

Big Shoes



Darryl Hunt interviewed.

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mong Public Television's offerings this Black History month is "Charlotte Forten's Mission: Experiment In fleedom," the story of a teacher of emancipated slaves star-

ring Melba Moore, and airing Feb. 25. Meanwhile, our look at black educators continues with a special section on B14, a guest column on Page A4, and the story below.

An order of coffee and apple pie changes history

cle Staff Writer

at the Woolworth's lunch counter in sboro 25 years ago, little did they realize quiet confrontation with Southern lation would blossom into a national

the commemoration of that act amid the and excitement at a Woolworth's crowded eporters and curious onlookers last Frihowever, stood in stark contrast to the er trepidation felt by the four N.C. A&T @ University freshmen back then.

dozen television camera crews swarmed nd a smiling Richmond as he strode up to nounter and faced the same white waitress prefused to take his order a quarter of a

"I'll have the same thing I ordered 25 years hen Jibreel Khazan, Joseph McNeill, ago," he said to Ima Jean Edwards, who among people." McCain and David Richmond sat couldn't remember what it was. Then she brought him a cup of coffee and a slice of apple pie, compliments of the Woolworth management.

Outside the five-and-10, few people caught in a heavy, icy rain seemed to take notice of silver anniversary of the civil rights milestone.

Inside, Richmond waxed philosophically about a similar attitude prevalent among black students he instructs at A&T today.

"They do not realize the way things were," he said. "You have to have bad times before you can enjoy the good times. They just assume the good is good. Everybody wants to remember the good things, the good aspects of it. But if you can remember how things

were, then you can go further and deal with relationships and human understanding

The fact that there was some such understanding at the time allowed Greensboro to make a peaceful transition from near total segregation to the integration of public places and facilities, he said.

"Everybody resists change," he said amid the glare of camera flashes. "But you don't need a majority of the people to bring about change. You just need a few and this is what happened.

The white community was very supportive of us when we were down here," he said of the sit-in demonstrations, noting that several of the store's white customers voiced their support for what the four young were trying to

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Police know I'm innocent

Darryl Hunt: Police know that he didn't murder Sykes

By ALLEN H. JOHNSON Chronicle Executive Editor

This article is the first in a twopart series.

Darryl Eugene Hunt is a softspoken, brownskinned man with a slim build, friendly eyes and a

mouth that slightly curves into a perpetual half-smile. He wears his long, thick hair combed back sometimes. other times in braids. Each of his arms is tattoed with a set of initials and he

wears an earring in his left ear, which he says a friend pierced for him after numbing it with a clothespin clamped on the lobe. He says he wishes the daily newspapers would run a better picture of him.

"That picture frightens me," he says of the photo which was taken during a police lineup and depicts him in braids -- and which has appeared on front pages more times than he'd care to remember.

Hunt says the photo doesn't look very much like him -- that it makes him look as if he did something wrong.

He asks us please not to use

Tattooed on the inside of one of Hunt's arms are the initials "TSH," on the other "TS." They belong, he says, to a 2-yearold named Tahara. Hunt smiles when he talks about Tahara. "I'd like her to have everything she wants," he says, "like a mother and father's love."

Hunt adds that he'd like four additional children and a big house to raise them in. It doesn't matter whether the children are his, Hunt says. He'll adopt them if he has to. He just wants to take care of them.

Rough Road Ahead

But times are not so good right now. Tahara, who is the daughter of a former girlfriend and who Hunt took care of as his own. though he isn't her natural father, is in a foster home. Hunt,



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Deborah Sykes

19, is in jail, arrested for the Aug. 10, 1984, rape and murder of Deborah Brotherton Sykes, a 25-year-old copy editor for the Winston-Salem Sentinel. His trial begins April 15.

Mrs. Sykes died of 16 stab wounds to the chest and was raped and sodomized behind the Crystal Towers elderly highrise, building downtown.

Alderman Larry Little has organized a defense fund on Darryl's behalf, saying he fears that Hunt won't get a fair trial. There are too many unanswered questions, Little says, and the prosecution has a case so flimsy that it scares him. When a crime appears to be committed against a white person by a black man, Little says, no black man is safe from suspicion.

When Hunt was arrested, says Little, who says he played basketball with Hunt occasionally in the Liberty-Patterson neighborhood, "I made the decision that I wasn't going to sit back and let somebody I know go to the gas chamber. The more I began to dwell on the case, the flimsier the evidence was.

"I've even had people in the police department to tell me that they felt it was a very weak case."

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Local men arrested during protests South African Embassy in D.C.

ROBIN ADAMS

Men 98 protesters were jailed on Tuesday, Jan. for demonstrating in front of the South African sy in Washington, three local men were

Mayne Jackson and the Revs. Carlton Eversley d John Mendez were arrested and charged with ildly demonstrating.

We made the trip to be arrested," said Eversley, or of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church. "We Il to show support for the Free South Africa ment, started by TransAfrica under the ership of Randall Robinson."

Eversley, Mendez and Jackson joined scores of across the nation who have made the

pilgrimage to Washington to protest South Africa's apartheid policies.

But, while being arrested in front of the embassy grows more popular, critics say, the effort lacks grassroots support and is merely a publicity stunt. Most of the protesters, say critics, including black poet Nikki Giovanni, are doing it for selfish

They make appointments to be arrested, are arrested after lunch and back home by dinner, critics say. And in most instances, all charges against the protesters are dropped.

Eversley confirmed that demonstrators had to make an appointment to be included among those arrested for that day, but he said it is done only to

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- A Black History Month profile of retired school system administrator Palmer Friende.
- · A progress report from blacks on Leadership Winston-Salem.
- The second article in our two-part interview with Darryl Eugene Hunt.
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Klansmen: They'll recruit in schools

By ROBIN ADAMS Chronicle Assistant Editor

C. Joe Grady, head of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, told the city-county school board Monday night that his organization plans to recruit students from the local schools. How Grady intends to conduct the recruitment is uncertain, however, since he also said Klansmen wouldn't be on the campuses and wouldn't recruit students under 18

Board Vice Chairman Beaufort Bailey said he thinks Grady, accompanied by 15 others dressed in military fatigues with patches identifying them as Klansmen, is trying to get publicity.

"They used to attend the school board meetings

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