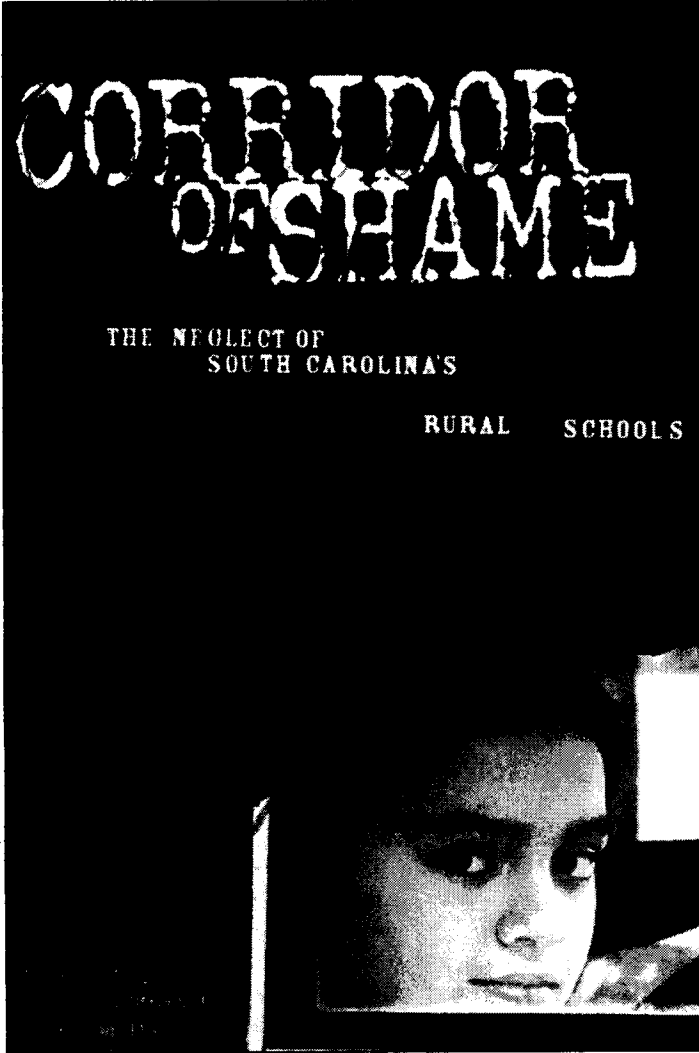


# Premiere of *Corridor of Shame* video to get no red carpet treatment



By Rachel Haynie

No red carpet will be rolled out for the premiere of the new video, *Corridor of Shame*, the story of neglect in SC's rural schools. The faces of some legislators may be red, however, following initial screenings of the 58-minute video.

Columbians will be among the first to see the documentary executive-produced by business and civic leader and philanthropist John Rainey.

Around \$75,000 in contributions from a bi-partisan A-list paid the freight for the raw 120 hours of film shot over five months,

then edited by Bud Ferillo of Ferillo & Associates. Those who see the video's first screenings at Nickelodean Theatre April 5 and 7 at 5:15 pm will be asked to chip in \$5.

Framed in the video are faces in the state's poorest schools. Among them are teachers, administrators, parents, and students representing thousands expected to learn and succeed in conditions verbally described during last year's 101-day trial in Summerton as deplorable.

During the proceedings, in which eight poor rural school districts sued the state on grounds their districts are not meeting the state constitution-guaranteed "minimally adequate" standard, neither judge nor jury could see the conditions of the schools in question. The video animates the depth and breadth of the claims, making vivid the stark reality that characterizes educational conditions in some rural settings here in SC.

Following the first two public screening times, the video will be shown in venues throughout the state. Another screening is scheduled at the Nickelodeon April 16 at noon.

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