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## A Report to the Lumbee Tribal Membership

On Thursday, August 19, the Lumbee Tribal Council held its monthly meeting at the Lumbee Tribal Office in Pembroke, NC. The meeting was well attended by Council members with only one being absent, Delton Oxendine District 7. According to the Tribal Constitution, any Councilman absent from the three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the Council shall be removed from office, provided that such absences are unexcused in accordance with a governing tribal ordinance. Councilman David Carter, District 3 representative, who was not present for the meeting, participated in the meeting for a short time via telephone. Vice-Chairman Pearlean Revels, also from District 3, in accordance to the Tribal Constitution presided over the meeting in the absence of Council Speaker David Carter. The Tribal Council heard a report from Tribal Chairman Jimmy Goins relative to activity in the Executive Branch of the Lumbee Tribal government. Chairman Goins discussed the upcoming events being sponsored by the Healing Lodge, and encouraged everyone to attend and participate. In addition, he discussed several grant proposals being worked on to bring additional funds to the tribe. Chairman Goins closed his comments by expressing what he felt was the need for the Executive Branch of Government and the Legislative Branch, the Tribal Council, to develop better working relationships with each other.

Tribal Administrator, Leon Jacobs, also gave a report. One of the main topics of discussion was the Tribal Budget. Jacobs informed the Council that a public hearing has been scheduled for September 9, 2004 at 7:00 to be held at the Tribal Office. The Tribal Chairman is required to propose a budget during his annual State of the Tribe Address during the first week of July. A public hearing in the Tribal Budget must be held prior to the budget being enacted into tribal law by the Tribal Council. Discussion among Tribal Council members include whether or not copies of the Tribal Budget would be available for review by tribal members. There was also debate on whether the copy available to the public would be a detailed budget. Several members of the Tribal Council were adamant that tribal members are guaranteed the right to view a detailed copy of the budget. However, some Council members questioned the right of the tribal membership to review the detailed Tribal Budget. It was decided that a copy of the detailed Tribal Budget would be available at the Tribal Office for tribal members to review. Anyone who is interested in reviewing the Tribal Budget is encouraged to go by the Tribal Office to review a copy.

Jacobs also discussed the idea of the Tribal Council participating in a workshop with Arlinda F. Locklear, Tribal Attorney, on the separation of powers between the three different branches of Lumbee Tribal Government. The Tribal Council welcomed the opportunity and the training has been scheduled for September 4, 2004.

In other business, an update was given on the tribe's federal recognition efforts; a resolution was passed to close the tribal rolls to prepare for the upcoming tribal election in November; update on activities of the Tribal Business Resource Center; and an update on the status of housing activities under the NAHASDA grant. The Tribal Council also passed a resolution asking for the Governor to transfer the NC Indian Cultural Center to the Lumbee Tribe. Also, the Council voted for Fernie Lambert to replace Council Representative Aggie Deese, District 12, in the NC Commission of Indian Affairs. This issue was surrounded by much debate. There were concerns voiced that all Lumbee Tribal representatives on the Commission are from the same area. Some Council members felt this was unfair, and that other tribal communities should have the opportunity to have representatives chosen from their community. The Lumbee Tribe has three seats on the NC Commission of Indian Affairs.

Other business of the Council was addressed in closed session. However, the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe requires that all business conducted by the Tribal Council must be conducted in public session, except for proceeding certified in advance by the Speaker as implicating privacy rights of a tribal employee or member. There was no notice given as to what specific issues were to be discussed. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Lumbee Tribal Council is September 23, 2004. Please attend.

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## Swett High Happenings

About 45 staff and administrators participated in a one-week Teacher Academy in July. The primary focus of the instruction this year was technology, with staff participating in instruction about Microsoft Power Point and creating presentations using this software. They also learned about and practiced the software Inspirations, a program that teaches about organizers, word web and other strategies that will help PSHS students more effectively learn and retain instruction.

Librarian Valarie C. Freeman and Spanish teacher Daniel Cornado hosted an "ESL Welcome Back Night" on August 17, for the Hispanic students and other materials translated into Spanish for their benefit. A highlighted the areas of concerns for the parents with students attending our school. After a lovely dinner the parents were given a tour of the campus.

Over 200 students from Pembroke Middle, Prospect and Townsend Middle schools attended the first ever 8th Grade Transition program held at Purnell Swett High School. It was designed to make the easier transition from their respective middle school to Purnell Swett High School, hoping that the participants would be a bit less anxious and less stressed during the first few days of school. During the two-day event, 8th grade graduates were welcomed to PSHS; learned about the climate of high expectations that are part of everyday life at the high by administrators and guidance; received an explanation of routines and procedures; learned study skills strategies; covered the basics of Covey's Seven Habit of High Effective Teenagers; received information relating to career pathways, career guidance and using the career development plan; and toured the school to the extent possible.

Purnell Swett High School proudly welcomes to the Purnell Swett family, the following new certified employees Deborah Aringe (social studies), Melanie Bullard (exceptional children), Veronica Emanuel (exceptional children), Stephanie Locklear (media center), John Lowery (social studies), Tammy Lowery (social worker), Zachery Mitcham (ROTC), Margaret Prozenzano (math), Tina Oxendine (allied health sciences), Jeff Petty (health physical education), Deneane Waddell (exceptional children), and Mike West (health, physical education/coach). Former faculty returning to Purnell Swett from other careers are Lae Ruth Always (marketing education) and Gertie Mariani (science). Also joining PSHS are Patricia Brayboy (exceptional children), Roseanne Locklear (exceptional children) and Scarlette Rosales (attendance technician).



Oxendine Science Building ribbon cut-From left: Mildred Jacobs, the late Oxendine's sister; Herbert G. (Grant) Oxendine, Linda Oxendine, Chancellor Meadors, Miriam Oxendine, Richard Oxendine.

## UNCP dedicates Herbert G. Oxendine Science Building

PEMBROKE, N.C. - The renovated and expanded Herbert G. Oxendine Science Building at UNC Pembroke was dedicated Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004.

On a beautiful, fall-like day, nearly 200 looked on as family members of the late Dr. Oxendine helped Chancellor Allen C. Meadors cut the ribbon.

"Dr. Herbert G. Oxendine was a great man who was loved by many," Chancellor Meadors said. "His legacy lives here at the University." Constructed in 1967, the Science Building was named for Dr. Oxendine in 1973. The former dean of faculty and head of the Education Department worked at many jobs at the University from 1953 to 1966, when he died at age 53.

Dr. Linda Oxendine, daughter of Herbert Oxendine and chair of American Indian Studies, said UNCP is part of her family.

"My father really loved this place, every part of it," said Dr. Oxendine, who enrolled at UNCP in 1963. "This school became part of our lives and our family."

"He really saw the potential of this institution, and if he were here today, he would not be surprised," she said.

Dr. Herbert Oxendine was the first Lumbee Indian to get a doctorate, and he encouraged others to continue their education. One of the people he encouraged was a young Joseph B. Oxendine, who would become chancellor of UNCP.

"He talked me into getting my doctorate," Dr. Oxendine said. "Herbert Oxendine established the academic character of this institution." With a price tag topping \$17 million, the Herbert G. Oxendine Science Building is the largest construction project in the history of UNCP. The project, which was completed in about 15 months, was finished in time for the start of the 2004 fall semester.

"This was more than building a building; it was a production," said Neil Hawk, vice chancellor for Business Affairs. "We combined two projects into one, which saved a year in construction time."

The project had two architects, Hayes Howell of Southern Pines, N.C. and BJAC Architects of Raleigh, N.C. SUITT Construction of Raleigh was employed as the project manager. University Architect Steve Martin coordinated the project for UNCP.

Classrooms, labs and offices for three academic departments - Mathematics and Computer Science, Biology and Chemistry and Physics - were housed for a year in modular units on the north side of campus and returned just before the start of classes on August 23.

The building got good reviews from returning faculty. "Nice!" said Dr. Tim Ritter of the Chemistry and Physics. "This is great for the students."

"I am happy to come to my office this semester," said Dr. Tom Dooling, Chemistry and Physics Department. "The offices are nice and air conditioning works."

As provost and Vice Chancellor for Academics Affairs Dr. Roger Brown said, "it is not the bricks and mortar, it is the blood, sweat and tears that make a university."

Funds for the renovations and additions to the Oxendine Science Building were provided by North Carolina Higher Education Revenue Bonds that were approved by the voters in 2002. UNCP will receive almost \$57 million in funds for construction from bonds.

## Big Sweep annual clean up begins Oct. 2nd

**BIG SWEEP.** North Carolina's annual clean-up of waterways and shorelines, will be held on the Lumber River on Saturday, October 2nd from 9 am until 1 pm. Robeson County Big Sweep organizers, are looking for individuals and organizations who are interested in volunteering to clean up the Lumber River by boat or at bridges and landings along the river.

Last September, during 2003 Bid Sweep, 94 citizens of Robeson County and river lovers from all over volunteered to spend a Saturday morning picking up 7,000 lbs of trash tossed into the Lumber River by thoughtless litterbugs. Across North Carolina 13,757 volunteers picked up 451,073 lbs of trash from our state's waterways and shorelines.

Unfortunately these same inconsiderate litterbugs have had another year to pollute the Lumber River with drink bottles, worm cups, fishing line, tires, cigarette butts, styrofoam containers, oil containers, dead animals and whatever else they could find to throw in the river.

Big Sweep organizers believe that litter will be especially bad on the river this year because of the excellent fishing this summer. Unfortunately some of the most avid users of the rivers, such as many fishermen, are some of the worst polluters of the river.

To volunteer to clean up after these Lumber River polluters or for more information, contact Neill Lee at Lumber River State Park at (910) 628-9844.

Your help and support will be appreciated!

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## Pembroke BPW attends National Conference

The 599 delegates and guest of the National Federation of Business Women's Club spent four busy days in workshops, career coaching and professional development sessions, conducting the business of the Federation, and attending the Young Careerist Speak-off. The Speak-off for us was one of the highlights. Hawthana Rising did an outstanding job for her local and state. She was in the top 5 percent. Excellent going, Hawthana. Pembroke LO is very proud of you.

The theme for the conference was "Get Fired Up... Turn Up The Volume". The opening ceremony was held on Wednesday, July 14 from 8:00a.m. - 10:00pm. Carol Anderson was the keynote speaker. She is a former Psychology teacher and performer. She had movie roles with Faye Dunaway and Sandra Bullock, toured with Roy Clark, sang with Willie Nelson, and has appeared on the Tonight Show. Her message for business and professional women were:

1. Get and keep a fired-up attitude
2. Keep a sense of humor
3. Embrace change
4. Balance your life for real! We'll get the solutions we need. Carol is a member of the National Speakers Association and is the CEO of a successful publishing company. She has shown thousands how to keep fired up. The Business Session speaker for Friday was Ruth Williams, a motivational speaker and trainer, who feels the only limits we have are those we impose on ourselves. No one can limit you but you. She encourages us to find something we love to do. To be a successful woman, we must keep focused. We are influencing someone everyday. She encouraged members to be a LIFTER, not a LEARNER. Keep lifting.

Newly elected officers were:  
President Elect - Roslyn A. Ridgeway (Georgia)  
Vice President - Nancy Jackson (Texas)  
Recording Secretary - Diane M. Polangin (Maryland)  
Treasurer - Carolyn M. Romero (Colorado)  
A 54th State Federation, American Samoa, was welcomed on July 15, 2004.

President, Nancy Hurlbert, presented her goals:

1. Be a leading advocate for working women
  2. Economic equity
  3. Membership
  4. Professional Development - Bring members what they need.
  5. Political Impact - Partner for campaign training
  6. Public image
  7. Financial stability - develop corporate funding sources. Gain financial wealth independent of dues.
- She stressed the key to our growth is retaining our continuing members. Let BPW remain a working voice for working women.  
Note: Liberty Mutual Company gives BPW discounts - Rated #1 for claims services.

Business:  
1. Approved National Legislative Platform 2004-2005 as presented.  
2. Approved Public Policy Resolutions with minor changes.  
Upcoming conferences:  
2005 - Philadelphia, PA  
2006 - Dallas, TX  
2007 - Reno, NV  
Special Awards:  
Young Careerist - Deborah Phillips, Washington  
Spirit Award - Julie Dands, Illinois  
Support for Presidential Candidates, endorsed Kerry-Edwards,

New officers for the Pembroke BPW include:  
President - Marie Moore, President elect - Sherry Lynn Odum, Vice-President, Yvonne Barnes Dail, Secretary - Mitzie Locklear; and Treasurer, Dorothy Blue

## Church and Community Center holds annual dinner meeting

The Robeson County Church and Community Center held its annual dinner meeting at Chestnut Street Church August 12. Chairperson, Yvonne Barnes Dail, welcomed everyone and Rev. Jimmie Tatum presented the invocation.

Executive director, Pat Lykins, introduced the staff and board members, and afterwards, Shirley Oxendine performed in sign language and sang for entertainment.

With the center's main mission is assisting those in need, several recipients of the center share briefly how RCCCC has helped them and the significance it has made in their lives.

Treasurer and board member, John Frye, shared the financial situation of the agency and stressed that we need to solicit funds in larger amounts to accommodate the needs of the people in the county.

Pat Lykins recognized retiring board members, and Rev. Jimmy Cummings, nomination chair, introduced the new members of the board and officers for the upcoming year. Mrs. Lykins also gave closing remarks and the benediction.

The board also met August 19 at the center in Red Springs for its quarterly meeting. Members were appalled at the conditions of the center, especially at the dangerous and extensive damage of the roof above the center's director's office roof. The roof is now being repaired.

RCCCC is in dire financial need to continue to service the people of Robeson County with funds being cut drastically from grants and other agencies. The center is requesting that churches, organizations, individuals, all persons interested, to help provide financial support.

Please contact Pat Lykins at Robeson County Church and Community Center, 210 East 15th St., Lumberton, NC 28358, phone number-910-738-5204, or e-mail, patlykins@yahoo.com.

Officers for 2004-2005 include: chairperson, Rev. Jimmie Tatum, vice-chairperson, Rev. Jimmy Cummings, Secretary, Edith Duncan, and treasurer, John Frye.

## New phone numbers for Carolina Indian Voice

Please make a note of the new phone numbers for the Carolina Indian Voice.

910-521-0796  
910-521-0992  
910-521-9154

And the new fax number:  
910-521-7670