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Neely Hangs From 'Sour Apple Tree' - In Effigy

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Jess Neely, dean of Southwest Conference football coaches, was hung in effigy on the north end of the campus Wednesday night.

The hanging was discovered by a passerby about 8:45 p.m. The dummy had apparently been there since early in the evening.

The dummy, dressed in a blue serge suit over a gray sweat suit, was cut down by bystanders at 9:45 p.m.

Displayed prominently on the front of the dummy was a sign:

“Jess Neely—November Coach
Arkansas 10—Rice 0”

It was the first such incident in Neely’s 31 years as head coach at Rice.

Coach Neely said: “I have no comment to make, except that I’m glad it was just in effigy.”

Ray Alborn, senior tackle, football team tri-captain, said: “I think it will just make the team buck up and go harder against A & M Saturday.”

Johnny Burrell, senior right end, and another tri-captain, asked if the incident indicated dissatisfaction with Neely as head coach said: “I don’t know if other people are, but we’re not.”

The identity of the person or persons who hung the dummy are unknown. Students speculate that it was none of their number, however.

The dummy disappeared shortly after being cut down.