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Halloween 'hanging' set-up shows heightened sensitivity over noose

Jena case has put historical symbol of racial intimidation in the spotlight

BY LAYLA FARMER
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A noose found hanging from a tree in Jena, La., has seemingly sparked a rash of copy cat incidents around the nation and heightened sensitivities over what is considered one of the ugliest symbols of racial intimidation. In short - black people don't want to see anything hanging from the trees these days.

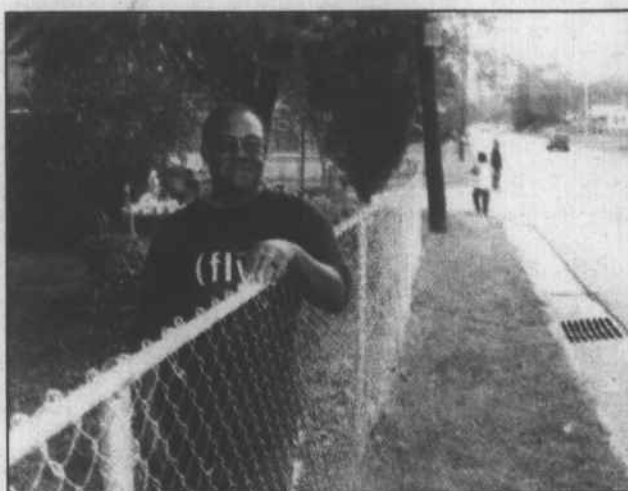
Katherine Lyth learned that recently.



The controversial decoration is seen here in a photo snapped by a resident.

Lyth and her husband, Frank Lyth, are the parents of five children. The family, who are white, moved to the mostly black City View neighborhood recently from Los Angeles. The Lyths co-existed peacefully with their neighbors until they decorated their front yard for Halloween. Among the mock gravestones and casket was a dummy suspended from a tree limb. It was that decoration that stirred a hornet's nest, sparking a controversy that has yet to be resolved.

"We've always decorated - my kids love Halloween, and we do too - we've always decorated scary, had haunted houses ... We've had zombies



See Noose on A12 Harry Andrews looks down Old Greensboro Road.

Photo by Kevin Walker



Photos by Layla Farmer

Father LeBron Taylor speaks.

Bond projects being watched

School Board Member Molsinger defends colleague's absence

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Since its inception in 2002, the CHANGE (Communities Helping All Neighbors Gain Empowerment) organization has lived up to its word, weighing in on a variety of important issues and bringing about, well, change in several key areas. However, there is still more work to be done.

More than 200 CHANGE delegates met at St. Paul's United Methodist Church last Thursday evening to talk about what the organization has been able to accomplish and what's next on the agenda.

One of CHANGE's crowning achievements over the past year was helping pass the 2006 \$250 million school bond, which will be used for the construction of new schools and the renovation of old ones. A Bond Oversight Committee was then formed to monitor the school system's progress.

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Molsinger

BACK TO HER RAM ROOTS

Fox 8's Ferguson teaches future reporters at her alma mater

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Nicole Ferguson entered Winston-Salem State University to learn; now that she's a Fox 8 WGHP reporter, she has returned to her alma mater to serve - as a professor.

Once a week she returns to the school's campus to teach a mass communication class to about a dozen students who are only a few years younger than 24-year-old Ferguson.

"They're very respectful," said Ferguson, a 2004 WSSU grad. "They call me 'Ms Ferguson,' they don't call me 'Nicole.' We keep it at 'Ms. Ferguson.' And they know I mean business, and I expect a lot out of them. It's gone really well."



Nicole Ferguson helps one of her students, Jamal Richmond, as he prepares to read a news script.

Photo by Jason Pitt

Ferguson believes that students learning from someone who is currently a broadcast reporter, like herself, can be a very powerful experience. She learned that first hand as a mass communication student at WSSU when she took a one hour credit course taught by for-

mer WXII 12 reporter Tolly Carr, who is also a WSSU graduate. Carr was a huge inspiration, she said. His class was the first time she thought about getting into the television news business.

"When I sat in his class I thought 'Wow I'd love to do this

one day!' He provided a different perspective for us, being in the business, versus some of our other classes, our other professors. That's the first time I really thought about it when I was in his class," Ferguson said.

She was saddened when Carr's burgeoning career came to a halt

earlier this year after he hit and killed a pedestrian while driving drunk. The former newsman was sentenced in August to 25 to 39 months in prison.

Ferguson headed North after earning her degree from WSSU. She studied at the prestigious

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Guinier: Future of affirmative action is fuzzy

Harvard Law professor talks about need for changes

BY TODD LUCK
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Lani Guinier, a civil rights attorney best known for her failed nomination for an assistant U.S. Attorney General post in the 1990s, spoke on race and social change at Winston-Salem State University last week. Her remarks touched on issues from the past, present and challenges that she says await us all in the future.

"People ask 'Why do we have to talk about slavery, that



Lani Guinier lectures last week at WSSU.

WSSU Photo

was so long ago?" and my answer is "Well, why do you have to talk about the American Revolution? That was a long time ago as well," said Guinier. "In many ways, slavery defined

our democracy to the same extent that the American Revolution defined our Declaration of Independence."

She said that slavery deeply affected all three branches of government. She cited the fact that presidents and Supreme Court justices and members of Congress owned slaves and that the South gained many seats in the House of Representatives by counting their slaves as three-fifths of a person. The issues of race are hardwired into our democracy, said Guinier, Harvard Law School's first black woman tenured professor.

Guinier was nominated in 1993 by President Bill Clinton to head the Civil Rights Division of

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LOUD AND CLEAR



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N.C. Central University Chancellor Charlie Nelms gets a hearing test recently at the school's Department of Communications Disorders. Each member of the university's faculty and staff were invited to get his or her hearing checked, since officials at the department believe that hearing impacts instruction as well as the workplace efficiency. Nelms hearing, by the way, was "spot-on."



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