

# Merry Christmas!



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### Editorially Speaking: A Front Page Editorial

## A Sad Day For The State of Robeson

Racism has raised its ugly head once again in good ole Robeson County. It certainly put on a sort of new disguise this time around, nevertheless it is still racism. In the quest to get rid of the school superintendent, Terry Smith and company claimed that race was not the issue. However; if you look closely at what happened, you can easily see that it was. The white folks in this county do not care who drives the bus as long as they are directing the course that the bus is taking. It is very apparent that some of the people on the Board of Education do not care about the education of Indian and Black children in this county. Progress reports on the PSRC indicate the school system is in the best shape it has been in the history of the county. What other reason could we have for getting rid of an administrator who helped to bring this about? We see it simply that Dr. Harding was not only driving the bus, but was charting the course it was taking, which was what he was hired to do. It is so sad that we as a people think we have to have the white man to

think for us. Go ahead and say that we have made progress in this county, because we have elected an Indian as High Sheriff and the Clerk of Court is Indian. Let's get real! The faces at the helm in many areas in this county have changed, but the politics have not changed. And after Tuesday night, when the Board voted to buy out the Superintendent's contract, it is clear that the thinking of minorities has not changed. Understand that what happened Tuesday night was just not a decision by board members. There were other players outside of the board members. The board members just cast their vote to the satisfaction of the powers that be! It is a sad day when our leaders are more concerned about power than they are the education of our children. What amazes us is how we cater to the blacks and whites when we are the majority population. We do not need any "Uncle Toms" in this county! We need more people with backbone like Bosco Locklear, Robert Deese and John Campbell; people who can think for themselves. We commend these brothers for standing up for what they

believe in THE CHILDREN! This is more than we can say for some of the rest of our leaders in this county. Another thing, while we are stating our peace the Indian people of this county need to stop helping to make the white racist newspaper rich. That newspaper is not a friend to Native Americans, especially those whom they cannot control. Have any of you ever wondered why the price of gas in Lumberton is ten { 10 } cents lower than it is in Pembroke and the rural areas? It is very simple! It is a drawing card to get us "stupid Indians" to go to Lumberton to spend our money with the rednecks. If everyone would do as we do we could change this racist attitude in this county. The white man understands one thing very well and that is money. There is a Chinese proverb that says "he who has the gold rules". Terry Smith will tell you that there was nothing racist about getting rid of Dr. Harding, after all the interim superintendent is black. We say again he does not care who drives the bus, as long as he is directing its course. It is time, and high time that we stand up for what is right and forget about being politically correct.



From left: LRDA Head Start Director Patricia Locklear, Leroy Freeman, board chairman. UNCP's Teresa Oxendine and LRDA Executive Director Dewey Locklear.

### LRDA's Head Start Program to begin UNCP Scholarship

**Pembroke, N.C.** - The Lumbee Regional Development Administration's (LRDA) Head Start program has endowed a scholarship at UNC Pembroke for the study of early childhood education. The announcement was made by Head Start Director Patricia B. Locklear at an event attended by more than 100 employees, board members and local dignitaries. "It has been my dream that one day one of our Head Start graduates could get a scholarship to attend UNCP and study early childhood education," Patricia Locklear said. "It took us years to accumulate this amount, and we plan to make it grow for years to come." What began as a vision 17 years ago became a reality when the program succeeded at raising the endowment, mostly "through small fund-raisers," Ms. Locklear said. LRDA operates three Head Start centers and two day care centers that serve approximately 200 children. "Our plan was to have a scholarship ready by the time our first children were ready to go to college," she said. LRDA Executive Director Dewey Locklear made the check presentation to UNCP's Director of Donor Relations Teresa Oxendine to establish the permanent scholarship at the university. "To endow a scholarship in this way is a remarkable feat, and a remarkable act of dedication to their profession," Ms. Oxendine said. "It takes people with a vision like Patricia's to make dreams become a reality."

In fact, Ms. Locklear will graduate from UNCP in May 2003 with a degree in American Indian Studies. She grew up across the street from the university and enrolled in her first college class in 1963. Headquartered in Pembroke, LRDA is a non-profit organization, dedicated to uplifting the members of the Lumbee Tribe, economically, socially and culturally.

### Tribal Crisis funds limited says government

The Lumbee Tribe is experiencing a high volume of applications for crisis intervention funds. A news release last week incorrectly stated that applications would be curtailed from December 13 until January 13. According to Dr. Ruth Woods, Tribal Administrator, Crisis Intervention applications will be accepted during this time and will continue to be taken although funds may become unavailable in the near future due to the high number of applications and the severity of need for crisis assistance. actions will be taken from 8:30 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. daily at the Tribal Office at 707 Union Chapel Road in Pembroke. The Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) is designed to help low-income families or individuals who are experiencing difficulty in payment of electrical and heating bills (electric or gas) that are threatened with cut-off and disconnections. Applicants must supply the following information at the time of application: Verification of household income; utility bill in applicant's name; social security numbers for household members; information about household savings and checking accounts; final or cut-off notices from utility, oil or gas company; verification of assets (most recent w-2 form, Income tax Record or property tax record; verification of date of birth for all household members; Verification of bills that were paid in the prior month; verification that the applicant is American Indian, and picture identification for all household members.

### Lumbee university students selected for NASA program

**Pembroke, N.C.** - A UNC Charlotte and UNC Pembroke team of Lumbee Indian students have been selected for a NASA research program. The students will conduct research experiments aboard a reduced-gravity aircraft. Just days after sending its first American Indian astronaut to space, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has selected a team of Lumbee students to participate in a highly competitive research program that will soon have them floating in zero gravity themselves. The team's research proposal was one of 72 selected during a blind screening process from the more than 300 submitted by universities nationwide for NASA's KC-135A Reduced Gravity Undergraduate Research Program. They will join teams from MIT, Harvard, Purdue and other universities in testing their research in zero gravity. The student's all of whom are members of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, received news of their selection Dec. 6 at a meeting on the UNC Charlotte Campus. The "Weightless Lumbees" team started work in October, preparing their research proposals using email and videoconferencing labs at the two campuses. The team will fly to Houston, Texas, to spend April 10-19 researching how liquids diffuse in reduced gravity environment. To do so, students-some of whom have previously never flown in a commercial aircraft-will be flying in NASA's KC-135-A aircraft, an airplane that through controlled dives can simulate zero gravity in its bay. The sensation has landed the research facility the dubious nickname of "vomit Comet."

The team members, who met each other face-to-face for the first time as they learned their project had been selected, will begin conducting preliminary research in the next few weeks.

Team advisors say the students' research could prove valuable to those working at NASA on shuttle missions and international space station work. Their Aqueous Diffusion Rates (ADR) project could inform them when mixing liquids in low gravity environments.

Both institutions conducted competitive selection processes for the student teams and released their final rosters Oct. 4.

Team members at UNC Charlotte are Robbie Goins, Ginger Moody and Kiel Locklear. They are advised by Howard Phillips, professor of electrical and computer engineering, and Kathy Nunnally, an associate director of the university's learning center, and assisted by Teresa Williams, an international analyst at NASA on loan to the North Carolina Space Grant Consortium. Tim Ritter, associate professor of physics at UNC Pembroke, advises the Pembroke team, which includes Mary Beth Brayboy, Toni Chagolla, April Oxendine and Joe Oxendine.

NASA's KC-135A Reduced Gravity Undergraduate Research Program is designed to inspire student interest in science, engineering and technology. For more information on the 2003 KC-135 program, visit their website at [www.microgravity.nasa.gov](http://www.microgravity.nasa.gov)



A painting was donated to the Pembroke VFW Post #2843 and is shown being accepted by Archie Oxendine, Chaplain of the VFW Post #2843.

### Presentations of Paintings at Carolina Indian Voice



Erwin Jacobs, left, agent for renowned artist James Locklear-Brooks recently presented some paintings donated by the artist to various organizations. The event was held on Thursday, December 12, at the office of the Carolina Indian Voice. Shown left, is Mr. Jacobs, also a Korean War Veteran, presenting a portrait of Robeson County Sheriff Glenn Maynor to the Chaplain, James A. Hunt, who accepted on behalf of the sheriff who was out of town.



Mr. Jacobs is shown presenting a painting to Harold Hunt, Robeson County Veterans Service Officer.



Mr. Jacobs presented a portrait of Zona Locklear, counselor with the WIA Program administered to the LRDA. Accepted the portrait is Leroy Freeman, Chairman of the LRDA Board of Directors.