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MISS U.S. TEEN HAS ROBESON TIES



Monica Ann McKinney was crowned Miss South Carolina U.S. Teen back in March and went on to represent the state of South Carolina in the National Pageant held in Atlanta, Georgia in August. She was selected Miss U.S. Teen. Her prizes as Miss U.S. Teen included a \$10,000 silver fox fur coat, diamond pendant, gold watch, seven day trip to U.S.

Virgin Islands, modeling portfolio, evening gowns, and many other prizes.

Monica is the 20-year-old daughter of Pat and Grady Davis of Myrtle Beach, SC. She is the granddaughter of Averna Deese Bullard of Pembroke and the great granddaughter of Carrie Lee Deese, also of Pembroke.

Nominations Sought For Distinguished Women

Nomination deadline for the 1989 Distinguished Women of North Carolina Awards is nearing. All nominations for the prestigious award must be postmarked by Jan. 15, 1989.

The awards recognize individual women whose contributions to the state or to the nation have had a significant impact upon the lives of citizens or who have attained outstanding levels of personal achievement in a particular field, according to Administration Secretary James S. Lofton.

The awards are sponsored by the N.C. Council on the Status of Women in the N.C. Department of Administration.

"This is the sixth year that outstanding North Carolina women have been recognized by this award," Lofton said. "By singling out a

few, the council brings honor to all North Carolina women. To be nominated is, in itself, a distinct honor."

Awards will be presented March 29 at a banquet to be held at the Raleigh Marriott. March is Women's History Month.

Award winners will be selected by a committee of prominent North Carolinians appointed by the chairman of the Council on the Status of Women. All citizens of North Carolina are invited to nominate any individual woman who is a living, native-born North Carolinian, or who currently resides in the state.

For more information or nomination forms, write: Council on the Status of Women, 526 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh, N.C. 27604-1199.

THE OPTIMISTIC CYNICS BY KAREN CORONADO & WM. RICHARD MATHIS

THE JAPANESE ARE COMING!
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The Japanese are buying up America. That's what they've been saying on TV a lot lately. They still aren't up there with the oil sheiks but they're coming on fast in the race to collect the collateral of the world's greatest debtor nation.

In eight years we have gone from being the country owed the most to being the country owing the most. Of course, most of the countries in the world still owe us a tremendous amount but all we collect must now go to pay our debts.

So we might need to get used to 40% of our gross national product going to repay our foreign debt. That's the case in Mexico and other "third world" countries.

Like Mexicans, Filipinos, or Brasilenos, we might need to get used to foreigners being our bosses and supervisors. Like them, we might be so impoverished that we will accept any work irregardless of the oppressive conditions.

Hopefully, it won't be as bad as in factories owned by foreigners in Juarez, Mexico. Given the desperate Mexican economy, the foreigners don't have to worry about paying workers fifty cents an hour or limiting breaks to 30 minutes at lunch. The Mexican workers are glad to have a chance to fend-off starvation.

However, the Mexican workers don't have too much of a chance to fend-off foreign involvement in their internal affairs. Frequently they find their standard-of-living adversely impacted by cuts in government programs (e.g., schools, roads, cops, etc) because their government had to use the monies as payment on the foreign debt.

Control of the economic system also allows tremendous input into the political system. Foreign investors usually get rather upset at any signs the locals are thinking of taking control of their own economic and political systems.

For example, in Central and South America, certain foreign investors have supported repressive regimes in order to protect their investments. The foreigners have bribed officials, assassinated leaders, trained terrorist death squads, sent troops and mercenaries, and toppled democratically elected governments to prevent losing control of the economic and political systems of debtor nations. The common person in the investor's motherland hasn't seemed to mind the oppression so long as he got his cheap cup of coffee and banana daily.

Of course, we Americans are the owners of the factories in Juarez and we are ones who have supported the likes of Somoza in Nicaragua, Pinochet in Chile, D'Aubisson in El Salvador, and Marcos in the Philippines. The bananas we eat are bloody with the oppression of Indians and Ladinos (Indian and Spanish blood) at the hands of rich white plantation owners who our government has traditionally supported.

Ironically, the average American is afraid the Japanese will inflict upon us what we have been inflicting upon the "third world" for a long time. But it has not just been inflicted in foreign countries; Anglo Americans have a long history of oppressing American Blacks, Chicanos, and Indians in the United States.

Anglo Americans fear non-whites will retaliate for the injustices inflicted in the names of racial superiority and manifest destiny. They fear Blacks in South Africa will treat Afikaners the same way Blacks have been treated. With Indians, they're afraid the Indians will want the land back and will make whites return to Europe or live on reservations.

Anglos now fear that their land will be bought-up by Japanese and that their children will have to learn Japanese to get a job. Instead of grumbling about the jerks in Washington or New York, they'll have some jerk foreigner who may very well discriminate against them because of their skin color and the shape of their eyes. Perhaps after being the oppressed, Anglos will heed the advice of civil rights advocates and actually desire to judge people on their merits and not their color.

In Robeson County, we will soon face the prospect of Japanese corporations locating here. Like the Yankee firms before them, they will likely be attracted by the low wages and lack of organized labor. They'll be concerned by the drop-out and illiteracy rates but then decide that the lack of education ensures low wages. Somebody will inform them that the Indians might be frustrated with their lot but that they will take-out their frustrations on each other and not on their jobs. "Come on down, fellows, it'll make a nice stop-over on your way to Brazil."

As for us, we are tired of seeing Indians struggling to survive in jobs that are making some rich person richer. And it's not only non-Indians who are oppressing Indians: the worse sweat-shop we know of in Robeson County is owned by a rich Indian.

Until Indians organize an develop economic self-sufficiency that is locally owned and democratically controlled, they will continue living in oppression and poverty whether it be at the hands of Anglos, Japanese, or Uncle Tomahawks.

For starters, we need a model program which could demonstrate the virtues of local ownership and democratic control. The Superintendent of the St. Pauls School System has provided us with an excellent example of using the schools to foster economic self-sufficiency. High school students opened a delicatessen adjacent to Interstate 95 which has been successful economically and educationally. Indians should do something along the same lines.

Perhaps the Cultural Center, the Native American Resource Center, the schools, the university and other pertinent parties could develop and implement a business off I-95 which featured local Indian arts-and-crafts and/or provided local Indian food. Thanks to all the media attention, a lot of tourists would probably welcome the chance to get a glimpse of Indian life in Robeson County. They could pull off the freeway, get something to eat, buy some locally produced souvenirs and send off a Native American postcard telling the home folks they've seen some Robeson County Indians. Like the successful enterprise in St. Pauls, it could provide work for several people as well as teaching essential economic self-sufficiency skills.

Living in Robeson County, we remain cynical that enough people actually care enough to change our economic conditions yet persist in our optimism that a few dedicated people can help change the tide.

GRANTS FOR N.C. MEDIA ARTISTS AVAILABLE

Independent film and video makers living in North Carolina are eligible to apply to the 1989 Southeast Media Fellowship Program for Production Grants of up to \$8000 for new works or works-in-progress and for Equipment Access Grants. The application deadline is February 1, 1989. In March an independent three-member panel of film and video experts will evaluate the applications and award fellowships to those artists whose work shows exceptional creativity and a commitment to media as an art form. Application forms can be obtained by contacting SEMFP c/o Appalshop, Box 743, Whitesburg, KY 41858, (606)633-0108.

Media artists residing in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia are also eligible to apply to the Southeast Media Fellowship Program, which is coordinated by Appalshop, a media center located in eastern Kentucky. SEMFP is supported with funds from the National Endowment for the Arts with additional support from the North Carolina Arts Council, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the Kentucky Arts Council, the Louisiana State Division of the Arts, the Mississippi Arts Commission, and the South Carolina Arts Commission. Equipment Access Grants are made available by the South Carolina Arts Commission Media Arts Center. SEMFP is one of seven regional fellowship programs established by the National Endowment for the Arts in an effort to recognize the geographic and artistic diversity of the media community and to encourage the growth of the media arts throughout the country. Nineteen grants totaling \$60,500 in federal and state funds were awarded in the 1987-88 round of the Southeast Media Fellowship Program.



Indian Wanted As New PSU Chief



PAUL GIVENS
Retiring PSU Chancellor

PEMBROKE — Paul Givens, a white chosen as the chancellor of Pembroke State University 10 years ago, is retiring, and Indians say it is time to put one of their own back at the helm of the Robeson County school.

"The university is traditionally a college for Native Americans and the local Indian population," said Jack Morgan, a Lumbee and a member of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners. "It was founded by Indians, and we'd like to see an Indian there to carry on the tradition."

Givens, 65, announced this year that he would resign in June. Formerly an administrator at Millikin University in Illinois, Givens was chosen for the job in 1979 over two Indian finalists — both Lumbee natives of Pembroke.

That selection, made by William Friday, former president of the University of North Carolina system, triggered an outburst of

hostility in the Indian community when it was announced.

Horace Locklear, a Lumbee Indian who was then a state representative, said the decision had set Indians back "100 or 200 years" and called for Friday's resignation during a speech on the House floor.

The executive director of the N.C. Commission on Indian Affairs called it "a slap in the Indians' face."

A decade later, many in the Indian community say unless the school is returned to Indian control, its unique heritage might be lost forever.

PSU was founded a century ago as North Carolina's first school for Indians. For more than seven decades, it offered Indians, most of whom are Lumbees, their only chance at an education.

Since then, its name has been changed six times as the school has grown and diversified.

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Happy New Year.

Love —
May it touch
your holidays,
May it live
in your heart.

Happy New Year

Contributions Sought For 3-Year-Old Who Needs 5-Organ Transplant

The United Methodist Church and the League of Separated Tribes will sponsor a fund raising dinner and mini craft sell for Roleandra Dodge, 3-year-old Indian child who needs a 5-organ transplant operation.

A traditional Indian dinner will be served consisting of Indian Chili, corn bread, pumpkin bread, sassafras tea (coffee also available). The event will be held December 23, 1988 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. at United Methodist Church, Rt. 31, Tarrs, Pa. A minimum donation of \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and under will be accepted. The event is sponsored by Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church, Box A, Tarrs, PA 15688. Louise Dimery Weaver is helping with this project. She states that the

Dodge family of New Mexico are facing enormous financial problems. Money is needed for medical expenses and also for the family living expenses. Roleandra is the daughter of Brandon and Cyndy Dodge of New Mexico. They have two other children, one is fourteen months old and the other is four years old. Mr. Dodge has had to quit his job in order to assist with Roleandra's care. There is no income at this time for the family. An urgent plea is sent to help this family financially. Make donation checks payable to: Childrens Hospital for Roleandra Dodge and make it either for medical expenses of family living expenses. Donations should be sent to Mt. Lebanon Methodist Church, Box 1, Tarrs, PA 15688. Your help will be appreciated.

PEMBROKE JAYCEES PLAN LOCAL NEW YEAR'S HAPPENINGS EVE PARTY

The Pembroke Jaycees will sponsor a New Year's Eve party Saturday, December 31st at the Pembroke Jaycee Hut from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. Tickets for the event are \$15 single and \$25 for couples. No tickets will be sold at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased from any Pembroke Jaycee. Co-chairmen for this event are Oceanus Lowry and Ted Brewington.

CLASS REUNION PLANNED

The 1962 graduating class of Prospect High School will hold their reunion December 30, 1988 at 7 p.m. at Lakeside Seafood Restaurant (owner Mr. Conrad Oxendine), on Highway 211, north of Raeford. For more information contact Carl Bullard at 621-4729 or Betty B. Hunt at 521-4569.

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