

1991 MISS BLACK TEENAGE NEVADA CROWNED



Former Miss Black Teen Nevada, Regina Ford, crowns her successor Antoinette Renee Oliver

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to make them want to learn," he said. How many teachers will stand on top of a chair to make a point!

Students will remember that. They will go home and say "Mama! Mama! My teacher is crazy, Mama!" Don't you know that if I can get a child to write by standing on a chair that is worth it. I don't care about how many suits that I get dirty in the process. If you can't get their "attention" you can not teach them.

"Some of us come dressed so well that we cannot sit on the floor. You promote "style" instead of promoting the child!"

After Saleem had presented a short address he opened the floor to questions.

One question was; How do you go up against the standards that were already set by the schools or the colleges?

"My thing is staff development. I teach parents to teach teachers "How to be Effective" in the class room." But we can't take medicine if we recognize that we are sick!"

"If we look at it we are still the "last hired and the first fired." That's how I know we are not making the type of progress that we are suppose to be making."

"You are not a man until you get fired so you can feel the pain. You haven't been fired? You don't even know what self employment is."

Saleem's subject dealt with

simplistic approach to human problems. His methods were unorthodox and some people in the audience were unable to see the universal connections that he was applying to word meanings. Saleem focused in on the word e-m-p-l-o-y-m-e-n-t.

As a matter of fact "work" is designed to destroy us. In the word "employment" you can see the design. You don't think it is designed to destroy us, then look at your paycheck when you get it. In the word "employment" you see the word Ploy. A "ploy" means a tactic designed to "embarrass" and to "frustrate" one's opponent. "Plot" is also in the word (employment.) "P-L-O-T."

You know how many brothers were "well-off before they got a "job"? Don't get the wrong message!" I don't go against "work" I'm just saying that sometimes it is better "that you work for yourself!" You become "self-employed", "self-dependent." I've seen people commit suicide right after they get the job. "Man look at my check?" "Look at this!" "You go home and your wife ask you, "Did you get your check?" And you say, "yes, I got it." Then you both say, "Damn!" "It's a shame!"

Getting back to the subject of "schools destroying us" he put it this way.

"Our schools destroy us (reference to men and women roles in society.) They tell us,

ANTIONETE RENEE OLIVER, a sixteen year Eldorado High School junior, won the 1991 Miss Black Teenage Nevada title from a field of twelve finalists Sunday, May 19th at the Holiday Inn.

Oliver received the Exceptional Participant Award and placed second in the Sales Promotion category. Her winnings include a \$2000.00 scholarship, \$1500.00 saving bond.

The daughter of Mrs. Gloria Oliver, and sponsored by Looking Good Beauty Center, she intends to pursue a special education career at Howard University.

KIMBERLY MAYERS, first runner up, Miss Cultural Awareness, and third in sales promotion, (\$1200.00 scholarship, \$1000.00 bonds); LEGINIA JOHNSON, second runner up and Miss Amity, (\$1000.00 scholarship, \$500.00 bond); VANESSA THOMPSON, third runner up, and Miss Talent,

(\$1000.00 scholarship); and LAKESHATHOMAS, Miss Sales Promotion (\$1000.00 scholarship) were recognized.

CHARLETTE BANKS, NICOLE LEE, JAMILA McDONNELL, TONIKA NEWTON, CHERYL SMITH, DEGENCIA

WALKER, and LATOYA WALKER earned Outstanding Participation Awards and \$200.00 savings bonds.

WENDELL WILLIAMS

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can do to emulate Malcolm X is to try to speak the truth," Wendell continued.

"As educators we must understand the work in a constant state of "oppression."

We must then do one of two things. He or she becomes a "revolutionary" or he becomes an oppressor. We must, as educators, offer to our young people knowledge about "who they are" and "what they can be," and "What their destiny should be." Not some "paternalistic" distorted viewpoint created by some "unrealistic racist" European. We must began to teach our young people the truth."

"We as educators must "teach" and "promote" the "truth." So by mere necessity African-American educators must be "revolutionary" people. I know

that this can be sometimes difficult because the first thing you will think is that if I do I might lack "job security." If I do, I will be labeled as a "trouble maker" a "rabble rouser." If I do, I will be labeled as a "radical" or even as a "bigot."

Williams said that in 1963 we had no "job security" but we took a stand against injustices. He asked where were the African-American teachers who protested in Jackson Mississippi and forced their way in the door and demanded the right to vote.

He said that they had one simple message that "I'd rather be unemployed with dignity, than watch my people live in humiliation."

In closing his speech, Williams urged the audience to hold on to "hope" and to work tirelessly until we achieve our aims

as he echoed words uttered in memory of Malcolm X who was assassinated as El Hajj El Malik Shabazz, while seeking to bring about "global consciousness" through the Organization of African Unity.

This is the time and this is the place to stop the "backwards thinking ahead.!" This is the time and this is the place to adopt what I call the "Noah's Principles." No more prizes for "predicting rain" the only prize is for "Building Arks." To effectively build arks we must stop trying to emulate other people." Stop saying what they "tell-us to say" and start "seeing and speaking for ourselves!"

This is the time and this is the place to remind those who might be concerned that "even though you may not like me! Even (See Williams, Page 19)

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