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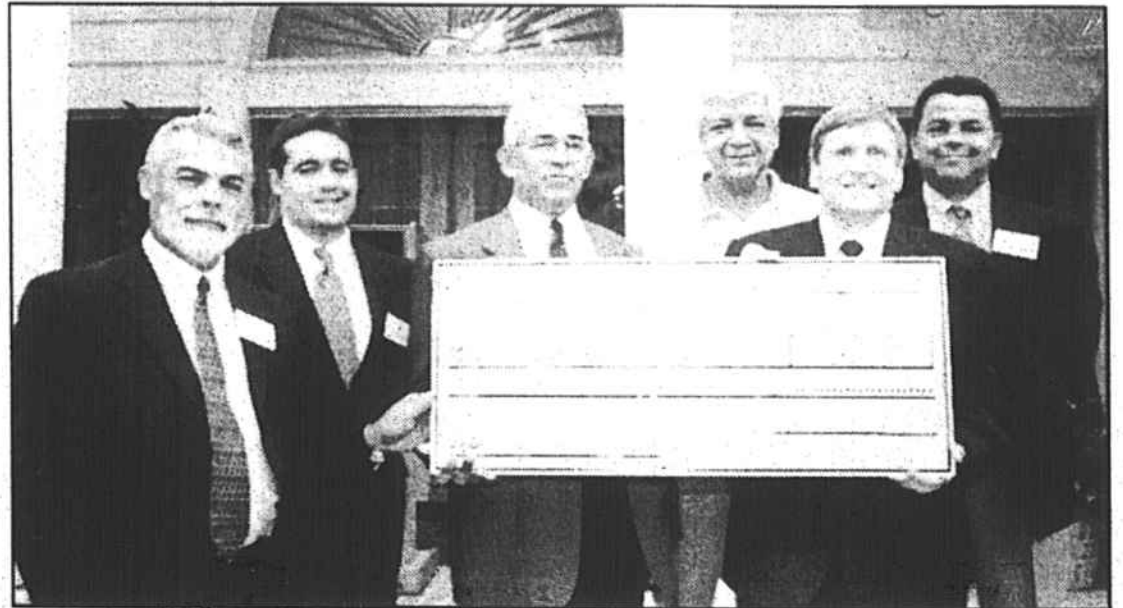
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UNCP establishes Lumbee Hall Fund with a gift from Pembroke Law Firm

PEMBROKE, N.C. - The University of North Carolina at Pembroke established a new fund to honor its founders, W.L. Moore, Preston Locklear, James Oxendine, James Dial, Sr., J. J. Oxendine, Issac Brayboy and Olin Oxendine. The fund will also support the founder's original mission of training teachers by supporting UNCP's Teaching Fellows program. It is a scholarship program to recruit outstanding high school students into the teaching profession. The Lumbee Hall Fund was announced during the week of the 2004 Lumbee Homecoming on a July 1 garden reception at the Chancellor's Residence. The fund was established with an initial gift of \$25,000 from the Pembroke law firm of Locklear, Jacobs, Hunt and Brooks. The fund quickly grew to \$38,000 with a personal gift of \$5,000 from the law partner Arlie Jacobs in honor of Malachi Locklear, Jacobs' great grandfather who was responsible for inspiring several generations of family members to the University. Law partner Grady Hunt announced the second gift of \$8,000 from the firm that will provide a permanent memorial to the founding fathers of the University. The additional pledge will create an exhibit honoring the University's founders to be located in the lobby of Lumbee Hall. UNCP's administration building. The original trustees will be honored in the exhibit along with Hamilton McMillan, the Robeson County members of the Lumbee Hall Fund who makes gifts of \$5,000 or more during 2004 will also be honored in the exhibit. Hunt invited others to join the law firm in contribut-

ing to the fund. Speaking on behalf of the firm, law partner Arlie Jacobs said the founders had a vision to create an institution that would provide a formal education for the children of the community. Jacobs said his family's roots go back to the early days of what was then called Croatan Normal School. "W. L. Moore, one of the founders of the University, resided in the Prospect Community and had a friend, Malachi Locklear," Jacobs said. "Malachi Locklear had a daughter, Anna Bell Locklear, who he desired to have a formal education. Anna Bell Locklear got that education in the early 1900s from what is now our University and began to teach school in the Prospect Community." "In 1953, a grandson of Anna Bell Locklear began to attend school in Prospect, and he graduated in 1964," he said. "All of his teachers at the Prospect School were graduates of our University. In 1968, the grandson graduated from our University." "Without a doubt, I am a product of the vision of the founders, because I am a great grandson of Malachi Locklear and that grandson of Anna Bell Locklear," Jacobs said. Hunt introduced James Moore, grandson of W. L. Moore. Moore said the founders led their people from and age of darkness into the light. "I have always thought of these men as heroes who led their people out of years of darkness," he said. "These people had been without any school since 1835, and the founders changed the destiny of the people." Hunt said the law firm is following the example of the University's founders. "I would

like to thank the senior partners of the firm, Arnold Locklear and Arlie Jacobs, for having developed a philosophy, long before I arrived, of being civic minded and giving back to the community," Hunt said. "I would also like to thank my partners Brian Brooks and Mark Locklear for adopting the same policy." Chancellor Allen C. Meadors thanked the firm for its generosity. "The establishment of the Lumbee Hall Fund is a showcase for the positive partnership between the University and the community," Chancellor Meadors said. Dr. Warren Baker, dean of UNCP's School of Education, said the gift would help take the Teaching Fellows program to the next level. "The University was founded to educate American Indians to become teachers for this area," Dr. Baker said. "We remain committed to that mission." Gervais Oxendine, chair of the UNCP Board of Trustees, also offered thanks to a modern generation of visionaries. "This gift will preserve the founding fathers original vision," Oxendine said. "This gift sets the bar high and I invite all our neighbors to join with the firm of Locklear, Jacobs, Hunt and Brooks to contribute to this fund." A public unveiling of the Lumbee Hall Fund was held on the steps of Old Main on July 3. Thirty-eight descendants of the founders attended the ceremony. For more information about the Lumbee Hall Fund, please contact the Office for Advancement at (910) 521-6213 or go to www.uncp.edu/advancement/.



LUMBEE HALL FUND: From left: Arnold Locklear, Brian Brooks, Arlie Jacobs, UNCP trustee chair Gervais Oxendine, Chancellor Allen C. Meadors and Grady Hunt.

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Physicians open up diabetes & arthritis clinic

Soon residents of Robeson County and surrounding areas will have access to full-time medical specialists who treat arthritis and diabetes. Both these new physicians have joined the medical staff at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Dr. Frederick A. Talip, a rheumatologist, and Dr. Analyn M. Torres, an endocrinologist, are opening their combined practice, Lumberton Diabetes and Arthritis Clinic, at 4300 Fayetteville Road in Lumberton on August 2. The physicians, both natives of the Philippines, are a married couple who live in Lumberton with their two children. "We chose Lumberton because it offered an opportunity for us to practice our sub-specialties exclusively," said Dr. Talip. "We will be accepting patients often by referral from other physicians in the area." The two doctors relocated from Louisiana where they were affiliated with Teche Regional Medical Center in Morgan City, La., for the past three years. "There are many people in this area who have been diagnosed with diabetes," said Dr. Torres. "I treat adult patients with diabetes, but I do not treat children younger than 15 years." Dr. Torres earned her medical degree from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila in 1993. She completed residency training in internal medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1998. She completed a fellowship in endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism in 2000 at the Health Science Center in Syracuse, N.Y., which is affiliated with the prestigious Joslin Center for Diabetes. She is board-certified in internal medicine and in sub-specialties of endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Torres will limit her practice to treating patients with diabetes and other metabolic disorders. Dr. Talip earned his medical degree from the Cebu Institute of Medicine in Cebu City, the Philippines. He also completed residency training in internal medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1998. Further training in rheumatology took him to Providence, R.I., where he completed a fellowship in 2000 at the Roger Williams Medical Center, which is affiliated with the Boston University School of Medicine. He is board-certified in internal medicine and in the medical sub-specialty of rheumatology by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He plans to limit his practice to disease of the joints and related disorders. "We came from a smaller town than Lumberton, and we believe this area is large enough to allow us to do what we love most-treat the many patients here who struggle daily to manage arthritis and / or diabetes," Dr. Talip said. "We think that the demographics of this area will allow us to have a significant impact on the health status of the community." Drs. Talip and Torres may be reached at their clinic at (910) 671-8556 or 671-9252. P.O. Box 1408 300 W. 27th St. Lumberton, NC 28359 (910) 671-5000 www.srmc.org

A Open Letter from Miss Lumbee, 2004-2005 Laura Kay Oxendine



Laura Kay Oxendine

Hello, I am your 2004-2005 Miss Lumbee, Laura Kay Oxendine, the 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald and Paula Oxendine. I am absolutely delighted to have the opportunity to become an Ambassador for the Lumbee nation, a tribe standing over 56,000 strong. That in itself is a great honor, to be chosen for one year to be a voice for our beautiful people, our beautiful culture, and our future aspirations. However, I have also been given the opportunity to become a part of a prestigious sisterhood, which consists of all of our past

Miss Lumbees. They have proven that our Lumbee women can be intelligent, productive, and graceful as they live in the modernized nation of our country and the traditional nation of our people. With every great opportunity comes great responsibility. There are many things expected of me as there have been of all our past ambassadors. Wherever my Miss Lumbee path may lead this year, I will represent you, my people, in a most respectable manner. Also, I will be a positive role model for our Lumbee Youth. Along with traveling and representing the Lumbee Nation, I will embark on my journey to develop my platform, the Lumbee Indian Foundation for Education. Over the years I have been a teacher for various children's fine art programs such as Ran Jam, Studio One's summer program 2003, and currently Bravo Studio's first ARTs and 2004 Summer Arts Studio. The creation of L.I.F.E. came from my love of teaching and my value of education. The main goal for L.I.F.E. is to begin a scholarship program for Lumbee students. To qualify for most national American Indian Scholarships you have to be a member of a federally recognized tribe. We are still persistently striving for federal recognition and therefore this requirement is a barrier for many minority scholarships. With time I would like for the foundation to contain tutoring and mentoring programs which will help motivate children to succeed and excel in education as well as in life. I can visualize all the potential of the foundation, but making this vision into a reality will demand a great deal of work. Statistics state the "of all high school graduates only 17% of our American Indian Students go forward to a higher education as opposed to the national rate of 26% (AIEF). This statistic is more than enough reason for me to aim my platform towards education. I cannot over emphasize the importance of an education. It is through education that we gain knowledge, and through knowledge that we gain the power to make a difference by helping each other and ourselves. We must remember that our young students are the future of our tribe's existence and well being. Once again I'm overwhelmed to have this opportunity bestowed and I will represent my Lumbee Nation to the best of my ability. I would like to thank our Creator and all of those who have made it possible for me to be your new Miss Lumbee. Keep all the Lumbee Ambassadors in your prayers as we begin what will be the next year of our lives.

In the Armed Services

Navy Seaman Herbert D. Oxendine, son of Roseanne and Johnny P. Locklear of Rowland, N.C., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Oxendine completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a Sailor. Oxendine is a 2003 graduate of Purnell Swett High School of Pembroke, N.C.

Pembroke Middle School teacher attends seminar

CULLOWHEE - Dale O. Locklear of Maxton, eighth-grade social studies teacher at Pembroke Middle School, attended a seminar at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching. Locklear participated in "The Civil War: One Nation...Indivisible?" June 7-11, conducted by Mary Kay Cooley, center fellow. NCCAT was created by the state legislature in 1985 to advance the art and profession of teaching in North Carolina. The center's main focus is a year-round series of residential seminars in the arts, humanities, sciences, technology, communication, and health and fitness for pre-kindergarten through twelfth-grade teachers. NCCAT's emphasis is on teacher renewal which directly impacts retention, professional growth and competence. The center's research-based programming is designed to renew teacher's vitality and enthusiasm for the teaching profession and to equip them with new knowledge for the classroom. Mary McDuffie is center director.

MDA holds successful fund raiser

On Wednesday, July 21, 2004, the Muscular Dystrophy Association put over 80 of Lumberton and Robeson County's finest behind bars for good at the Love Lock-Up. This event was a success, raising over \$27,000 to help provide local services. Thank you on behalf of MDA families in Robeson County! Next to the National Labor Day Telethon, our fundraising program referred to as a "Lock-Up" is MDA's premier fundraiser nationwide. Monies raised provide local services and help MDA continue to provide research dollars, assistance with communication devices, diagnostic and regular clinic visits, wheelchair and leg brace assistance, flu shots, support group sessions and even a Summer Camp for local children and young adults with any of the 43 known neuromuscular diseases that MDA covers. For more information about MDA events or neuromuscular disease, please contact the Costal Carolinas District office at (910) 791-8585.

Poems sought in contest from Pembroke area

A \$1,000.00 grand prize is being offered in a new poetry contest sponsored by Celestial Arts, free to everyone. A whopping \$50,000.00 in prizes will be awarded during the coming year! "Even if you have never entered a competition before," says Poetry Editor Michael Thomas, "this is your opportunity to win big. Even if you have written only one poem it deserves to be read and appreciated. Beginners are welcome!" To enter send one poem 21 lines or less: Celestial Arts, PO Box 1140, Talent, OR 97540. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com. Be sure your name and address is on the page with the poem. The deadline for entering is August 31, 2004. A winner's list will be sent to all entrants.

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