tucker grew up in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where she earned a B.S. degree in Biology at Fayetteville State University. She is a graduate of East Carolina University School of Medicine in Greenville, North Carolina, and is fluent in both English and Spanish. She is married to Michael Tucker and the couple has one child.

## Editorially Speaking

# Racist Editor Names Patrick Bullard Among Those Who Wish to Remove Supt. Barry Harding

On Sunday the racist editor of the daily newspaper finally admitted what we have been telling you for many weeks now. He stated in reference to the board of education that there was a "coalition" on the board who wanted to "remove" Supt. Barry Harding. He listed the same names we have given you over the weeks: Terry Smith, Millicent Nealy, Steve Martin, the whites, the tokens, Brenda Fairley and James DeFreece and our own "Scout" Patrick Bullard. The only thing the racist editor didn't tell us is why this "coalition" wanted to "remove" Dr. Harding. Well, we all know why. But for the record, I am going to tell you once again. There is a group of whites in the county, including the three who serve on the board of education, who have a political agenda. They wish to return positions of power to the whites. In the case of the superintendent, the racist editor of the daily, did not tell you the reason they wish to "remove" Dr. Harding is because he is an Indian. He, the editor, also didn't tell you that he is a member of this group whom we refer to as "the klan-mentality group." It seems interesting to us that Dr. Harding has received nine awards this year for his capable administration of the Public Schools of Robeson County, but the racist editor and his racist friends, still desire to "remove" him from his position. Give us a reason, Mr. Editor. Other than the obvious one—it seems to be the opinion of you who belong to the klan-mentality group that an Indian as superintendent is more than you can handle. Give it a rest!! We are not fooled by the subtleties and nuances.

After that editorial, we understand better why the daily newspaper will castigate John Campbell for failure to repay monies to the school system, but will not request that Patrick Bullard, the chairman who serves as the scout for the klan-mentality group, or Brenda Fairley, chairman of the ethics committee,

### UNCP Sociologist Discusses His New Book on Pee Dee Indians

PEMBROKE, N.C.—Dr. Michael Spivey, assistant professor of sociology at UNC Pembroke, will have book signing and informal discussion of his recently released book on the Pee Dee Indians of Marlboro County, South Carolina.

It will take place 10 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28 at Sampson-Livernor Library.

UNC Pembroke sociologist Michael Spivey says he has been researching this book all his life.

Entitled, "Native Americans in the Carolina Borderland: A Critical Ethnography" (2001, Carolina Press, Chapel Hill), it is the story of a special group of people in the county where Dr. Spivey grew up.

It is the story of the Pee Dee Tribe, and Eastern U.S. Indian Tribe that, like the larger Lumbees of Robeson County, is not federally recognized.

Dr. Spivey has been fascinated by the Pee Dee story all his life. He gets excited every time he tells it.

"It has been like an unanswered question in my life," Dr. Spivey said. "I think I have given the story some of the answers it deserves."

The story of the Pee Dees is very different than the Lumbees, in part because South Carolina never recognized the pockets of isolated Indians in the state. Many Pee Dees went to white schools.

"Our schools were segregated then," Dr. Spivey said. "But I went to school with the man who is now chief of the Pee Dees."

"I am telling the story of a tribe's struggle to rediscover its identity after generations of being invisible," he said. "It's a great story that should be made into a movie."

### Lifestyle Fitness Center to Hold Bench and Curl Competition

Southeastern Lifestyle Center for Fitness and Rehabilitation will host a bench and curl competition on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 8 a.m., 4895 Fayetteville Rd. in Lumberton. The competition will be divided into six weight classes and will cost \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Entrants must add \$5 for registration on the day of competition. Trophies will be awarded to the top three lifters in each weight class; the overall champion will receive a cash prize. For more information or to register, contact John Christian or Tre Rozier at 738-5433.

### McIntyre Announces \$50,000 for North Carolina Indian Cultural Center

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre announced recently that the U. S. Congress has passed legislation providing \$50,000 for the N.C. Indian Cultural Center. The bill will now be sent to the President for his anticipated signature.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "This is great and exciting news for the Lumbee and Native American communities in Robeson County and throughout North Carolina. \$50,000 in federal funds will help kick-start the local/state efforts to make this cultural center a reality. Congratulations to all who are involved, and I look forward to continuing to work with the community on this important matter."

The N.C. Indian Cultural Center will recognize the contributions of several Indian tribes and will include Native American villages, a museum, arts and crafts displays, dance and drama performances, and recreational facilities.

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### Maxton Christmas Parade has many special features

Mr. Erwin Jacobs and the Maxton Town Christmas Parade Committee for the year 2001 invites everyone to the yearly Christmas Parade to be held on December 8th 2001. Please mark your calendars. Parade begins at 10 a.m. that Saturday. Ms. Tosha Oxendine and Mr. Sheann will be with us again as our announcers. They are our local Channel 13 reporters from Lumberton.

High Sheriff Glenn Maynor will be our Parade Marshal. There will be other dignitaries as well. The theme this year is "God Bless America, Merry Christmas." There will be a Santa Claus. We will honor our senior citizens of Maxton with a breakfast and Limo ride to the viewing stand. We are limited on our limousines, so please make your reservations before November 15th. To participate in this honor call me at 844-9697 to reserve your seat and information about the breakfast. Confirmation will be needed by November 30th if you plan to participate and reserve your seat. We regret to say due to a safety factor of our children and all attending this parade, all horses will not be permitted in parade. However, we look forward to making this an enjoyable day for everyone in attendance. Please come join us for a great celebration. Crafts and food will be available for purchase. Maxton Police Chief McDowell will be in charge of security.

by Erwin Jacobs and the Maxton Christmas Parade Committee, Ms. Rona Leach, Chairperson.

### A Call For Poems

Write a poem and win the \$1,000 grand prize! Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a new poetry contest, open to everyone. There is no entry fee.

To enter send one poem of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, PMB 125, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028. Or enter on-line at [www.famouspoets.com](http://www.famouspoets.com). A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

"This is our big contest of the year," says Executive Director Mark Schramm. "We trust our prizes will encourage new poets to share their talent." The deadline for entering is December 8, 2001.

### A Call for Spiritual Poems from Pembroke Poets

A \$1,000.00 grand prize is being offered in a special religious contest sponsored by the New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to anyone who has ever written a poem. There are 50 prizes in all totaling over \$3,000.00. The deadline for entering is December 15, 2001.

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., PMB 70, Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter on-line [www.rainbowpoets.com](http://www.rainbowpoets.com).

"We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Fredrick Young, the organization's Contest Director. "Our desire is to inspire amateur poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. North Carolina has produced many wonderful poets over the years and we'd like to discover new ones from the Pembroke area."

be held to the same standards. As long as Patrick Bullard, Brenda Fairley and James DeFreece do the bidding of the klan-mentality group and help to "remove" Dr. Barry Harding, the Indian superintendent, the daily's racist editor will not find any public fault with them. His motto, and that of the klan-mentality group he belongs to is "Use them to our advantage." We hope that Patrick Bullard, the Indian Scout, will read that editorial and realize just where he fits in the agenda of the klan-mentality group. Personally, I would rather be called "too Indian" as has happened in the past, than to be numbered with this or any other group of people who demonstrate klan mentality.

For the record, John Campbell should pay back any money he owes. And so should Patrick Bullard. (you also read of his attempt to justify breaking board policy and being reimbursed for a workshop on Windows '97 in the daily newspaper), and Brenda Fairley.

Thank you to all you who have called, written and faxed us. We appreciate your encouragement and will continue to expect Patrick Bullard to abide by board policy as well as the statutes of the State of North Carolina. He can not legally reside in one district while representing another. Neither do we believe it is legal to re-district to accommodate a seating board member. But by now, you are all too familiar with the example Bullard is setting for our children and his recent statements in the public at the last board meeting reminds us that he is a poor example even for us grown ups.

We will not comment on his statements in reference to "the fella from Galilee" other than to say that we call him JESUS.

The opinions expressed in this article are those of the editor, Connee Brayboy.

## Tribute to Bryant Family



For Native American Heritage Month, I would like to take this time to pay homage to a family of Robeson County. It is the Bryant family of the Prospect Community. This is in recognition to Mr. Charles Alton Bryant, wife Clara S. Bryant for managing and maintaining a prosperous and prominent farm. The farm is listed in the North Carolina Century farms. It has been passed down through 3 generations of Bryants starting back in the 1800's. Beginning with William Chesley to William Doyle and to my father Charles Alton Bryant. The family has managed this wonderful farm for a little over 100 years with love, devotion and hard work. Charles and Clara have raised their children, Charles Anthony, Teresa, Phyllis and one granddaughter Alyssa on this fabulous piece of God's country. It is a favorite retreat for all their grandchildren, Jason, Jessica, Peter, Jordan, Savannah, Lauren, Rachael and Christian. It is my hope that with the coming years this farm would remain within the Bryant Family always.

Article by: Phyllis Bryant Lowry

### Richard Chavis Family Reunion to be Held November 24

by Ben Jacobs

The descendants of Richard (Dick) Chavis and his wives Charlotte and Ester will meet at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 24 at Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church Fellowship Hall near Wakulla. All descendants and relatives are invited and encouraged to attend.

Relatives and guests attending are asked to bring a covered dish, a beverage, a story, and photos to share. The program will include good food, gospel singing, and family stories.

For more information contact Chavis Family Reunion committee members at 843-1727, 843-3305, 844-9238 or 843-2670.

Richard Chavis was a farmer, a family man, a leader in the Wakulla community in the early 1900's. Richard Chavis was born in 1852 and died in 1926. He married twice. First to Charlotte Locklear and they had eight children. Charlotte died at an early age. Richard married Ester Clark and they had nine children.

At the last family reunion, over 1,000 people were identified as possible descendants of the Richard Chavis family.

For additional information contact: Patricia Lambert; 844-9238 or Ben Jacobs; 843-2670.

### FALL REVIVAL

West Robeson United Methodist Church will be holding their Fall Revival November 25-27. The service will begin at 7 p.m. nightly with a supper to be held at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Lifestyle Fitness Center to Offer CPR Class

Southeastern Lifestyle Center for Fitness and Rehabilitation, 4895 Fayetteville Rd. in Lumberton, will offer a cardiopulmonary resuscitation course in two classes, on Dec. 3 and 6 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The course is open to the community and costs \$15. Registration is limited to six participants; preregistration is required by Nov. 30. For more information or to register, call 738-5433.

### Statewide Art Exhibition Call for Entries

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (Nov. 12, 2001)—The women's center in Chapel Hill invites women artists across North Carolina to submit works for the eighteenth annual "Through Women's Eyes, By Women's Hands," the largest juried exhibition for women artists in the state. The entry fee is \$10.00 for one piece of \$15.00 for two. Artists should submit slides of their work for review postmarked by Dec. 31, 2001. Whole the exhibition is designed to celebrate the vision and voice of women artists, the theme of the art does not need to be based on women's issues. Mark Gottesman, owner of SOLO Art Gallery of Winston Salem, and Sarah Schroth, full curator of the Duke University Museum of Art, are this year's jurors. "Through Women's Eyes, By Women's Hands" runs February 8-15, 2002. For a prospectus or more information, call 919-968-4610 or visit [www.womenspace.org](http://www.womenspace.org). The Women's Center, a Triangle United Way member agency, is a nonprofit community center offering information and referral, career, legal, financial and support services to women and their families in Orange, Durham and Chatham counties and beyond.

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