

## Tribal members overwhelmingly amend constitutional territory

Members of the Lumbee Tribe instituted the first amendment to the Lumbee Constitution on Saturday, March 8, 2003. Tribal members overwhelmingly voted to amend the Lumbee territory from the "State of North Carolina" as stated in the document to "Robeson, Scotland, Hoke and Cumberland Counties." The Lumbee territory has traditionally been recognized as Robeson and adjoining counties. The constitution now reflects the historical designation for the tribal territory.

The amendment was proposed by the Tribal Council and presented to the Tribal Elections Board who placed the referendum before the tribal members.

This amendment eliminates those tribal council seats who served areas in the state of North Carolina such as Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh, and other areas outside Robeson, Scotland, Hoke and Cumberland counties. Eliminated on the tribal council are Tracey Gurriera of New Hanover county, Lonnie Revels of Greensboro, Rosa Winfree of Charlotte, and the seat vacated by Darlene Jacobs who represented the Raleigh area and has become the tribal administrator. Upon her selection as tribal administrator she resigned her seat on the council.

These members will continue to serve but will not be eligible to run for re-election unless they relocate to amended territory.

In an extremely low voter turnout unofficial returns show less than 3,000 tribal members voting and less than 150 voting against the amendment.



Samuel and Katrina Locklear at the SRMC Foundation Gala.

## McIntyre Announces \$100,000 for UNC-P Teacher Training Program

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Representative Mike McIntyre announced today that \$100,000 in federal funds has been approved for the University of North Carolina at Pembroke (UNCP) to initiate a teacher certification, recruitment, and retention program.

Congressman McIntyre stated, "It is critical that we do all we can to meet the challenges posed by the current and projected teacher shortage. In order to strengthen our teachers, and strengthen our communities, we must recruit, retain, and certify our teacher community. Our teachers are on the front lines everyday doing their best to provide quality skills and sound knowledge, and this program will seek to build on the strong foundation that has been built, so that our kids can continue to thrive and excel."

The UNCP Consortium for Teacher Certification, Recruitment, and Retention will help increase the number of students to pursue a teaching career, increase the number of fully certified teachers, and increase the number of teachers who stay in public education.

Congressman McIntyre is a member of an Education Task Force on Capitol Hill.

## Gala Kicks off SRMC's 50th anniversary celebration

The Southeastern Regional Medical Center Foundation hosted its 11th annual gala on Friday, Feb. 28 at the Pinecrest Country Club. About 400 guests danced the night away at the black-tie event, which kicked off the Medical Center's year-long 50th anniversary celebration. The gala also raised more than \$50,000 to fund artwork in the new six-story Patient Bed Tower, now under construction and scheduled to open this spring.

Gala co-chairs, James and Karen Granger and Joe and Becky Thompson, along with SRMC President Luckey Welsh and his wife Libby, SRMC Foundation Chair Faye Caton and husband Bob and SRMC Board of Trustees Chairman James R. Rust and his wife Mary Anne, were on hand to greet guests as they arrived for an elegant evening of dancing to the music of the Bill Bolen Band of Chapel Hill.

During the recognition program, Rust and Caton thanked the gala benefactors, sponsors and patrons. Caton also announced that the Take It To The Top! Capital Campaign to help fund the Patient Bed Tower and the expansion and renovation of Emergency Services and the Gibson Cancer Center had exceeded its goal of \$3 million. Pledges to date total \$4.25 million.

During its 50-year history, three men have held the top post at the Medical Center.

All three—James DeVane, Donald Hiscott and Welsh—attended the gala and spoke about historical milestones during their respective administrations.

Sissy Grantham, executive director of the SMRC Foundation, thanked the gala chairs and volunteer committees for their efforts. Grantham also recognized past gala chairpersons from the previous ten years.

An eight-foot-high, three-dimensional, golden 50, dominated a display accented by spotlights and a bubble machine, which greeted guests as they entered the country club.

Oversized historical photos and a slide show of the hospital's half century of service carried out the gala theme of "50 years of neighbors caring for neighbors."

The club was decorated throughout with arrangements and hanging baskets of Vendela roses, ivory-colored lilies, daisies, snapdragons and Queen Anne's lace accented by gold filigree ribbon and set against greenery of ferns, palm and ivy. Tables and chairs in the ballroom, sunroom, tent and outside enclosed porch were covered in black fabric. Black and white striped table toppers were accented with arrangements of Vendela roses in golden globes.

Florists who assisted with the gala theme design and decorations were Billy Davis of Flowers by Billy and Kandy Kinlaw of Kandy Kinlaw Designs. Davis decorated the ballroom, tent and outside, enclosed porch. Kinlaw decorated the sunroom, foyer and ladies powder room.

A two-toned gold, diamond and pearl drop necklace, handmade by Matt Grimm and donated by McNeill Jewelers of Lumberton, was awarded through a silent auction to raise additional funds for the Foundation during the evening. David Lee of Lumberton made the winning bid.

Caton expressed the Foundation's appreciation for the gala's 30 benefactors, who had given \$1,000 each; 10 sponsors, who donated \$500 each; and nine patrons who each contributed \$250. Guests paid \$125 per couple to attend.

In addition to the florists listed above, gala benefactors include: Allen Orthopedics, PA; Dr. and Mrs. Bob Andrews; BB&T; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Caton; Community Home Care and Hospice; First Bank; First South Bank; Jerry Johnson Chevrolet; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. Al Lewis; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Locklear; Lumbee Guaranty Bank; Lumberton Radiological Associates; Mc Donald's; Ms. Doris McLean; McNeill Jewelers; Peterson Associates; Raymond James Financial Services; Southeastern Cardiology, PA; Southeastern Radiation Oncology; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Stacy Jr.; Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Thompson; Triangle Ice Co.; The University of North Carolina at Pembroke; Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Welsh Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Werner; Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Whitman; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams.

## Union Elementary School Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

When: Friday, March 28, 2003

Time: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Where: School Gym

### You will need:

- \* Original Birth Certificate (Mother's copy will not be accepted)
- \* Child's social security card
- \* Updated Immunization Card
- \* Tribal Enrollment Card (if applicable)

### Age Requirements:

- \* Pre-K Enrollment (Child must be 4 years of age by October 16, 2003)
- \* Kindergarten Enrollment (Child must be 5 years of age by October 16, 2003)

## Sen. John Edwards is Commencement speaker at UNCP

Pembroke, N.C.—U.S. Senator and presidential hopeful John Edwards is the May 2003 Commencement speaker for The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, according to an announcement by Chancellor Allen C. Meadors.

Commencement is Saturday, 10 a.m., May 10, in the Main Gym of Jones Athletic Complex.

"We could not be more excited to have a presidential hopeful and an outstanding North Carolinian like Sen. Edwards come to our campus," Chancellor Allen C. Meadors said. "This will be a very special day for us."

Sen. Edwards, who announced his candidacy on January 2, is an early frontrunner for the presidential nomination.

Described by the Raleigh News and Observer as "smart, disciplined (and) hard working" with "A down-home manner," Edwards grew up in nearby Robbins, N.C.

Sen. Edwards has impressed colleagues in Washington and quick to capture the imagination of voters nationwide, much-talked about vice presidential choice in the last election. His success is all the more remarkable because he was sworn into office in 1999 to his first elected office.

A champion of homeland security, investment in public schools, patient protection and campaign finance reform, Sen. Edwards has taken tough positions on corporate corruption and international terrorism.

As part of his commitment to North Carolina, Sen. Edwards has visited all 100 counties, and every week that the Senate is in session, he hosts "Tar Heel Thursday," a town-hall style meeting that is open to all visiting North Carolinians.

Senator Edwards attended public schools and worked his way through Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina Law School, where he graduated with honors. His father was a textile worker, and Edwards was the first person in his family to graduate from college.

As an attorney practicing in Raleigh, Sen. Edwards made a name for himself as one of the outstanding lawyers in North Carolina.

He met his wife, Elizabeth, in Chapel Hill when they were both in law school. The couple have four children: Wade, who is deceased; Catherine, a student at Princeton University; four-year-old Emma Claire and two-year old Jack.

## Happenings at Swett High



Jerrett Meadors receives a scholarship to attend Elon College—left standing principal Wesley Revels, coach Clay Jerrigan, varsity football coach Frank Jerrigan seated—UNCP-Chancellor, and father to Meadors, Jerret Meadors, and Purnell Swett athletic director, James Howard Locklear



Montrell Brown receives a scholarship to attend N.C. State left standing—coach Woods, coach Frank Jerrigan seated—principal, Wesley Revels, Mary Evans and Purnell Swett athletic director, James Howard Locklear

## Spring Revival

Where: Ashpole Center UMC

When: April 6-9, 2003

Time: Sunday 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Evangelist Kenneth Locklear

Directions: Directly across from South Robeson High School; if traveling I-95 S. Take exit 7, right at stop sign, 1st left. Church is located about 3 miles down on left.

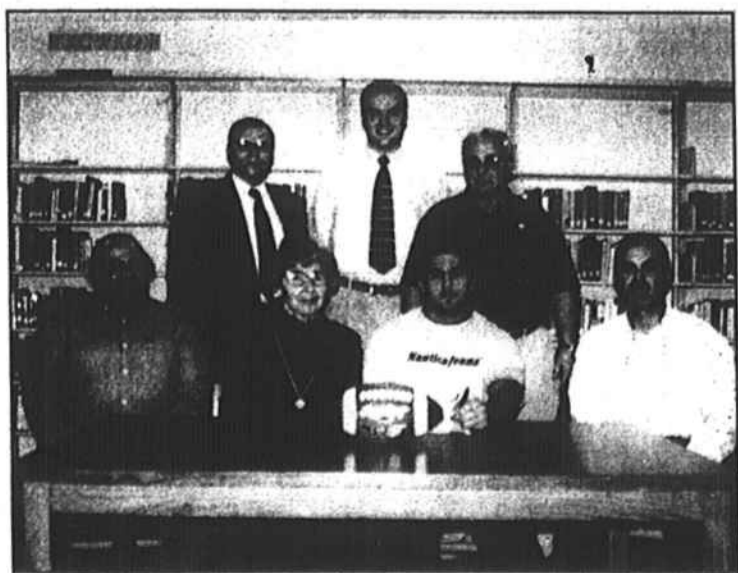
Everyone is cordially invited!



Purnell Swett's Quiz Bowl team defeated Flora MacDonald and Lumberton High School left—Mr. Richard Arnaw, Matthew Epps, Mark Brooks, and Mr. Nick Locklear seated—Ben McMillian, Lamorris McRae Jr. and Raisal Jones



The Purnell Literary Society and Mrs. Kimberly Locklear's English honors Class and Mrs. Yvonne Barnes Dial's class attended the drama "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller at the Carolina Civic Center



Brenton Mercer receives a scholarship to attend Winston Salem State—left standing—principal, Wesley Revels coach Thomas Carmen, varsity football coach, Frank Jerrigan seated Johnny Mercer, Maggie Mercer, and Purnell Swett athletic director James Howard Locklear