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Alexie Entertains GPAC Crowd at UNCP



Left to right: Dorothy Blue, treasurer, Chancellor Meadors, Geraldine Maynor, foundation chair; Helen Hepbron, District 5 director and Marie Moore, president.

Professional Women's Club Endows Scholarship

PEMBROKE, N.C. -- Pembroke Business and Professional Women's club (PBPW) has established a scholarship at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

The scholarship is endowed for \$5,000. An endowed scholarship is a permanent scholarship at the university that can be increased in future years.

"Pembroke Business and Professional Women's club has established scholarships for more than 20 years, and we wanted something to focus on UNCP," said Marie Moore, president of PBPW and plant accountant for Fleetwood Homes of Pembroke.

"This is a very special scholarship from a special group of people in our community," Chancellor Allen C. Meadors said. "It is very pleasing to have such strong ties to this great organization."

The scholarship recipient is earmarked for a non-traditional female student who has returned to school form a career to further her education. The student must be a junior with the GPA of a 3.0 and they must have a financial need.

Noah Woods to Hold Public Forums

Robeson County Commissioner for District 4, Mr. Noah Woods, will hold Public forums in Robeson County commissioner District 4 at the following locations of dates and at times listed. County Commissioner Raymond Cummings, District 5, will be joining Mr. Woods in Red Springs on April 18th.

The forums are: **MAXTON**, April 16th -7:00 pm at the Maxton Town Hall, 201 McCaskill St.; **RED SPRINGS**, April 18th - 7:00 pm, Red Springs District Court, 218 S. Main St.; **PROSPECT**, April 22nd- 7:00 pm, Prospect School Media Center, 4024 Missouri Road, Maxton, NC; **PEMBROKE**, April 23rd- 7:00 pm, Pembroke District Court, 214 Main Street.

The purpose of the Public Forums is to receive comments, input and answer questions from constituents regarding matters of interest to citizens of Robeson County.

10 PSRC Juniors Selected to Attend the Governor's School 2002

Ten juniors from four of the six high schools in the Public Schools of Robeson County have been selected to attend the Governor's School 2002, the oldest statewide summer residential program for academically gifted and talented high school students in the nation. Students were selected in academic areas as follows: Mark McIntyre from Fairmont High School in English; Danielle McLean from South Robeson High in English; from Purnell Swett High, Charlotte Branch in Math, Mark Brooks in Natural Science, and Erica Dellinger in Math; from Lumberton High School, Anna Evans in Natural Science, Genevieve Parker in English, Adam Pflaumer in Natural Science, Joshua Walters in Math, and Jonathan Weathington in Math. McIntyre, Brooks, Evans, Parker, and Pflaumer will be attending the West Campus at Salem College in Winston Salem; McLean, Branch, Dellinger, Walters, and Weathington will attend the East Campus at Meredith College in Raleigh. No PSRC Students were selected this year in the performing/visual arts areas.

Established in 1963 and funded by the General Assembly, the Governor's School, which is open to rising seniors only, with exceptions made for rising juniors in the performing/visual arts area, is divided between the East and West Campuses. The program offers a non-credit curriculum for 800 students covering three areas: in Area I students study in their nominated area of academics or performing arts; in Area II students gain a better understanding of abstract ideas through the study of philosophy, epistemology, ethics and aesthetics; and in Area III students learn about their values, morals, thinking processes, and social and personal development thought he study of self in society. The study of 21st century theories as they relate to the past and to the future is emphasized throughout the curriculum. Since the Governor's School program is funded totally through the General Assembly of North Carolina, no tuition or room and board fees are charged to students. Student furnish only their transportation costs to and from the campuses and their spending money.

Tuscarora Nation Annual Pow Wow to be held May 17-19

The Tuscarora Nation is preparing for their Annual Pow Wow which will be held on May 17, 18, 19, 2000 at the tribal grounds in Maxton. There will be vendors with handmade crafts/bluegrass music/food/dancing/camp/ng/ticket raffles/ and much more. There will be a parade on Saturday morning in Maxton.

The Annual Pow is a clean family fun event. Participants are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and come on and enjoy the festivities.

Campers can camp for \$20 for the weekend and motels in the area will give a government discount to folks who are participating in the pow wow, according to Donnic Emanuel, Director of the Tuscarora Nation.

More than 1,000 people are expected to attend. All dancers are encouraged to come and participate. Day money will be given to dancers who register and are in the arena at the time the number is called.

Booth spaces are \$100.00 for the weekend and is limited to Booth space for vendors.

Admission to the pow wow is \$2.00. Children five and under who are accompanied by a parent will be admitted free. Senior citizens are also admitted free.

The host drum will be Kautonah Jr. Guest drums are invited to participate in the pow wow.

For more information please contact Donnic Emanuel, Director, Tuscarora Nation at 910-844-3352 Monday through Friday form 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

PEMBROKE, N.C.-- "Being an Indian is a tough job," Sherman Alexie told a UNCP crowd of about 600. "We don't really know what it is to be Indian any more. We've been making it up since you (Europeans) first arrived."

"It's all about story telling...it's all stories," he said. A Spokane Coeur d'Alene Indian, Alexie demonstrated why he is a rising star in the story-telling business. No topic was sacred for the poet, novelist, screenwriter and stand-up comic. He kept an appreciative audience laughing for 90 minutes.

After showing the crowd his "Indian guy walk" and describing himself as a 6-foot 2, "Banana republic kind-of Indian," he had some fun with the local community.

"This is like being in another country...Locklear country. I really don't know anything about the Lumbees," he confessed. "All I know is...you have Southern accents and really sweet tea."

The crowd, consisting of mostly young people, loved it. Alexie, who has written numerous books of poetry and prose and the screenplay to the critically acclaimed movie "Smoke Signals," responded to a request to make a movie about Lumbees by encouraging them to tell their own story.

"Why don't you do it," he said. "You know more about this place than I do. You can get a digital camera cheap these days."

Alexie was the final speaker in the 2001-2002 distinguished Speakers Series that also included Maya Angelou and Ralph Nader. His humor was loaded with political messages, and he ripped into a variety of targets, including the resurgent patriotism following September 11.

"As an ambiguously ethnic person, I get pulled over for the full search (in airports) 80 percent of the time, but I understand," he said. "I stand back from people 100 feet for every square-foot of American flag they're waving. Some guy in a big four-wheeler drove by and yelled at me. 'Go back to your own country!'"

Alexie called the incident "a crime of irony" for a Native American.

"Our leaders tell us stories to make us react the way they want," he said. "It started immediately after September 11th, and it's all stories."

"American have an amazing ability to believe they are right and forget," Alexie said. "We need to ask, 'What if I am wrong?' If you do, you'll be the only sober person at a drunk party."

Mary Elizabeth Jones Dr. Brayboy Endowed Scholarship Established

By Barbara Brayboy-Locklear

PEMBROKE, N.C.-- Mary Elizabeth Jones Brayboy's children doubt Hollywood will ever make a movie about their mother's life or her many accomplishments.

"But her support and encouragement of Indian children will produce men and women who are educated, responsible and committed to their families, communities and country," says her oldest son, Terrence Brayboy.

"As her children, it is easy for us to be thankful that she raised us to be self-sufficient, educated and responsible members of society," he adds. "She expected us not only to live our lives with decency and integrity, but also develop a civic responsibility and commitment to make our chosen communities better."

Last November, Dr. Brayboy's three sons arranged a gathering of family and friends to announce that they had established an endowed scholarship at UNC Pembroke to honor their mother. The Mary Elizabeth Jones Brayboy endowed scholarship will be awarded to a Native American woman who is a full time undergraduate student with a major in education.

A half century ago as a 12-year old, Dr. Brayboy worked alongside her older siblings in tobacco and cotton fields bordering the family's home that stands a stone's throw away from where the scholarship announcement was made last fall. It was there, in the small farming community of Wakulla, the young Indian girl learned valuable lessons as she worked in the farm fields; worshipped in a clapboard church; and studied in the classrooms of the public schoolhouse. Her parents extolled the value of these things.

After earning her high school



diploma, Dr. Brayboy went on to Pembroke State college from where she received a B.S. in Home Economics education in 1961. For eight years she taught high school home economics in the public schools of North Carolina, Ohio and Pennsylvania before becoming a program administrator for the Baltimore City Public Schools. At age 41, married with three school-age children, Dr. Brayboy earned a M.S. degree from Hood College in Frederick, Md.

While working on her doctorate at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Dr. Brayboy received a scholarship that provided full tuition and fees. She says she was deeply grateful for the funding and the opportunity to study without worry of how she would pay for her education. She was awarded her Ph.D. from UNC-Greensboro in 1990.

The scholarship award of up to full tuition and fees will occur half in the fall and half in the spring school semesters. The scholarship is renewable.

"I am humbly honored to know this is happening in my lifetime," Dr. Brayboy comments of the scholarship in her name. "I wish to live long enough to meet the first graduate."

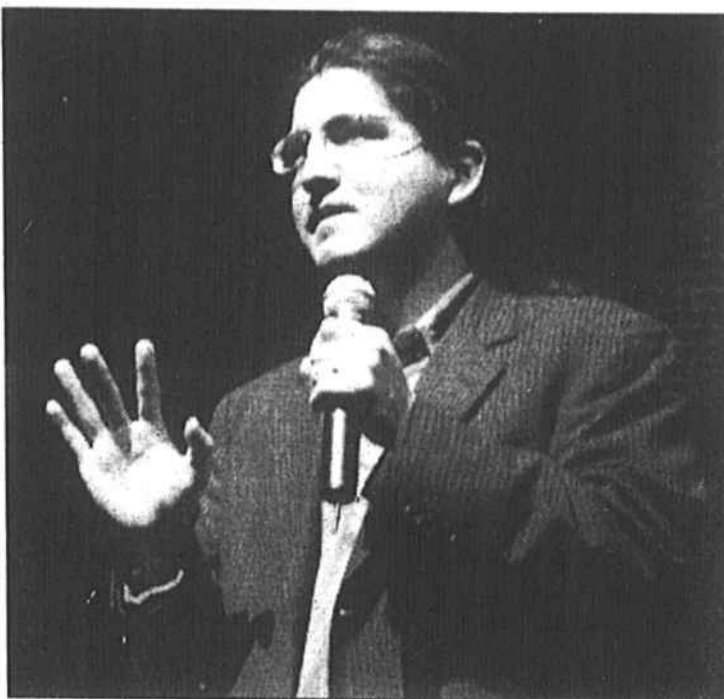
Retired School Personnel Meeting

The Robeson County Retired School Personnel Meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2002. The meeting will be at Calabash West Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Richard Petronella from Capstone Elder Plans will be the speaker. All school retirees are invited to attend. For additional information call 738-3309.

The Spring Luncheon Meeting

Free Health Checks in Red Springs

Free health screenings will be held Friday, April 19 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Red Springs Fire Department, 127 N. Main Street. Checks for total cholesterol/HDL, blood pressure, blood sugar and glaucoma will be offered to all adults 18 years and older. Only one fingerstick is required. Results are available in five minutes. These free screens are sponsored by Robeson County Partnership for community health. Call 671-5595 for more information.



"The loss of a couple thousand people on September 11 was terrible, but it wasn't the biggest thing that happened that day in the world. 32,000 children starve to death on any day," he said. "Where's the outrage?"

People from as far away as Raleigh and Maryland traveled to hear Alexie speak, and they were thoroughly entertained. During a question and answer session at end of the evening, he recited two of his poems.

His latest movie project is "The Business of Fancy Dancing," which he is distributing himself.

Alexie brought to an end this year's Distinguished Speaker Series, and next year promises to be just as impressive.

NC Coastal Photo Contest

Ocean, NC-- It's an open call to all photographers and lovers of the coast. The North Carolina Coastal Federation is inviting professional and amateur photographers to submit their best shot, capturing a beauty and value of NC's coastal environment.

In addition to a \$500 cash prize, the first place winner will be published in the NC Coastal Federation's annual *State of the Coast Report*. The popular report is distributed in October each year to more than 140,000 households and reviews NC's most critical coastal challenges and solutions.

The NCCF is the state's largest coastal conservation organization and works with citizens to protect and restore the state's coast. "The photo contest is a great way to celebrate the richness of our coastal resources. We're much more likely to protect that which we appreciate," said NCCF executive Director, Todd Miller.

To qualify, photos must be taken along North Carolina's coast. Entries will be judged based on the quality of the photograph and how well the photograph illustrates the beauty and value of NC's coast. Subject matter may vary widely to include marshes, swamps, dunes, maritime forests, sounds, waterways, shellfish beds, beaches or other natural resources, as well as wildlife, fishing, boating and people enjoying the resources.

The contest is open to photographers 18 years and older. Submissions must be accompanied by a contest entry form and postmarked by July 15, 2002. The contest is sponsored by Emerald Isle Realty. For a complete listing of rules and prizes and an entry form, contact the Coastal Federation at 252-393-8185 or learn more at www.nccoast.org.

LRDA Prepares for 2002 Homecoming

PEMBROKE, NC -- Planning for the 2002 Lumbee Homecoming is underway. The Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. is in the final stages of planning the 34th Annual Lumbee Homecoming. This year the event will be scheduled for 9 days- from June 28- July 6, 2002.

Mr. Dewey Locklear, Executive Director of LRDA, Inc. stated, "We are planning the mine days of Homecoming. New ideas and new events will make this an event to be remembered. We are very proud of the changes we have made. For example, we have recreated the Coronation Ball. It has been redesigned to be a very elegant, and almost regal event that will be befitting our new queens."

Locklear also stated, "We will be continuing many of the traditions that have been established including the Little & Junior Miss Lumbee and Teen & Miss Lumbee pageants as well as the Gospel Sing. But when we listened to the community, we felt there was more that the people wanted."

Other new events for the 2002 Homecoming include a homecoming kick-off dance, Lumbee Bike Rally, and a Mr. Lumbee contest.

For more information about The 9 Days of Homecoming and a complete list of the scheduled activities, please visit the LRDA, Inc. website at www.lumbee.org or call (910) 521-8602.

Red Springs to Hold Street Festival

The Red Springs Arts Council will present its annual Street Festival on Sunday, April 21, 2002. The activities will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 5 p.m. in downtown Red Springs. According to Ralph Steeds, festival organizer, "This year's festival promises to be one of our most exciting events. There will be a wide variety of activities that will appeal to the entire family. And we will have lots of activities of children, including pony rides, a "Moon Walk" and a free 'tunnel' obstacle course modeled after a train."

This year's festival will feature the *Second Shift Bluegrass Band*, one of North Carolina's most popular bluegrass bands. Another event featured at this year's festival will be the street entertainer Jef. Combining mime, masks, foolish props and other variety arts, the "Interactive Theater of Jef" involves audience members as willing participants in the performance. Some of the ways that crowd members participate is by creating the faces of Jef's masks, and participating with Jef in his mime and juggling acts.

Also performing will be North Carolina storyteller and singer Lenore Morales, and dance students from Laurinburg's Gibson School of dance. There will also be clowns and other forms of street entertainment. And as usual, there will be exhibits of arts and crafts, plenty of food vendors, train and pony rides, and numerous other games and activities for the whole family.

Artists, craftspeople, food vendors and community organizations who wish to participate in the Red Springs Street Festival should contact Ralph Steeds at 843-3559 in the evenings.

The annual Red Springs Street Festival is supported by a Grassroots grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency. Admission to the festival is free. For more information, call (910) 843-2427 or 843-3559.