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## Aja Locklear, Miss UNC-Pembroke, to compete in Miss North Carolina Pageant



since being crowned in January, 2003. She also won the talent portion of the competition. She sees her title and crown as an opportunity to promote her platform-Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention. She is working diligently with others at the University to establish a community-involved program on the campus to help alleviate the problem of domestic violence.

Aja will compete in the Miss North Carolina Pageant June 18-21. She will represent the area in her position as Miss UNC Pembroke.

in business management and marketing.

Aja is the daughter of Lynwood and Pam Locklear of Lumberton. She resides in the Maxton community and is looking forward to competing in the Miss North Carolina Pageant. "If I win there it will give me a broader base to promote domestic violence awareness and prevention. This is a problem that exists and the more we know about it, the sooner we can prevent it," she said.

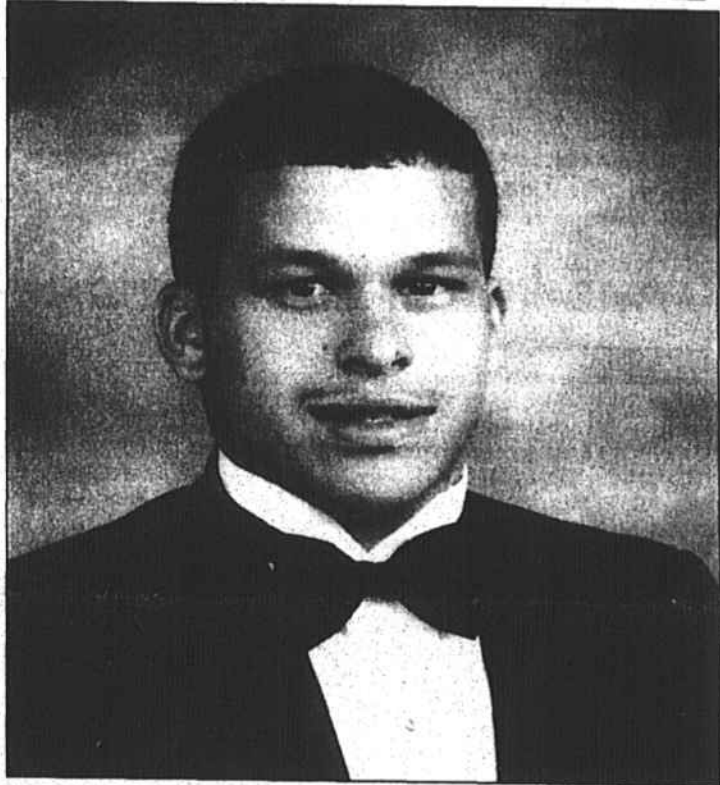
The Miss North Carolina Pageant will be held at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium and Aja will be one of 27 contestants.

Aja Locklear, Miss UNC-Pembroke, has enjoyed her reign. Aja is a sophomore at UNC Pembroke and is earning a degree



Purnell Swett High School Marshals. Matthew Blue, Ashley Oxendine, Megan Clark, Keosha Hunt, Benjamin McMillan, Cesar Martinez, Tala Smith, James Matthew Epps, Bryan Howington, Kasson Jones, and Matthew T. Dial. Chief Marshal-Matthew T. Dial. Assistant Chief Marshal-James Matthew Epps.

## A SPECIAL GRADUATE



by Alta Nye Oxendine

His friends and family couldn't help thinking how proud his parents would have been if they could have attended his graduation at the Givens Performing Arts Center on Friday night, May 23.

This was the twentieth class graduating from Purnell Swett High, originally named West Robeson High School. A few years before the members of this 2003 class were born, students from the former Pembroke Senior High, Prospect High, and Maxton High were brought together in the new high school building, located near the N. C. Indian Cultural Center, just a few miles away from the communities of Maxton, Prospect, and Pembroke.

As one of the 2003 graduates, Maurice Dial had "hung in there" following the deaths of both his father, Randy, salutatorian of the 1974 Pembroke Senior High class, and his mother, Jeanette Marie Oxendine Dial, who graduated from Pembroke Senior High four years later. Randy died of a heart attack in 1997. Three years later, shortly before her eighteenth birthday in October of 2000, Maurice's sister, Sophia, was severely injured in an automobile accident. The following summer, their mother, Jeanette, died of a heart attack. Neither parent had reached the age of 42!

After his mother's death, Maurice moved in with family members, spending most of the past two years with his oldest sister, Aundrea.

For many teen-agers, such unexpected tragedies provide an easy excuse to give up on dreams and to drop out of school. But, for Maurice, school was one part of life he could still depend upon!

During his junior year, Maurice was on his high school's wrestling team. For two summers, he worked as a lifeguard at UNCP.

For those of us who have been knowing this young man throughout the past 18 years, the fact that he stayed in school through graduation gives us high hopes for his future. He plans to continue his education by attending Robeson Community College, where his sister, Sophia, is a student. His sister, Aundrea, also hopes to continue her education in the future.

All of us, if we remain in this world for many decades, can expect to experience tragedies or hardships of one kind or another. However, as a person who has been extremely close to this family ever since the oldest child, Aundrea, was an infant, I would like to commend Maurice and both of his sisters for their determination to overcome their personal hardships and to become contributing members of the world around them!

## Coronation Ball tickets Available

LRDA, Inc. will be selling tickets for the Coronation Ball to be held July 4th at Porter Plaza in Pembroke, NC at 6:30 p.m. This year the Coronation Ball will feature fine dining, a live band, and a Coronation Ceremony for the newly crowned Miss Lumbee, Teen Miss Lumbee, Junior Miss Lumbee and Little Miss Lumbee 2003-2004.

For more information about the Coronation Ball or to purchase tickets, please call (910) 522-2162. Corporate tables are available. The Coronation Ball is a part of the Annual Lumbee Homecoming Celebration sponsored by the Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc.

## Fundraiser planned for AIDS project

The Borderbelt AIDS Resource Team will sponsor their First Annual Spring Fling on June 20, 2003 from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the O.P. Owens Building, located at the Robeson County Health Department in Lumberton. This event is a fundraiser being held to raise money for the HIV/AIDS clients the project serves in this area. Entertainment will be provided by Victoria Huggins and Abby Gail Jacobs.

## the Carolina Indian Voice



McDaniel Longwolf Lucas, Jr.

## Music and Worship Workshop planned by Baptist Association

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association is sponsoring a Music and Worship Conference on June 13-15, 2003, at Berea Baptist Church in Pembroke.

The workshop schedule is as follows: Friday June 13, workshop from 6:00-9:00 pm;

Saturday, June 14, workshop 10:00-1:00, lunch will be provided, and the final workshop session will be Saturday from 2:00-4:00. The workshop will consist of learning new music that will be presented in a Worship Concert on Sunday Night at 6:00pm on June 15.

McDaniel (Dan) Longwolf Lucas, Jr. of Midwest City, OK, will be conducting the workshop. Lucas, a Lumbee Indian, earned his BA Degree at Oklahoma

Christian College and his Master of Music Degree at Oklahoma City University. He is a recent winner of the prestigious Benton-Schmidt audition scholarship at the University of Oklahoma where he is completing his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Voice Performance.

At Oklahoma University, Lucas has sung the roles of Pargignol in La Boheme and Don Polidoro in Mozart's La finta semplice. He performed with the Cimarron Opera Company, the Tulsa Opera Company, and at Opera in the Ozarks, Arkansas.

All choirs and leaders are invited to participate in this workshop and Worship Concert. For further information, please call Mary Alice Teets at 521-9532.

## Revels informs BPW members about Healthkeeperz

by Yvonne Barnes Dial  
Angie Revels was the guest speaker for the Pembroke business and Professional Women's Organization meeting to discuss and share information about Healthkeeperz.

Serving as a market representative, Revels informed BPW members about the comprehensive plan of the business which includes pharmaceutical services, respiratory care services, personal care services, home medical equipment, and home health services. Professionals include pharmacists, registered nurses, physical therapists, speech therapists, respiratory therapists, home medical equipment delivery technicians, and certified nursing assistants.

"Thirty nine million minority women than Caucasian women are in poor health due to poverty, finance and diet," reported Revels. Other alarming information included a high rate of diabetes among American Indians, and work and stress add to a person's poor health. She encour-

aged the audience to burn candles, eat right, exercise, and to do some of the things they enjoy to release stress.

Healthkeeperz began in 1966 when Howard rooks, RPH founded Pembroke Drug Center. Since then, several businesses affiliated with the Drug Center have been established to provide the community with a more comprehensive health care system. Will Brooks serves as general manager. Howard Brooks, RPH, serves as president, and Tim Brooks is the Home Health administrator.

In 1992, Revels realized that Healthkeeperz served as a "great opportunity" for her. Previously, she was the human resource manager for Healthkeeperz from July 2000-September 2001. From 1997-June 2000 Revels served as benefits manager for Human Resources at UNC Pembroke. Also a graduate of UNC Pembroke, she received her BS in business administration with a concentration in management. Other than her profession, she served as secretary for the

## Healthkeeperz donates wheelchairs to UNCP

PEMBROKE, N.C.-Temporarily disabled students will be rolling around campus a lot easier in the future thanks to the donation of two wheelchairs from Healthkeeperz, a Pembroke-based regional home health agency.

"We need wheelchairs a lot more than you would think," said Cora Bullard, director of Student Health Services. "We really appreciate this gift. Wheelchairs are very expensive, this is a really nice thing for them to do for us." The wheelchairs will be used in a temporary basis, without charge, by injured students.

"We saw a need that we that we could fill," said Angie Revels, marketing representative for Healthkeeperz. "We are always happy to help the university."

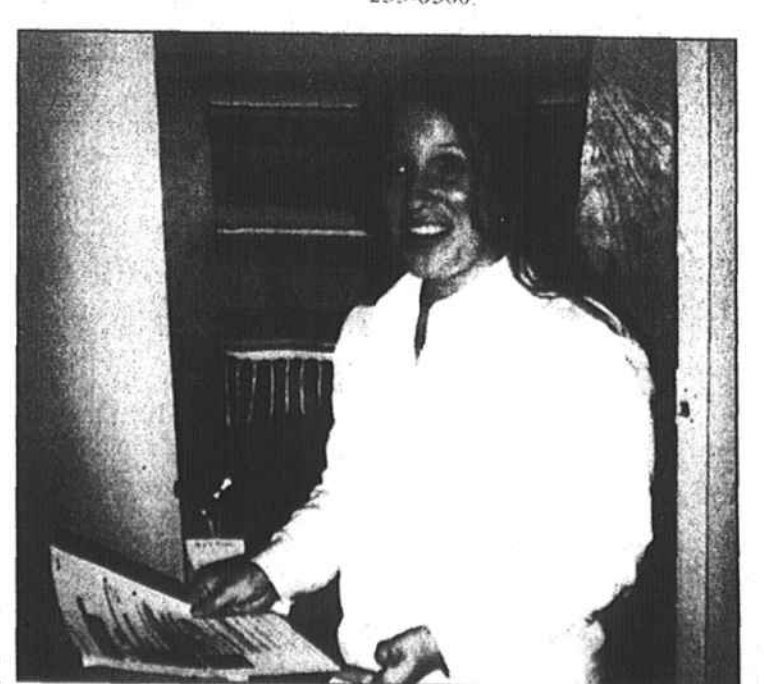
Revels is a UNCP graduate and former employee in UNCP's Office of Human Resources.

Healthkeeperz is a vertically integrated home health agency serving the southeastern North Carolina counties, offering pharmacy, nursing and therapy services and medical equipment.



Student Health SERVICES DIRECTOR Cora Bullard, left, accepts a wheelchair from Healthkeeperz Medical Equipment Division Office Manager Kagenia Strickland and Marketing Rep. Angie Revels, right.

Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce, participated in the marketing committee for Robeson County Job Ready Partnership, and is coordinator for health fair screenings for churches and community groups. She may be contacted at PO Box 1419, 802 Sunrise Drive, Pembroke, NC 28372, phone number 910-521-3862.



Angie Revels