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## Anderson's complaints found to be "A belly full of nothing"

**by Bruce Barton**  
Lumberton-It was ironic, even amusing to insiders like this reporter, because a hearing about so-called election fraud was held in the Carolina Civic Center, the restored Carolina theatre which was segregated in its heyday. It is said that Robert Anderson and his followers chose the Civic Center, a symbol of Robeson's apartheid past where segregated seating at an afternoon movie smacked of election fraud at its worse.  
Robert Anderson told a Congressional task force that he lost to U.S. Rep. Charlie Rose (D., NC) because of election fraud in Robeson County. Rose, in turn, said Anderson gave the task force "a belly full of nothing."  
At the hearing last Friday, Anderson presented four witnesses- Charles Bullard, O.H. Lewis, Mildred Jackie Tyner, and Herman Richardson. They testified about voting irregularities, but offered little hard evidence, or first hand knowledge. Tyner complained that information from even second and third hand sources should be used "as the SBI (State

Bureau of Investigation) only wants what I know first-hand." All of the testimony before the three-panel House Oversight Committee, which is considering Republican Robert Anderson's challenge of Rose's 3,800 vote victory and Rose's motion to dismiss the challenge, was a report of allegations Anderson has made in various forums (especially the press) since the election.  
A favorite complaint of Anderson's is that votes were bought in Robeson for \$5. In response to a question from Rep. William Jefferson (D. LA), Anderson could not produce a name of anyone who had been paid \$5 for their votes but trumpeted, "No sir, but I'll tell you what...give me subpoena power and I'll get it."  
Rose, a long-time champion of federal recognition for the Lumbee, denied emphatically that there was any vote buying in Robeson County. He beat Anderson, Rose said, because the Lumbee Indians supported him, and because Glenn Maynor, a Lumbee, was running for Sheriff, an office he would win in the contested 1994 November

election. Rose, in part, won on the strength of Maynor's strong showing that carried Rose to his 3800 vote victory over Anderson. Rose opined, "These people were not about to mess up Maynor's election with petty politics and cheap tricks. To do it in an underhanded way would have been a blight on their heritage."  
After the four-hour hearing, Rose said that he was glad the task force met in Robeson County although he noted that "...they got a belly full of nothing."  
The task force was made up of Jefferson, the Democrat, and two Republicans-Rep. Vern Ehlers (R., Mich.), and John Boehner (R., Ohio). A final report was promised in the very near future.  
A smattering of onlookers, seeming to be mostly Anderson supporters, looked on in the audience which seemed to fill up about a third of the seats.  
D.A. Johnson Britt, in April, ruled that he found no illegal activities by Rose or his supporters, after reviewing the SBI report of the matter. Britt reviewed his findings with the Committee also.



## Junior Miss Lumbee enjoys exciting experiences during her reign

Rebekah Chantay Revels, the reigning Junior Miss Lumbee and Miss St. Pauls High School attended the Red Earth National Pow Wow in Oklahoma City, OK on June 8-11, 1995.

Rebekah wishes to thank the many friends and businesses that bought raffle tickets on the beautiful handmade quilt she raffled to help pay expenses to the pow wow. Ms. Joyce Lowery of Lumberton was the lucky winner of the quilt.  
Rebekah has been chosen as the Robeson County Indian High School Student of the Year, United Tribes of North Carolina's Indian High School Student of the Year, James B. Hunt's Young Citizen Award winner for Robeson County (scholarship pending), Robeson County Fair high school level essay winner, and a St. Pauls High School marshal. She was also nominated for the Discovery Card Award Scholarship and the All American Academic Team Scholarship (pending).  
Rebekah is a member of Ten Mile Center Baptist Church where she has a lifetime perfect attendance record. She has completed k-11 grades in the St. Pauls School with a perfect attendance record.  
As Junior Miss Lumbee, Rebekah has traveled and performed extensively during her reign. She won the Junior Miss Lumbee Pageant in October in October 1993, but due to lack of participation in the 1994 pageant, her reign was extended to the July 1995 pageant. Being Junior Miss Lumbee for 20 months instead of 12 months has been a wonderful and exciting experience for her, she said. Rebekah will end her reign on July 5, 1995 at the Givens Performing Arts Center of the PSU campus.  
Rebekah is the daughter of J.D. and Deena Revels of St. Pauls, NC.



## Pembroke Kiwanis Report

The weekly meeting was held at the Town and Country Restaurant on Tuesday evening. The speaker was Mr. Kent Chavis, Program Planner of the Lumber River Council of Governments. Mr. Chavis was introduced by Kiwanian Larry Chavis.  
"The Robeson County Entrepreneurial Empowerment Grant was made in 1994 to set aside funds for community assistance. The Governor's office awarded \$705,000 for six projects including postal service, a multi-tenant Business Development Center, a Child Care Facility, a Community Development Resource center, so much awarding of funds depends so much on community vitality to handle waste water of industries. There are task forces set up to evaluate and to make recommendations. A community's poverty level is evaluated to determine its status to receive a grant. Individual capacity levels programs are also in the future planning."  
Presiding-Bob Lowry; Invocation-Vardell Swett; Song Leader-Ray Lowry; Reporter-Ken Johnson.  
Next week's meeting will be a cookout at Fernie Lambert's home on Route 71 near the Campbell Soup Plant.

## Indian solidarity saves Pembroke High School

**by Barbara Braveboy-Locklear**  
She was born in 1939  
Abandoned at age 56 years  
Rescued in 1992.  
Now loved and restored, she vies for a position on the National Register of Historical Places. Come fall, she'll learn whether she won the coveted listing.  
She is the former Pembroke High School.  
The old Pembroke brick schoolhouse where thousands of students studied for decades fell ill in the late 80's. In February 1991 the Public Schools of Robeson County announced the intended closure of the education facility (then Pembroke Middle School). Two months later the PSRC Board voted to declare the site as surplus property no longer needed by the school district and to return the property to the Robeson County Board of Commissioners.  
Empty she stood.  
Vagrants and birds used her rooms for toilets.  
Failed arsonists tried five times to burn her down.  
Vandals broke all her window panes except for 15; then regularly splashed gallons of paint on her walls and wood floors.  
Then appeared Indian Solidarity, a private, non-profit corporation based in Pembroke.

Among the purposes of the organization is to safeguard Indian heritage by preserving any property that embodies important elements of Indian cultural, social, education, economic, political or architectural history.  
"By the time we procured a lease on the building from the Robeson County Board of Commissioners in March of 1992, the birds...everything had discovered it," laments Lindberg Locklear, an Indian Solidarity member.  
The most immediate task for the new lessees was to physically protect the site from vandalism. Locks secured doors. Plywood, windows.  
"Our goal the entire time was to save that old schoolhouse," interjects Clifton Sampson, Jr., organization chairman. "It was the first Indian high school in Robeson County."  
The preservation group, consisting of less than 12 members of the organization, began in earnest to preserve a piece of the Indian community's cultural heritage.  
Sampson says upon assessing the financial needs of the restoration, the group wondered aloud as to how they would secure support for such a monumental project.  
A lot of support, given by few, helped the organization reach their goal.

Dr. Ruth Dial Woods, along with the Parent Committee of the Indian Education Project, Public Schools of Robeson County, appropriated monies for the purchase of building materials. Former Indian Solidarity Chairman, Samuel Kerns, says that Florence Ransom, manager of the Community Service Work Program, and her staff assisted with assigning persons who were ordered by the Criminal Justice System to perform community service hours.  
"These people, alone, rendered more than 6,000 man hours towards the program," Kerns says of the CSWP participants. "Without their help this job would not have been completed."  
Among the few community persons instrumental in supporting the renovation project was Gary Wayne Locklear, a Libby Owens Ford (LOF) plant executive, whose manufacturing plant donated all of the glass for necessary window repairs. John Deere Company of Fayetteville and WRAL Television Station of Raleigh assisted with grounds improvements and beautification. Local paint contractors from the Indian community donated hundreds of gallons of paint used in the project.  
"A handful of men and women in this organization, with the help of the Community Services Pro-

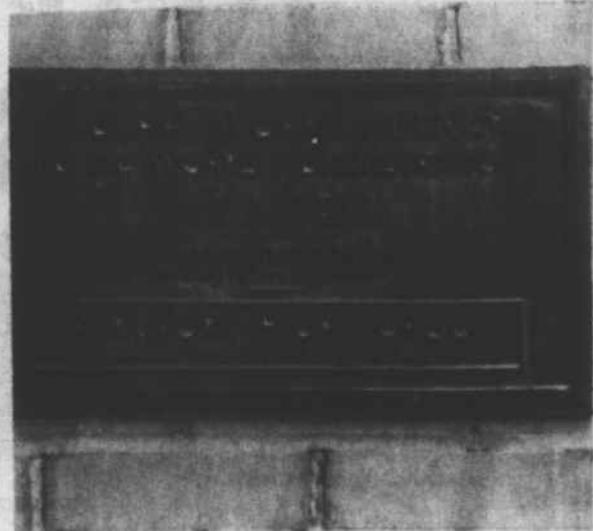
gram, alone did the renovation of this school building," comments Carolyn Coronado, an organization member.  
The main building now houses the Indian Education Resource Center. The Center features a Native American museum in what once was the old school auditorium. The restoration group says approximately \$200,000 in repairs were made at an actual monetary cost of \$60,000.  
Sampson says that while work on the main building is completed, there remain two others on the site in dire need of repair. A current lack of funds hinders progress on such a project.  
Organization members agree they must now direct energies toward getting the "prized" schoolhouse on the National Register of Historical Places list. Buildings on the National Register are protected from state and federal projects that could upset them. The group says such buildings also have a better chance of getting government funds for repairs.  
Last fall Indian Solidarity contracted a consultant to write the National Register application for Pembroke High School. Next month arguments will be formally made to put the high school on the National Register. A final deci-

sion is expected in September.  
It is believed by the group and their consultant that since the building is still being used for the Indian community, the organization's application will be stronger.  
In order to pursue efforts to have the building placed on the National Registry, the organization needs funds to defray costs involved in the application process.  
"The general community does not know Indian Solidarity exists and was the catalyst in restoring the historical building," comments Sampson. "We hope that those interested in the preservation of this landmark will respond to our requests for donations to complete our immediate goal of seeing the National Register application project completed."  
The projected completion of the application process is July, 1995.  
Indian Solidarity was established by Charter of the State of North Carolina as a private, non-profit corporation. The organization is also federally designated with its own 501 (c) 3 tax-exempt status. Persons interested in the continued preservation of Pembroke High School may send donations to Indian Solidarity, Inc. P.O. Box 2460, Pembroke, NC 28372.

## J & O Tae Kwon Do win championship



J & O Tae Kwon Do Karate Team, sponsored by Road Runner of Pembroke, NC is shown above. This new team on the black came home as champs from the Busch Gardens National Karate Tournament held in Hampton, Virginia on June 10, 1995. This is one of the biggest karate tournaments held in the Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Washington, D.C. area.  
Shown left to right are Christin Brooks, Chris Locklear, Crystal Henderson, Instructor O.J. Henderson, Sunshine waters, Marcie Henderson and Deanna Brooks.



This sign on the inside of the steps states "Federal Works Agency, Public Works Administration...Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States...Pembroke High School, 1939."

## Sampson to coach USA Junior Basketball Team

Colorado Springs, Colorado-The roster of USA Basketball's junior team was completed Monday as 12 players were named to the team. They are: Tremaine Fowles of California; Trajan Langdon and Steve Wojciechowski of Duke; Tim Young of Stanford;

Mike Maddox of Georgia Tech; and Stephen McWherry who has also signed with Georgia Tech. These players are returning from last year's unbeaten 1994 junior world championship team.  
They are joined by Vince Carter, who has signed to play at North Carolina; Taymon Domzalski, who has signed with Duke; Charlie Miller of Indiana; Smaki Walker of Louisville; Jahidi White of

Goergetown and Mark Sanford of Washington.  
The team will be coached by Pembroke native and Oklahoma Coach Kelvin Sampson.  
Oklahoma's sampson will be assisted by Perry Clark of Tulane and Bill Herrion of Drexel.  
The FIBS Junior World Championships are set for July 12-22 in Athens, Greece.



This is a front view of the historic Pembroke High School since the renovation.

## Hammonds receives degree from The Citadel

Charleston, SC--Pamela Lowry Hammonds of Pembroke, NC received a specialist degree in psychology at The Citadel's College of Graduate and Professional Studies during commencement exercises May 10. One hundred graduate degrees and 22 undergraduate degrees were awarded.  
Mrs. T. Graham Edwards, president and chief executive officer of the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) delivered the commencement address. During the ceremony each graduate received a congratulatory handshake from Lt. Gen. Claudius E. Watts III, president