



## Seniors Graduate

Four students who graduate from LIFT Academy are told to look ahead.

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## Double Dutching

Youths show their stuff at the Double Dutch State Finals at WSSU.

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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle." — Frederick Douglass

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## Racist Notes Left on Dorm Doors at Salem

### ▲ Officials discuss incident with black, white students

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Racist notes using the term "nigger" were left on the dormitory doors of four students at Salem College, prompting college administrators to hold forums with students to discuss the incident.

The incident, which occurred during the early morning hours of April 26, were left on the doors of four students — three African Americans and one white, college officials said.

A Salem College student who requested anonymity, said the notes attached to the doors of the black students

said "Niggers Go Home," and the one attached to the door of the white student called her a "nigger-lover." The white student's boyfriend is black.

The day of the incident, Julianne Still Thrift, president of Salem Academy and College, M. Cynthia Farris, dean of students, and Sidney L. Kelly Jr., head of the religion department and faculty advisor to a group concerned about the quality of life of African-American students, met with the four students.

That evening, meetings were held in several dormitories to discuss the incident. In all the meetings, administrators said, black and white students alike expressed shock, outrage and anger over the incident. Meetings continued Tuesday of that week, and on the following day Thrift sent a memorandum to all students calling the incident a "cowardly" act.

"It was a real attack on what we claim we are, the kind of environment we think we have here," Thrift said Tuesday in an interview.

The incident occurred three days after Onua, an African-American organization on campus, held its inaugural dinner-dance at which Deloris "Dee" Smith, president of the Winston-Salem Urban League, was guest speaker. Thrift said the program might have triggered the racist notes.

Later that week, a special leadership class for freshmen discussed the incident and talked about what could be done to improve race relations on campus. The following week, an open forum was held in the Refectory, where students, faculty and staff eat lunch, to further discuss the incident.

"Out of this terribly tragic incident, we have been able to get in touch with many underlying issues that are now being dealt with in a very open way," Farris said. "What was a terribly destructive act has resulted in very constructive things that we will continue to move forward with in the fall."

Salem College, a four-year, all-women's liberal arts

school on the city's south side in Old Salem, has about 800 students, 5 percent of whom are minority. Officials from the college say they are saddened by the incident, and that they are committed to a diverse faculty and student body. They note that two of the six new faculty members for the next academic year are African-American. They also said that new faculty and staff members will receive special training for dealing with issues of diversity.

"We do not seek diversity because it's simple or easy or because it's symbolic," Thrift said, "but because it improves the educational experience of all our students and because it's good for the society in which we live."

Three of the students were freshmen and one was a sophomore. The four said they plan to return to Salem College in the fall, said Rachel Barron, a college spokesperson.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Bobby Brown Cancels Tour

HONOLULU (AP) — Bobby Brown has canceled the European leg of his world tour on the advice of doctors concerned about his elevated blood pressure readings and throat problems.

Even though he was told to take at least a month off, Brown said he would perform one last time here. Brown, who has been on the road since last December, arrived here last week following performances in Japan. Brown promised a few surprises at last week's show at the Neal Blaisdell Arena, but wouldn't say if one of them would be an appearance by his wife, singer Whitney Houston, who flew in from California to be with her husband.

### Rosa Parks Sues Bookstore

ATLANTA — Civil Rights movement heroine Rosa Parks has sued an Atlanta bookstore and three men for return of a book inscribed to her by the late Martin Luther King Jr. Last July, the men reportedly contacted Parks and told her they had found the book *Strength to Love* — but demanded \$2,500 before they would return it. Negotiations with Parks' lawyer produced a deal for the book to be returned at no charge, but a few months ago the men reneged on that agreement. Parks filed her suit at the end of May. Neither the men nor the bookstore — Oxford Too — would explain why they are refusing to return the book. Parks is often credited with sparking the modern civil rights movement when she refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Ala. public bus to a white man and move to the back of the bus. That action in the mid-1950s helped launch the civil rights career of Dr. King.



Rosa Parks

### Cops Cleared In Beating

NASHVILLE, TN — A grand jury recently refused to indict five white police officers who choked and beat a black officer after pulling him over in his unmarked car last December. However, two of the officers were fired for using excessive force while the other three were cleared and reinstated. Meanwhile, the black officer Reggie Miller said the entire incident was prompted by racism.

## Blacks Say Police Quick to Overreact

### ▲ Police officers defend their actions

By MARK R. MOSS  
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On two occasions last month, Winston-Salem police officers used pepper spray on black residents of public housing complexes while attempting to make arrests.

Last week, Officer Eugene F. Piscitelli again used the gas while attempting to make an arrest at a public housing complex. This latest incident, which resulted in the shooting death of Daron Lamont Bines by Piscitelli and the officer being severely wounded, prompted several residents to complain that police often overreact when investigating reports of disturbances in African-American communities.

Several residents discussed their feelings last Friday during a vigil near Cleveland Avenue Homes, where Bines was shot. About 75 people, including two police officers attended the vigil, sponsored by Black Men and Women Against Crime.

"The residents are afraid and so are the police," said Wanda McIntyre, a Kimberly Park resident and youth program director for the Kimberly Park recreation center. "The bottom line is that this city is on the edge of a panic attack."

But, she added, "I don't think you can judge how the police are doing their job by this shooting."

Estella Jenkins, a resident of Happy Hill Gardens, said she felt ambivalent about the

presence of police in her community.

"We can do without them," she said, "but at the same time we got to have them."

Last month, when police used pepper spray on residents at Kimberly Park, outraged residents claimed that officers used excessive force. Two weeks later, police used the spray again, this time on a crowd that had gathered at Happy Hill Gardens. Pepper spray contains oils from cayenne pepper and does not cause permanent injury.

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Daron Lamont Bines



Officer E.F. Piscitelli



Doris Bines (center), whose son was killed by a police officer last week, is consoled at a candlelight vigil at Cleveland Avenue Homes.

## Shooting Victim Discusses Attack

### ▲ Victim friend of skinhead

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Julius Jai Johnson never thought twice about waving a peace sign to an old friend — even if he is a skinhead. But this innocent gesture proved to be injurious to him and fatal to a friend.

Aaron Harrison Moser, a former schoolmate of Johnson's at Independence High School, shot and killed Thomas Joseph "Tomcat" Scharf last week and wounded

Johnson, authorities said.

Moser is an acknowledged skinhead with ties to the National Socialist Front, an off-shoot of the Ku Klux Klan. Moser and Scharf are white; Johnson is black.

As Johnson was recovering in his room at Baptist Hospital this week, he revealed details about last week's shooting on Clemmons Road. After waving at the car, Johnson said, the Pinto turned around. He recalled Moser and two

other white males in the car asking Scharf about someone named Joe. For no apparent reason, Johnson said, Moser shot Scharf, a white male, and Johnson ran from the scene with the gun pointed at his back.

"Paul (Bishop) yelled out shoot him, but Vance (Adams) pushed him or hit his arm and the bullet hit me in the leg," Johnson said. "If it wasn't for Vance, he might have

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Julius Johnson (left), Mikel Matthews and Erica Clark at the hospital.

## Outdated Meats Go to E. Winston

### ▲ Lawsuits pending against Food Lion

By MARK R. MOSS  
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On the heels of nationally televised allegations that Food Lion was misrepresenting the freshness of its perishable products comes assertions from a former employee that the grocery store chain was sending old meat to its store in East Winston.

Bobby R. Woollen, a former Food Lion employee, maintains that while he worked at the Jonestown Road store in predominantly white southwest Winston-Salem, he was often told to "send all close-to-date and out-of-date stock to the Claremont Store."

Woollen makes the claims in an affidavit dated Dec. 8, 1992. Accompanying the affidavit is a list of about 50 names of former employees who Fingerhut,

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### THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

On May 12, 1967, H. Rap Brown replaced Stokely Carmichael as chairman of Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.