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Klan's birthplace prepares chilly welcome for march

From Associated Press reports

PULASKI, Tenn. - Strip away the orange ribbons, and Pulaski's courthouse square could be a movie set for an archetypal Southern town, where a Confederate hero stands on a pedestal and pickup trucks sport Dixie flags.

But the orange "brotherhood color" affixed to storefronts, lampposts, car antennas and coat lapels is meant to make sure no one confuses Pulaski residents with the white supremacists who plan to march through town Saturday.

"These people are outsiders, and this county is a victim of rape by these groups," said author Gregory McDonald, who owns a farm in the area and helped organize the anti-march campaign.

Restaurants, stores and markets have agreed to close for the day throughout the town of about 8,000 people 90 miles south of Nashville. Residents have been asked to stay off the streets, and churches have planned activities to keep children and teenagers away from downtown.

The demonstrators are attracted to Pulaski by the town's role in the history of the Ku Klux Klan. The group was founded in Pulaski in 1865 as a reaction to what community leaders saw as a threat by carpetbaggers and former



slaves after the Civil War.

It was disbanded four years later after the legislature passed an anti-Klan law. The modern Klan was formed outside Atlanta in 1915 by a former minister who added Jews and Catholics to the group's list of enemies.

The Klan began marching in Pulaski annually in 1986 to protest the Martin Luther King national holiday. The parades typically draw fewer than 100 marchers. Community leaders say as long as the marchers obtain the proper permits and follow other rules they can't be stopped.

"It started out as 35 to 40 old boys putting on their bed sheets and marching around the square," said Mcdonald, author of the "Fletch" mystery novels. "These people considered the town's silence tacit approval. Nothing could be further from the truth."

Town leaders decided it was time to act when the Arvan Nations of Hayden Lake, Idaho, announced plans to march here this year.

The group advocates the formation of a whites-only country. Ten members of an Aryan Nation splinter group were convicted of racketeering in 1985 in a plot that involved murder, bank robbery and armed confrontations to overthrow the U.S. government.

"We're just not going to let our town

be taken over by bigots and hate mongers," said Betti Higgins, director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Both sides claim Pulaski's Civil War hero, Sam Davis, a 21-year-old Confederate scout who was hanged after refusing to reveal the name of a Rebel spy. Higgins helped wire an orange wreath to the hands of a statue of Davis on the town square. The white supremacists will lay a wreath also. "He's our only hero, and they want to take him," Higgins said.

Rev. Richard G. Butler, pastor of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian-Aryan Nations, said the march was set on the day after Davis' birthday to honor "white heroes."

"Sam Davis was a hero of our people and nobody has ever honored him," Butler said.

Butler's group claims several hundred members across the country, but he did not know how many to expect on Saturday. "All members of our race are welcome," he said when asked whether Klan members and skinheads would march. He said the town's condemnation "doesn't bother us a bit."

Police Chief Stanley Newton said at least 50 state and local officers will monitor the march.

Residents concede that Pulaski is no

utopia of racial equality. William McNairy, president of the local branch of the NAACP, described race relatons as "average." Giles County is about 20 percent black.

Higgins noted that the local country club has no black members. "I think

this whole thing will draw attention to for 72 years. This month he turned the some areas we have not examined closely enough before," she said.

Businessman Don Massey made his protest on the side of a building he owns. A bronze plaque commemorating the birth of the KKK has hung there

plaque to the wall. "If we just took it down, it really wouldn't say anything," Massey said. "This was my way to say we can't just turn our backs on the other signs of bigotry and hatred as if they weren't there."

Homeless man builds new life after Miss America photograph

From Associated Press reports

BERGENFIELD, N.J. - Jim Robinson lived an uneventful life on Atlantic City's beaches until he and another homeless man were photographed sleeping in front of Miss America contestants in swimsuits.

The discovery three weeks ago of the men beneath an overturned lifeguard boat interrupted a beach photo session for the beauty queens. Police quickly herded Robinson and his companion from the beach.

Today, Robinson, 42, has a job, a roof over his head and money in his pockets.

His luck changed last week when he started a new job in the mailroom at Penguin USA, a publishing company in Bergenfield.

"It's nice to work for a change," he said over a glass of ice tea at a luncheonette near his job. "I'm not making a lot of money, but it's fine."

His homelessness started in early summer after he lost a job as a security guard. Before that, Robinson was a taxi driver for seven years in the seaside

Robinson had hit a low point by the time an Associated Press photographer recorded the Sept. 9 episode just off the Atlantic City boardwalk before the startled contestants. The photograph appeared in newspapers nationwide, and it wasn't the kind of publicity Robinson welcomed.

"I didn't want my friends to see it." he said.

A day after the incident, Robinson's colleague, Jeff Hall, was found dead on the beach.

"I was with him," Robinson said. "I left him for 20 minutes to bum a cigarette on the Boardwalk."

Police are investigating the death. Robinson said Hall died of "something like a heart attack or a brain seizure."

"It wasn't from being drunk," he said. "Living that kind of life will kill you."

Robinson said Hall's death inspired him to try to turn around his own life. "It made me a stronger person. It gave me something to do for a cause," he said.

Robinson blames his problems on drugs. He said he used cocaine for about a year, during which he spent a\$ much as \$3,000 a week, much of it from a \$70,000 inheritance. But a depression that followed his rehabilitation led to a suicide attempt in 1987, and Robinson was sent to Ancora Psychiatric Hospi; tal in Winslow Township for 10 months, he said.

He was released to an Atlantic City halfway house in May 1988, and move out after getting a job as a security guard.

He described the time he spent on the beach as "a little camping excursion."

"I'm glad I went through it in a way, he said. "We had some good times Hey, look at my tatoo," he said, rolling up a shirt sleeve.

A week after the beach episode Robinson moved in with a cousin, Joan Burke, and her husband, Raymond, d Bogota, N.J.

"We gave him the one shot," said Burke, a retired New York City transit police officer.

Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar is a daily listing of University-related activities sponsored by academic departments, student services and student organizations officially recognized by the Division of Student Affairs. To appear in Campus Calendar, announcements must be submitted on the Campus Calendar form by NOON one business day before the announcement is to run. Saturday and Sunday events are printed in Friday's calendar and must be submitted on the Wednesday before the announcement is to run. Forms and a drop box are located outside the DTH office, 104 Union. Items of Interest lists ongoing events from the same campus organizations and follows the same deadline schedule as Campus Calendar. Please use the same form.

ing for those men and women inter- Exam on Oct. 28, 1989. (Register by ested in presenting programs, public- Oct. 13, 1989). Booklets are available ity, planning, special projects or simply in 211 Hanes Hall. The PQT Exam is the issues of rape and sexual harass- NOT required for students majoring in ment. The meeting will be in 211 Union until 7:30 p.m. **The Volunteer Action Committee** (VAC) will meet in the Campus Y Lounge to work on publicity and the October project. All are welcome! The Order of the Bell Tower will meet in 212 Union. Bring your name badges!

Force will have an informational meet- Security Agency must take the PQT math, computer science, Slavic, Asian or Middle Eastern languages. Anyone interested in a one-year scholarship at the Inter-Cultural Ins stitute of Japan, a Japanese language school, call (213) 617-2039 or write to: A Non-Profit Educational and Culs



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TUESDAY

1 p.m.: University Career Planning and Placement Services and Triangle Area employees will sponsor a career fair for disabled students in Great Hall until 4 p.m. More than 15 organizations will be represented.

3:30 p.m.: The Study Abroad Office will hold an informational session on the UNC Program in Sienna, Italy, in the basement of Caldwell Hall. No previous experience with the Italian language is required.

UCPPS will hold a Career Planning Workshop for freshmen through juniors in 209 Hanes Hall.

4 p.m.: UCPPS is sponsoring a panel on Careers in Personnel/Human Resources in 210 Hanes Hall. All students are invited to attend.

The Campus Y Publicity Committee will meet in the Campus Y Lounge. Everyone is welcome!

5 p.m.: The Study Abroad Office is sponsoring a pot luck dinner for returnees from Study Abroad at Forest Theatre until 9 p.m.

The communications department of student government will meet in Suite C of the Union.

6 p.m.: Alpha Chi Sigma, the coed professional chemistry fraternity, will hold informal rush in Kenan Lobby. All chemistry and related majors are invited.

6:30 p.m.: The Rape Action Project/Allied: Sexual Harassment Task

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7 p.m.: The Moravian Student Fellowship will meet at Hal Atkins' house. Transportation will leave from the Granville West and Morrison lobbies at 6:45. Please bring refreshments!

The Minority Affairs Committee of Student Government will meet in Suite C of the Union. All students are invited to attend.

The Office of Leadership Development presents four workshops on delegation. Come one, come all to 101 Greenlaw to hear innovative ideas on how to delegate effectively.

The Tar Heel Aluminum Recycling Project (TARP) will have a general meeting for all interested students in the Campus Y Lounge.

The SCUBA Club will meet in 218 Union. Oct. 7, Oct. 14, and Fall Break (Florida and Morehead City) dives will be discussed. All divers welcome. For more info, call 968-6990.

11 p.m.: WXYC 89.3 FM will play the new album from Jonathon Richmon in its entirety with no interruptions.

ITEMS OF INTEREST The IM-REC Aerobics Program

needs to know if there is a demand for a Tuesday/Thursday 5 p.m. aerobics class in Lenoir. Lenoir offers carpeting, air conditioning and beverages. If you would like to see this started, please come by Woollen 203 before Oct. 6 to sign up.

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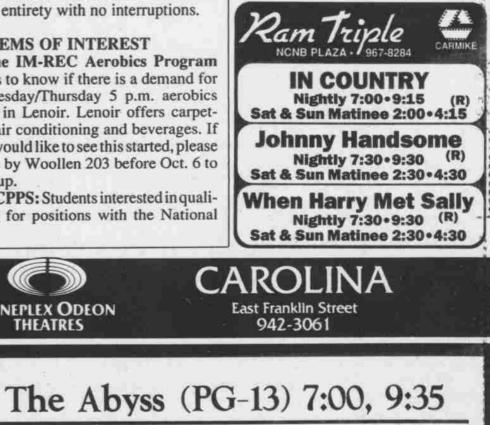
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Student Federation offers informas tion on the in-state tuition application process. Check the bulletin board outside Suite D in the Union for details.

UCPPS is collecting all resumes of seniors interested in working for nonprofit organizations after graduation. Bring your resume to 211 Hanes Hall between Oct. 16, 1989, and Jan. 19, 1990, for inclusion in a book from UNC, NCSU, NCCU and Duke to be sent to NPOs.

Hanes Art Center Glass Gallery: There will be a group exhibition of artworks featuring The Fine Arts Department Faculty of Wake Forest University. The show will run through Oct. 20, 1989.

Disabled Student Career Fair TQ DAY in Great Hall!



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