

Columnist says discussions on race are not enough

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Merely talking about race won't close the gap between whites and blacks in America, observed nationally renowned and syndicated columnist Dr. Julianne Malveaux, who took center stage last Thursday at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG).

The program called for Malveaux to provide solutions for race relations. She didn't make any promises for correct answers, but Malveaux put her best foot forward.

She pointed out that there are Americans who still take pride in waving the Confederate flag and

use other racial epithets that can cause racial tension.

"I understand your ancestry and I understand that many millions

of people black and white died in the Civil War ... (but) are you not willing to understand my ancestry and that when you whistle Dixie, 'I wish I was in the land of cotton,' I kind of cop an attitude," said Malveaux.

The crowd filled with women and a sprinkle of men from the university and the community, were reminded that the issues African Americans face are not just their own.

"When we talk about the plight of African-American people, we're really talking about the plight of many Americans. Poverty is not a black

problem. Welfare is not a black program," stated Malveaux. "If welfare was a black program, guess what, there wouldn't be a program."

Malveaux continued to touch on a variety of topics that captivated the ears of those under the sound of her voice. From standardized test scoring to unemployment rates and social security, Malveaux kept the crowd loose and thinking about where the issue of race is going and why they must face it.

"We have race issues embedded in our labor market issues that we don't want to deal with. How do you kick women off of public assistance," asked Malveaux rhetorically. "You have these

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Julianne Malveaux spoke at UNCG last week.

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No baseball for Piedmont

But blacks in both counties were major league supporters

By DAMON FORD
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In a surprising wide margin, Major League Baseball struck out at the polls in the Triad.

Those opposing baseball won a decisive victory, garnering 55,732 votes compared to the 27,180 votes cast in favor of the referendum. What the overall numbers don't reveal, however, is the significant support the initiative received from the Triad's African Americans.

According to election returns, voters in at least six predominantly black Forsyth County precincts and four Guilford County precincts were willing to spend public dollars to lure professional baseball to the region. Those precincts constitute the vast majority of blacks who voted in Tuesday's primary.

By contrast, however, white residents in both counties were overwhelmingly against the idea.

A one percent tax on all prepared food would have been levied on citizens along with a 50-cents surcharge on all tickets sold at the stadium.

Many African Americans who

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HOW BLACKS VOTED

A look at six predominantly black precincts in both counties

Forsyth County	For	Against
Carver High School	196	153
East Winston Library	185	168
14th St. Rec Center	183	119
Hanes Community Center	381	313
Patsley Middle School	122	107
Winston Lake YMCA	229	166
Guilford County		
N.C. A&T	80	64
Hayes-Taylor YMCA	69	57
Hampton Elementary	122	168
Windsor Community Center	181	154
Trinity AME Zion	247	259
Reid Memorial CME	171	163



Green Day's bassist, Dimebag Darbe, right, and other members of the band are seen during a news conference at a rally by the Black Panther Party in Fayetteville, N.C., on the campus of Southern Baptist University in Fayetteville, N.C., Monday night, April 30, 1998. The rally opposed the city's new anti-discrimination ordinance that includes protections for racial minorities and homosexuals.

Chancellor under fire at WSSU

University employees allege Dr. Schexnider used state workers and equipment for personal benefit

By SAM DAVIS
THE CHRONICLE Sports Editor

The North Carolina state auditor's office is investigating allegations that Dr. Alvin J. Schexnider, Winston-Salem State's chancellor, has misused state funds, according to sources close to the university.

According to a source, the state auditor's office has received calls from at least three individuals at the university, who reported an incident that happened last month and another that has been going on for several months.

Schexnider, according to sources, bought personal workout equipment from Sears at Hanes Mall on April 15 and had state employees transport the equipment on a state-owned truck. Schexnider met the WSSU employees at his house and then had them set up the equipment in his home.

According to a source, Schexnider directed the employees to perform duties without conferring with Irvin Hodge, vice chancellor for physical facilities. Calls by THE CHRONICLE to Hodge were unanswered and referred to Aaron Singleton, the university's director of media relations.

In a separate matter, Schexnider has reportedly used Captain William Bell, the university's chief of security, to chauffeur

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Jury ponders life or death for cop killers

By ESTES THOMPSON
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FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — It could be next week before two brothers convicted of murdering lawmen on the grassy shoulder of Interstate 95 learn whether they will be executed or spend their lives in prison.

Superior Court Judge Coy Brewer Jr. told jurors Monday that because of scheduling problems, they may not begin their deliberations until the middle of next week.

Jurors are hearing evidence in the sentencing phase of the trial for Kevin and Tilmon Golphin. Kevin, 18, and Tilmon, 19, were convicted last week of first-degree murder in the Sept. 23 shootings of Cumberland County Sheriff's Deputy David Hathcock and State Highway Patrol Trooper Ed Lowry.

Tilmon Golphin had been living with his mother's parents in Greeleyville, a community near

Kingtree, where the grandmother had a beauty shop. Kevin was visiting from Richmond, Va., where he lived with his mother and stepfather.

Witnesses testified Tilmon shot both officers with a semi-automatic rifle as one tried to subdue Kevin with pepper spray foam. The younger Golphin then shot the officers with Lowry's .40-caliber pistol.

Each, also, was convicted of two counts of armed robbery, one count of assault with a deadly weapon, one count of firing into an occupied vehicle and one count of possessing a stolen vehicle.

Harbin was Kevin's only witness. Family members who didn't speak for Kevin began testifying for Tilmon and attorneys said more testimony, including experts, would continue this week.

"He had this terrible temper that he didn't know what to do with," Harbin said.

During Monday's lunch break,



AP Photo/Marcus Castro, Fayetteville Observer-Times
Tilmon Golphin, 19, right, sits with lawyer Jim Parish after he and his brother Kevin Golphin, 18, were convicted of murder in the first degree Wednesday, April 29, 1998, in Fayetteville, N.C. The brothers are facing possible death sentences for the fatal shootings of two law officers during a highway traffic stop last fall.

Kevin Golphin banged on the wall of his courthouse holding cell as he had last week after the guilty verdict. He sat impassively during testimony.

"He was in a rage," psy-

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GOP snubs black women

By SHARON BROOKS HODGE
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Black women in several states are fuming after being snubbed by the Republican Party.

The absence of African-American women as speakers at last week's national Republican Women Leaders Forum "is just the latest example of the party's policy of exclusion and tokenism of its black activists," wrote Gwen Daye Richardson in a tersely worded statement sent to newspapers across the country. Richardson is editor of "Headway" magazine and a columnist for "USA Today."

Richardson and five other black women made their beef with the GOP public by publishing an open letter in the April 29 edition of "The Washington Times." The six women complained that "as is the case with most GOP events, few blacks were invited to attend the forum, including leaders who have worked in the party for 10, 20 or even 30 years at the national, state and local level."

Adding insult to injury is the

fact that two of the women who signed the letter — Faye Anderson and Athena Eisenman — are national vice chairs of the Republican Party's New Majority Council. The council's aim supposedly is to draw more blacks into the GOP ranks.

Yet, some 50 people were asked to speak and another 15,000 were invited to attend the event. The women who placed the open letter in the Washington Times were completely overlooked.

Not being invited to the forum, said Richardson, "is just the latest in a long succession of slights, and we are compelled to take a stand."

"With over 10 years of experience as a Republican activist at the national level, I am sick and tired of being sick and tired of being excluded due to an 'oversight,'" said Anderson.

Other signers of "The Washington Times" letter include Phyllis Berry Myers, a president of the National Center for Leadership and Training, which is an arm of

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