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A Joyful Noise

The Salimah Dancers of Greensboro, under the direction of Diane Waddell, performed last weekend during the cultural arts program of the 33rd Council of Deliberation and

Assemblies of North Carolina Masons. See Page A6 for more on the Masons (photo by James Parker).

Sykes' mother: Police 'stopped'

\$5,000 reward offered for information on who raped and murdered her daughter

By ROBIN ADAMS
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With less than a month to go before the April 15 murder trial of Darryl Eugene Hunt begins, a private investigator hired by the victim's mother has posted a \$5,000 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderers.

Hunt, a 20-year-old black man, has been charged with the Aug. 10 rape and murder of Winston-Salem *Sentinel* copy editor Deborah Brotherton Sykes. But Mrs. Sykes' mother, Evelyn Jefferson of Eden, said she is not so sure the police have the right person.

"I have no idea if he (Hunt) is the one that killed Debbie," Jefferson told the *Chronicle*. "If the reports are true and correct, then they don't have evidence to match him to the crime. But if the police have something they aren't telling, he could be the one. I think everything should be thoroughly checked before he is acquitted.

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they get the right, quote, person, unquote, involved. My interest is that they get the right one."

H. D. Hemmings, the private investigator hired by Jefferson, said he has had several "calls" since he posted the reward money late last week, but he refused to discuss them. Although it's premature to say when, Hemm-

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-- Evelyn Jefferson

ings said, he is confident that his investigation will lead to a conviction.

"I hope that some day we will indict someone in this case," Hemmings said "As for Mr. Hunt, I don't know."

Jefferson said she has believed all along that more than one person was involved in her daughter's death. Please see page A5

Winston-Salem State trustees vote to raise dorm rents

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees voted to increase dormitory fees by \$70 at its regular board meeting last Thursday.

Anticipating a deficit in WSSU's housing budget and the growing need for funds to renovate many of the school's seven dorms, Dalton Ruffin, chairman of the board's finance committee, asked the board to raise the per-student dormitory rate from \$875 to \$945 per semester. In addition, Ruffin requested that the board consider three other measures to cut costs.

For students who share dorm rooms with

two other students, Ruffin proposed that the tuition be reduced to \$775 per semester. He also proposed that an engineering study be done on the school's seven dormitories to determine what repairs need to be made and that the school's personnel costs be reduced by \$100,000.

The board passed Ruffin's first two suggestions, but defeated his proposal to reduce the personnel budget by cutting the number of staff members.

According to figures Ruffin presented the board, WSSU spends more of its housing budget for salaries than any of the other 15 University of North Carolina schools.

"We are spending 51 percent and the

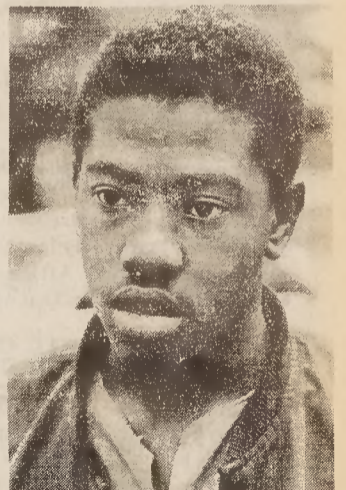
average at the other institutions is 37 percent," Ruffin said. "We need to get personnel costs in line. And it can easily be done if we get in touch with the other institutions."

But board member Aurelia Eller objected to Ruffin's plan to further reduce the housing supervisory staff. Last year, six housing supervisors were laid off, but Ruffin said that didn't decrease personnel costs. Raises for state employees last year offset any decrease the layoffs may have had on the personnel budget, said Chancellor Haywood Wilson.

Eller and fellow board member John Davis suggested that there might be other ways to cut costs. Please see page A3



James Brewer



Tony Clark

Michaux's 2nd-primary bill gets lukewarm support

By ROBIN ADAMS
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State House Rep. H.M. "Mickey" Michaux says he knows firsthand that blacks can be burned by second primaries.

That's one reason Michaux, representing the 23rd District, says he has introduced a bill in the legislature that would abolish second primaries in North Carolina.

"I want to abolish the use of second primaries completely," Michaux told the *Chronicle* in an interview Monday. "Lots of people say I am doing this because I got burned by it (Michaux led the Democratic ticket against I.T. 'Tim' Valentine in 1982 during his bid for the U.S. Congress, but lost to Valentine in a second

primary). Yeah, that's true, but that's not it alone."

In a field of three or four candidates, black or female candidates can win the primary, but because state law now says the winner needs 50 percent of the vote to be declared the winner, blacks and



Mickey Michaux

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Rumblings at Rutledge

Administration says student complaints are blown out of proportion

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Carolyn Banner, a Rutledge College student, says she can't finish school because of what she terms a "personality conflict" with one of her teachers.

After questioning the teacher about a grade, Banner, who says she makes A's and B's, says the teacher banned her from the class and, since the instructor is the only faculty member who teaches that class, Banner can't graduate.

Another Rutledge College student, who is handicapped and asked that his name not be used, says he has to have others dial a campus telephone for him because the phone is too high for him to reach from his wheelchair. In addition, if he wants to get snacks between classes, he says, he has to get other students to get them for him because he can't get his

wheelchair down stairs.

Another student, who also didn't want her name used, complains that her science class has had five different teachers this quarter.

Those problems are just a few students at the majority-black school, which offers six diplomas in business-related fields, have had to encounter, a group of students told the *Chronicle* recently.

"There are a lot of us who want to speak out but can't because we fear retaliation," said one student who didn't want her name used. "They call us disgruntled students. They (the school's administration) threatened us not to come to the paper and not to have a petition.

But J. Robert Middleton, the school's director for the past 23 years, said the complaints are limited to a "little group" of students and are all isolated incidents

that have been blown out of proportion.

"We try to reconcile little problems," said Middleton. "It's just an accumulation of things. I think a lot has to do with the non-traditional student. When I first heard of the dissension, I called a meeting with the students who had problems. I wanted to put them with the correct people to solve their problems. Only nine students showed up.

"Our problem is that we have a student government president who seems to want to find fault and we have never had that problem before."

Student body President Joyce Mouzon, who is black, could not be reached for comment.

Student Concerns

Among the problems the students have
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