

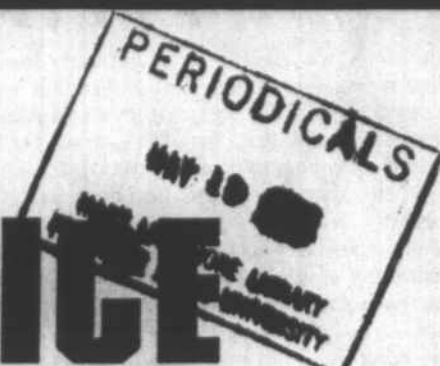
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGREE TO LEASE SCHOOL SITE TO INDIAN SOLIDARITY

The Robeson County Board of Commissioners on Monday night agreed to sub lease the former Pembroke Middle School site to Indian Solidarity. The motion was by Noah Woods, second by Johnny Locklear, and the vote was unanimous. The site is the location of the first state-supported four year Indian high school in the nation. The main building was erected in 1939 by the WPA.

Indian Solidarity, a non-profit corporation is comprised of Indian people and is not confined to any particular geographic area. The membership is open to Indians 18 and older. The organization meets the second and fourth Saturday mornings at 8 a.m. each month at Fuller's Restaurant in Lumberton.

- Among the purposes for organizing are the following:
1. To effectively communicate with people concerning issues that impact upon the lives of Indian people;
 2. To promote pride in Indian culture and heritage;
 3. To improve the economic conditions of Indian

4. To stimulate economic growth and self-determination;
 5. To promote educational advancement;
 6. To work toward improving the lives of Indian people, educationally, economically, socially, and in other areas that are pertinent to self government and determination.
- Clifton Sampson, Jr. was the charter president. He served for two years and resigned when he filed as a candidate to the N.C. House of Representatives, District 85.

JoAnn Locklear of the Saddletree community is acting chairperson. She is also chairperson of the Robeson County Democratic Party.

In addition to restoring the historic property, Indian Solidarity proposes to develop an American Indian Center for Community Development. Programs planned are recreational, educational, community meetings, tutoring services, after school activities and a historical museum.

Upcoming Activities

COMMUNITY MEETINGS PLANNED WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONER NOAH WOODS

County Commissioner Noah Woods will meet with his constituents in three area meetings. The first one will be held Monday night, March 23, at the Maxton Court House in Maxton at 7 p.m.

On Monday night, March 30, Commissioner Woods will be at the Prospect Fire Department beginning at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday night, March 31, Commissioner Woods will meet with his constituents in the Pembroke Town Hall at 7 p.m.

Commissioner Woods is planning the community meetings to receive input from his area relative to the needs and the issues related to county government. Commissioner Woods encourages people to attend and ask any questions they would like. The effort is being made in fulfillment of a campaign promise from Woods to be available and visible in the district and to listen to the concerns of the tax payers.

DEMOCRATS MEET TONIGHT

The Robeson County Democratic Party Executive Committee will meet at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, March 19, in Courtroom #1 in the Robeson County Courthouse. All Executive Committee members, precinct chairs, and precinct officers are urged to attend.

EXCELLENT PROGRESS OF PSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CITED

Randall Jones of Pembroke, president this year of the PSU Alumni Association, recently cited the outstanding progress made by the association.

"We have eight alumni chapters, of which four have their own alumni scholarship programs," Jones said. "Plans are to establish four more alumni chapters, both inside and outside North Carolina."

Jones said the Alumni Loyalty Scholarship Fund now totals \$45,000, its largest total in history. "Last year the association sponsored two scholarships. Next year we will award three."

Jones said that 10 new persons have become lifetime members of the PSU Alumni Association, raising the total membership to 104.

"In our recent alumni phonathon, \$25,000 was pledged, of which \$12,000 have been collected," said Jones.

REFLECTIONS

By Alta Nye Oxendine

RED COKE

Have you ever heard of red cocaine? Of course not. Anyone who's ever used cocaine, or even looked at the powder, knows that cocaine is white, not red.

Then, how about the recently-published book, *Red Cocaine?* Where in the world did author Joseph D. Douglass, Jr. ever come up with a name like that?

For soem years most of us have been blaming our country's current drug problems (especially cocaine and "crack") on one or more of the following:

The Medellin cartel
The insatiable demand of our youth and young adults for a periodic "high"

Peruvian peasants depending upon the lush United States cocaine market for their economic survival
Drug dealers in the U.S. and South America hooked a quick, easy source of abundant cash

The collapse of family life and moral values
In his book, *Red Cocaine*, Douglass, a national security affairs consultant, presents one piece of evidence after another to show that our nation's drug problems have more causal and contributing factors than any of our leaders have appeared to realize up to the present.

For the past three decades, Douglass asserts, there as been a secret enemy making sure that our youth are targeted for addiction.

Sound far-fetched? Consider the following quotes, as listed on the book jacket back:

"I was ordered to load up the United States with drugs." Mario Estevez Gonzalez, Cuban intelligenc

"The PSU Alumni Association is on the move, and we invite all alumni to get involved and participate in the life of PSU," Jones concluded.

Randall Jones is the son of the late chancellor of PSU: Dr. English E. Jones, who served as president and then chancellor of PSU from 1962-79.

In his fourth year as director of alumni affairs at PSU is Glen Burnette, Jr.

The 10 new lifetime members of the PSU Alumni Association are as follows: Malcolm Askew, Raleigh; John Black, Red Springs; James H. and Katherine Dial, Maxton; Gregory Goins, Pembroke; Carl Peed, Herndon, Va.; Daniel Russ, Bladenboro; Ronnie Sampson, Lumberton; Frances Stewart-Wallace, Sterline Heights, Mich.; and Sandra Wilson, Red Springs.

ROBESON COUNTY AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO MAKE AWARDS

The Title V Parent Committee of the Public Schools of Robeson County will award two (2) annual scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. The annual awards will be given to applicants who are (1) American Indian; (2) have been admitted to a two-year or four-year college or university; (3) have indicated a program of study in engineering and related disciplines, health science and related disciplines, and business and related disciplines. Awards are available to American Indian students who graduate from the Public Schools of Robeson County only.

Interested persons should contact Maybelle Elk at the Title V Indian Education Office, Public Schools of Robeson County, Lumberton, NC 28359 or call 671-6012.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION PLANNED

On March 20, 1992 the Robeson County Public Library will stage an Arbor Day Celebration. At 1:30 p.m. the general public is invited to join City officials in the Library garden for the planting of a tree donated by the City of Lumberton for the Library's 25th Anniversary. The Arbor Day dedication program has been coordinated and funded by the following organizations: Canal Wood Corporation, Forest Products Companies, Lumberton Arbor Day Committee and City of Lumberton and the Robeson County Public Library.

A drawing will be held to give away a tree similar to the tree being planted. Register for the drawing at the library.

agent, 1981.
"Drugs were used as political weapons. The target was the youth of the United States." Antonio Farach, high-level Nicaraguan official, 1984

"Drugs are considered to be the best way to destroy the United States. By undermining the will of American youth, the enemy is destroyed without firing one bullet." Major Juan Rodriguez, Cuban intelligence officer, 1988.

"Opium should be regarded as a powerful weapon. It has been employed by imperialists against us, and now we should use it against them." Mao Tse-tung, 1935.

"Deception and drugs are our first two strategic echelons in the war with capitalism." Nikita Krushchev, 1963

Remember when Krushchev yelled: "We will bury you!" Maybe he was serious, after all.

In his introduction to the book, Dr. Ray S. Cline, former Deputy Director for Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency, describes *Red Cocaine* as "A powerful and well-documented case of a deliberate policy decision, first by authorities in Beijing and then in Moscow, to contribute to the decay of American society...Red Cocaine puts the fact on record. We ignore the message at our own peril." (quoted from backof book jacket)

Did you see the recent CBS report on the "Shining Path" communist guerillas training in Peru? According to the report, their aim is to "capture the countryside" and "strangle the cities." Could it also be to keep cocaine flowing freely into our country. I wonder.

Excellence in Education Award

Albuquerque, NM: The Native American Scholarship Fund, Inc. (NASF) announced recently that it will give two awards of \$5,000 each for excellence in Indian education on September 1, 1992.

One award will go to the individual in the U.S. who has achieved the highest level of excellence with Indian students. The second award will go to the institution in the U.S. which has done the best job.

"This is the second year for the Excellence in Indian Education award," said Dr. Dean Chavers, President of NASF. "The winner of our first award, last year, was Baboquivari Junior-Senior High School in Sells, Arizona."

In a seven-year period, Baboquivari (pronounced Bah-bow-kee-veree) has reduced its dropout rate from 46% to only 17%, or five percentage points below the national dropout rate of 22%.

Any individual or school serving Indian students in the U.S., from the pre-school level to post-college level, can apply, added Dr. Chavers. There are no restrictions in the

use of the funds, he said.

Any field of effort is eligible, with no restrictions being placed on this either. Some examples of possible outcomes, among many others, are math, science, attendance, retention, college entrance rates, parent commitment to students' education, curriculum development, testing, test score improvement, improvements in grades, improvement in levels of employment of graduates, and improvements in student evaluation.

"The most important criterion for the award will be that students have actually improved in some area," Dr. Chavers continued, "and that this improvement can be documented." Applications received without documentation of improvement will be screened out of the competition. Only documentation on improvements for Indian students is to be included with the application.

The application deadline is May 31, 1992. Application forms may be obtained from the Fund at 3620 Wyoming Blvd., N.E., Suite 206, Albuquerque, NM 87111, phone (505)275-9788.

THE NEED FOR THE CONTINUED PUBLICATION OF THE CIV

by Connee Brayboy

Recently I was given a copy of *The Indian Credo* written some years ago by Tommie Dial. It is powerful writing with a powerful message. It is so timely that I am going to reprint it here in an attempt to explain why

we must continue to publish this newspaper.... We believe all these things.... We don't expect some of detractors to understand because we have determined that many of them are without hearts or conscience, nevertheless, this timely piece makes us want to continue...

The Indian Credo

I Believe In Indian Power.

I believe in my people and their right to be free. I believe in dignity and strength and hope and security and truth. Therefore, I believe in the long, hard, unrelenting search for these things. No government, no neighborhood, no power struggle, no backlash has the right nor the power to choke out the breath of the Indian community, to dull the lustre of our children's eyes, to condemn our young people to second-rate opportunity.

I believe in Indian dignity, Indian pride, Indian knowledge - in a great human campaign to restore to ourselves the image of our own strength. I believe in my own people who are rising into power on stepping stones of oppression and defeat. I believe in the structure being raised by our own courage and martyred with our own blood, if necessary.

I believe we have not only a right but a duty to achieve with all possible speed every kind of power - the power that education and training brings, and the drive that carries us into every single opportunity that we are educated to handle. I believe in economic power - the power to control money and so to control our own destinies - the financial power to force our way into social change so that the next generation of Indian children need never be humiliated nor passed by. I believe in political power - unashamedly fighting against those political forces which are frankly and openly pledged to the immoral and un-American cause of oppressing my people. I believe in powerful leadership demanding to stand as equals in the white power structure, and completely able to compel that structure

to make first class citizenship available to all Americans. I do not believe that Indian violence has anything to do with the question. I believe in Indian Freedom and the strength that it takes to be free. I believe in the historical truth that our struggle for our freedom has been up a long, hard road and trail of tears - our own! I believe in history, and in the stories of heroes of all ages, when men and women and children manned the barricades and demanded to be free. I believe in the Indian Movement - moving silently and peacefully, seeking to stir the conscience of America through the wake on Alcatraz, the Thanksgiving wake on Plymouth Rock, the Indian takeover of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the unrelenting stand at Wounded Knee, and the Longest Walk.

I hope for Indian peace, Indian strength, Indian cooperation in making America the greatest and happiest nation in the world. But I believe that the issue of the rights of the American Indian is the most important issue of our day. I do not believe the white society can or will solve this issue.

I believe in Indian Power because I don't believe in Indian weakness; because I don't believe in Indian Degradation, Indian Poverty, Indian Despair, Indian Ignorance, Indian Violence, or Indian Death.

I Believe in Indian Power!

By Tommie Dial

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