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Defense fund formed locally by alderman for Darryl Hunt

Little says it's essential that public be informed

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Saying he fears that Darryl Eugene Hunt will not get a fair trial otherwise, North Ward Alderman Larry D. Little has established a defense fund for the black 19-year-old who was charged on Sept. 14, 1984 with the Aug. 10 murder and rape of Winston-Salem *Sentinel* copy editor Deborah Sykes.

Little said he created the fund, under the auspices of Hunt attorneys S. Mark Rabil and Gordon W. Jenkins, to help pay for investigators and expert witnesses.

Little said the money will not be used to pay attorney's fees.

"We need to raise about \$5,000 and we will get it," Little said.

Little said he and other volunteers

raised more than \$500 last week with a table set up in the the Benton Convention Center lobby during the NAACP's Freedom Fund banquet.

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tle. "That's why I'm involved in this case. The basis of the case is built on the testimony of two white men who say they saw a person they identify as Hunt with a white girl on the morning Sykes was killed and in the area she was killed. The rest of the evidence is based on the testimony of a white pro-

stitute who has told three different stories. All the physical evidence points towards Hunt's innocence.

"I'm appalled at this crime," added Little. "That could have been my wife out there. But I know the public has put a lot of pressure on the police

department to solve this case."

Because of public pressure, Little said, he feels the police may have been too anxious to accuse someone -- anyone.

"I don't believe in 1985 that a black life ought to be sold for this price," he

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Officials: Patterson YMCA's in poor shape

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The new Winston Lake YMCA will open for business three months from now. But if it encounters the same management, staff and programming problems that plagued the Patterson Avenue YMCA, it may not remain open for long, say some Metro YMCA officials.

Brian Cormier, who is general manager of the Metropolitan YMCA organization governing all Forsyth County YMCAs, says programming for the predominantly black Patterson Avenue Y -- which will be replaced by the Winston Lake facility this spring --

is at an all-time low and that its paid adult memberships have dropped to fewer than 50.

"Youth programs have dropped heavily off, the aquatics programs are at an all-time low and youth basketball programs have dropped off," Cormier said in an interview earlier this week.

Though Cormier noted that "there has been some success with adult basketball, and volleyball and Kinder-camp have increased," he said overall participation in the Patterson Y's after-school program has dropped. He added that its marketing effort "hasn't been strong" and that the number of adult participants "has fallen off

drastically in the last three years."

"We can't operate like that in the new facility," he said.

According to last year's final figures, the Patterson Avenue Y membership numbers 662, 603 of them youths, said Cormier, leaving only 59 adult members, many with only partial memberships. Of the 662, 484 are on scholarships, he said, or receive some kind of financial assistance to help pay membersh-

"That leaves only 178 paying any dues whatsoever," said Cormier. "Patterson is operating with only 20 percent self-produced income. The

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NAACP's Freedom Fund Banquet features first-ever McLean awards

By ROBIN ADAMS
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A capacity audience was treated to an evening of firsts last Thursday at the NAACP's Freedom Fund Banquet in the Benton Convention Center.

Those firsts included the first white keynote speaker in the banquet's history, the first-ever presentation of the Hanes Group/Charles McLean Community Service Awards and the first performance at a local Freedom Fund Banquet by a nationally-known actress in Winston native Fay Hauser.

Robert E. Elberson, president and chief operating officer of Consolidated Foods Corp., was the featured speaker at the Jan. 10 dinner, held annually in January to commemorate the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elberson's topic, appropriately enough, was "Change."

"I believe this is, in fact, the first time that any non-minority person has been asked to speak at the annual Freedom Fund banquet," said Elberson, smiling, to open his speech. "I must warn you, however, that I am not a gifted inspirational

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Local native Fay Hauser sings and recites (photos by James Parker).



Charles McLean on the awards named for him: He simply was doing what needed to be done.



Tom Elijah

The Urban League: A brand new building and a very bright future

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If 1985 promises to be a landmark year for Winston-Salem's Urban League, then local President Tom Elijah can consider himself the architect.

When he arrived to take control of the local branch at the request of then national President Vernon Jordan in 1977, Elijah inherited a small organization with a small budget that had struggled to survive for more than 20 years.

But that \$47,000 budget of seven years ago has mushroomed to more than \$1 million today, and with it has come growth in local employment educa-

tion and training programs and the on-going construction of a new headquarters in the heart of a revived downtown.

"We dream a lot and we try not to let our dreams die," Elijah says.

But the explosive growth of the local operation stands in sharp contrast to Elijah's personal style. As signs of the Urban League's dynamism become increasingly visible through its soon-to-be-finished new home at Fifth and Trade streets, and as increasing numbers of black job-hunters complete an expanding number of employment and training programs, Elijah toils quietly behind the scenes -- working himself into the boardrooms and committees where economic power is wielded and both

public and private grants are handed out.

Sometimes criticized for failing to take the lead on social and political issues affecting the city's black community, Elijah offers no apologies for his leadership style. Charitably, perhaps, he attributes such criticism to a lack of understanding about his role in the community.

Because the Urban League's designation as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization prohibits political activity, Elijah says political activism is "the best way to go out of business."

"You have to be smart enough to do your job without losing your job," he says.

"The issue is equal opportunity and what we can

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