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## WSSU HONOR FOR FARRAKHAN?

Some want school to give controversial Nation of Islam leader an honorary degree

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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Minister Louis Farrakhan has not always been the extraordinarily controversial figure that he is today. The 74-year-old the Nation of Islam leader was once just a student, much like any other, wandering along the Sidewalks at Winston-Salem State University.

"When I knew him, he was Gene Walcott," commented County Commissioner Beaufort Bailey.

Bailey, a 1957 alumnus, was pursuing an elementary education degree at Winston-Salem State during the time Farrakhan attended. The two have stayed in touch over the years, Bailey says.

"I think Winston-Salem State had a great impact on Eugene Walcott, Louis Farrakhan," he declared. "I think he came here and saw something (special) but he figured he could just have a greater impact on the world and

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Dr. Julianne Malveaux will be sworn in on Saturday at noon.

## Inauguration for Malveaux slated to be star-studded

Famed author and economist will be Bennett's 15th president

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Dr. Julianne Malveaux has worn many hats during her distinguished professional career.

She's been praised as an accomplished economist, an insightful author and a folksy, girl-next-door intellectual.

Saturday, she will have another title to add to her resume - President of Bennett College.

Several events stretching over four days (starting today) are actually slated to celebrate Malveaux's inauguration as the 15th

leader of Bennett, a historically black school for women in Greensboro. A native of San Francisco, Malveaux has actually been on the job at Bennett for more than a year. She took over the school after the retirement of Dr. Johnetta B. Cole, a legendary educator who served as Bennett president for more than five years.

Malveaux earned her undergraduate and master's degrees from Boston College. She received her Ph.D. in economics from MIT in 1980. Since then, she has been on the faculty or visiting faculty of the New School for Social Research at San Francisco State University, the

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Photo by Kathleen Galligan/Detroit Free Press/MCT

Minister Louis Farrakhan delivers the keynote address at The Nation of Islam's 2007 Sayiours' Day event in Detroit.

## ONE MORE STEP FORWARD

Garden established as Odd Fellows restoration process continues

BY TODD LUCK  
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Easter is one of those holidays when many people place flowers on the graves of their loved ones. But that's difficult to do for those with relatives buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery, a historic African-American graveyard that has

fallen into disrepair over the decades. Trees and vegetation cover most of the hundreds of burial plots and headstones in Odd Fellows' 10 acres. Even headstones that are visible aren't necessarily accessible to loved ones because of overgrown shrubs and brush.

This Easter, families were invited to symbolically honor their loved ones by placing wreaths and flowers in a memorial garden that was formed by the The Odd Fellows Reclamation Committee.

"Our plan is to try to get people interested in coming up and seeing and maybe bringing up a flower or some kind of wreath or something in remembrance of their loved ones," said James Clyburn, the president of the committee, which has worked for 16 years to restore Odd Fellows, which is



A flower planted to honor Henry Stepp Sr.

See Garden on A13 James Clyburn stands in the memorial garden.



Photos by Todd Luck

## Senior uses golden years to sound alarm about future

Book urges community, organizations to work for positive change

BY LAYLA FARMER  
THE CHRONICLE

As an educator and school counselor for more than 30 years, Bedford Vaughn dedicated his career to furthering the advancement of young African Americans.

Now retired, Vaughn is dedicating his life to helping black people, especially youths, find positive direction.

To this end, the fiery senior penned "A Treatise: A Call for Action, a Turnaround in the Black Community."

The book stemmed from an essay Vaughn was asked to write for the Seaside, Calif.-NAACP he was an active



Bedford Vaughn with his wife of 56 years, Wihelmenia.

member of. But the essay grew, as decades of frustrations and observations poured from him.

"The statistics show that our (black) kids are really suffering," he commented. "Having worked in the schools for years ... I tried to figure out what was wrong."

In the book, Vaughn, a longtime political activist, calls on African Americans to be their own deliverers. He urges the black community to look within themselves for the answers to what ails them as a people, rather than turning to other races or sources of aid.

"We need to formulate a plan to begin an organized effort of creating a better world here in America. This book of mine is just a good step into moving into that plan," he says in "A Call to Action."

He later added, "I don't have time, and I don't think the black people have time to wait much longer (for a positive change)."

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## A BARRAGE OF COLOR



Photo by Jason Pitt

Electric Moustache Gallery, located at the Warehouse/Krankies Coffee Shop at 221 Third St., is exhibiting "Survival of the Cutest," a mixed bag of eye-catching creations of artists from Asheville, Winston-Salem and other North Carolina towns and cities. The show, which fuses pop and sub culture aesthetics into a 'colorful barrage of collage,' will be up through March 30. The exhibit was curated by Andrew Fansler.

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