

# Some blacks dislike mural of Washington's visit to Salem

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A mural of George Washington's visit to Salem has caused a minor stir among some African Americans who dislike the depiction of five blacks in the painting.

The Winston-Salem Urban League received five complaints last week about the mural on the east side of the old Mother and Daughter building near the intersection of Fourth and

Trade Streets.

The mural is painted on the side of Art Inc. at 122 Fourth Street.

It shows President Washington greeting North Carolina Governor Alexander Martin and other people in Salem. The scene has 22 whites and five blacks — four men and one boy.

The black men are wearing red overcoats. One is taking care of horses while another one is a postillion, the rider of the lead horse drawing the

president's carriage. The blacks are slaves, smaller than the white townspeople.

Local teenagers are painting the mural as part of a program called Art Apprenticeship and Job Training Program for Youth, also known as Artiva. The program began June 17 and will run until Aug. 9. The work is about 50 percent complete, said Armand

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This photograph shows a portion of the mural on the wall at 122 Fourth St. The scene depicts President George Washington visiting Salem and his two black slaves taking care of his horses.

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## Shakeup at WSSU ?



Dr. Alvin J. Schexnider  
WSSU Chancellor

By SAM DAVIS  
Special to the Chronicle

Is there a shakeup going on in the administration at Winston-Salem State University?

Sources close to the university say that in the wake of several unexpected resignations and retirements, the question needs to be addressed.

Particularly disturbing to some members of the faculty and staff at WSSU is the fact that several

long-time members of the administration have decided to either retire or resign since Dr. Alvin J. Schexnider took over as chancellor at WSSU on Jan. 1.

"It feels like the family is being broken up," said one staff member, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "To see so many people leave at one time is really distressing."

Calls to Schexnider's office were not returned. Among those who are no longer on the WSSU

staff are Nat Irvin, former vice chancellor of development, Fannie Williams, who was director of Institutional Projects, Dr. Donald Benson, who served as assistant vice chancellor of student affairs, Elaine Brown, who served as the director of student activities, Sandy Sosnik, director of Career Services, Michelle Cook, assistant to the vice chancellor of

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## Dole snubs NAACP Conference

From AP and Staff Reports

CHARLOTTE — Four years ago, then President Bush declined an invitation to speak at the NAACP's annual convention. Feeling deserted by the Republican Party, members are frustrated that Bob Dole is passing them by this year, too.

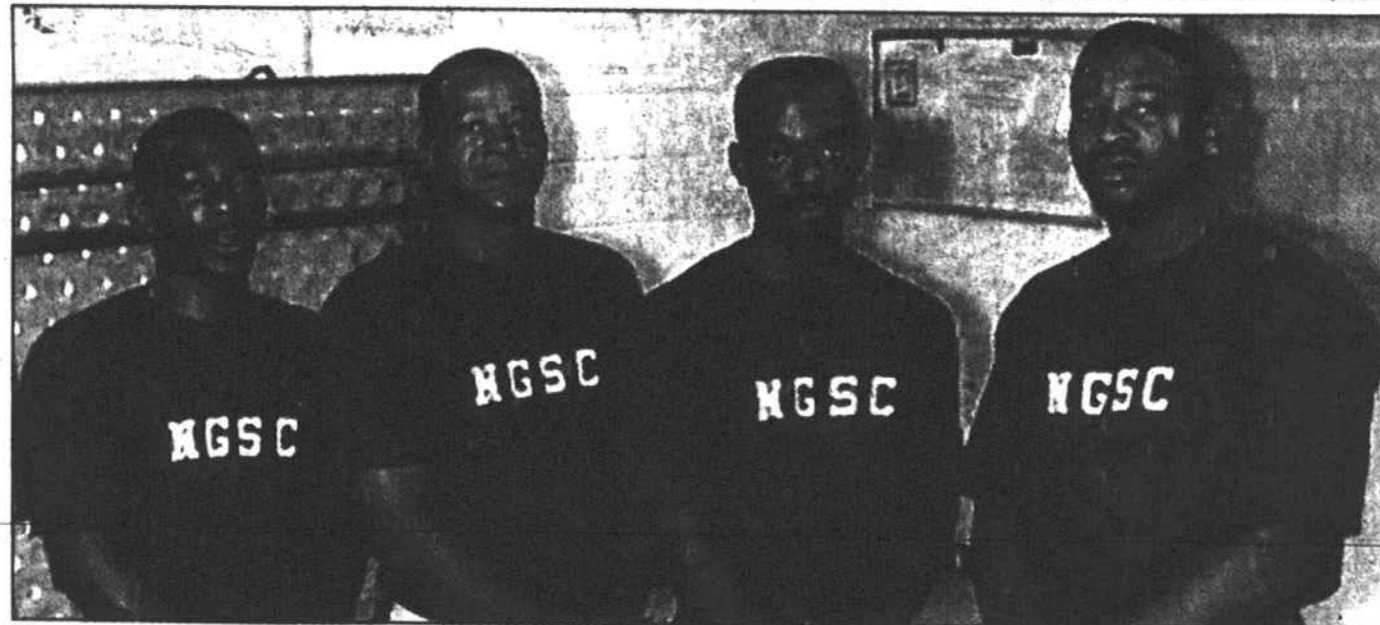
"If he wants the support from black Republicans and even Democrats, he's got to show, regardless of how he feels," said Sid Nelson, an NAACP member from Charlotte, S.C., who is black and votes Republican.

President Clinton planned to address the NAACP gathering on Wednesday. The NAACP invited Dole to speak on Tuesday, but a campaign statement issued late Monday said a "major scheduling conflict" forced him to decline the invitation. Dole was scheduled to campaign Tuesday in Richmond, Va., and then attend baseball's All-Star game in Philadelphia.

The statement noted that the NAACP declined the campaign's offer to have former HUD Secretary Jack Kemp attend in Dole's place and promoted the former senator's record on civil rights. It did not mention Dole's proposal to eliminate federal set-asides for minorities and women.

Some NAACP members grouched that Dole, the

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The officers of the New Generation Social Club recently conducted a "Say No to Drugs" Cookout at Belview Recreation Center. Left to right, they are Stephan Wells, treasurer; Durrelle Ingram, president; Ricky Latten, sergeant at arms; and Barry Washington, secretary.

## Local group hopes to keep youth off drugs

By MAURICE CROCKER  
Community News Reporter

About 50 local children gathered at the Belview Recreation Center this week for the "Youth Day: Say No to Drugs Cookout" sponsored by the New Generation Social Club.

"The purpose of the event was to spread the message to children to stay away from drugs and focus on positive things in life," said Willie McClendon, the club's vice president.

"It's our way of doing something for the kids in the community," he said.

The children received an inspiring message from former Police Sgt. Thurmond Carter, who spoke about drugs and their effects on lives.

"Drugs are bad for your mind, bad for your body, and bad for your soul," McLendon said. "Say no to drugs. I know that you have heard this over

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## Church burnings increase to 42

### ▲Foundations raise money to rebuild

From AP, NNPA, Chronicle Staff Reports

A church fire in North Carolina has been connected with the April 16 fire that destroyed a black church near Richmond, Va., bringing the total of suspicious black church fires to at least 42 in the past 19 months.

The fire occurred at a black church in Carteret County last week.

Meanwhile in New York, eight foundations announced \$2.7 million in grants to the National Council of Churches' Burned Churches Fund, which will help African-American congregations rebuild their arsoned churches and work to address the racism underlying the burnings.

Concern is still growing in black communities nationwide, with scores of interracial church services being held in all parts of the nation.

At the national meeting of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Louisville, Ky., bishops questioned the Clinton administration's position that the fires are not connected.

The bishops said they want to meet with President Clinton to discuss the matter.

"These attacks against African-American churches and houses of worship are an affront to our most basic beliefs of religious liberty and racial tol-

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Tnitra King, 17, left, and her teacher, Delia Gamble, transcribe an interview for the Community Stories program. Students are examining the history of a black North Carolina hospital and a South Carolina school system.

## Students examine schools, hospital

From Chronicle Staff Reports

As part of a Duke University project, young people in two small towns in North and South Carolina are spending their summer documenting how years of racial segregation and discrimination have kept their communities from thriving.

In Wilson, N.C., students will look at the impact of Mercy Hospital, established in the early 1900s to provide health care to African Americans, while their counterparts will examine the segregated school system in Summerton, S.C., where the case of Briggs vs. Elliot originated.

That case was the first of five lawsuits consolidated into the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education decision that led to the desegregation of the

nation's public schools.

Duke University's Center for Documentary Studies is organizing the oral history project, called Community Stories. The project gives young students a chance to practice interviewing and writing skills while learning first-hand about civil rights work in their communities.

The students will also provide the community with a permanent record of their town's history. Each seven-week project, which began at the end of June, is designed to work with community-based organizations. About 20 high school students from each area will conduct interviews and

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