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...Greek-Style At State

Aspiring members of two Winston-Salem State fraternities perform the ritual "Death March." Top left, shaven-headed Kappa Alpha Psi, Delta Chapter, pledge Robert Lassiter; bottom left, a

glistening line of Kappa Alpha Psi pledges; above right, pledge Maurice Mayfield of Phi Beta Sigma, Delta Alpha Chapter, repeats a solemn chant (photos by James Parker).

Ministers maintain their resolve despite low Justice Day turnout

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Despite the visibly low turnout last Friday for what local black clergy had designated "Justice Day," one of the event's organizers said he was pleased.

"This was just the beginning of an awakening," said the Rev. Carlton Eversley, pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church.

The Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates had asked the community to attend the \$48 million Klan-Nazi civil suit being heard now in U.S. Middle District Court here in mass Friday. The civil suit stems from a Nov. 3, 1979, confrontation between Klansmen and Nazis and Communists Workers Party members in

Greensboro that left five people dead.

Eversley estimates that a dozen or so ministers and lay people attended the trial on Friday afternoon and that approximately 50 persons attended a forum on the trial Friday night at St. John's CME Church.

"I was pretty well pleased," Eversley said. "I thought that it was appropriate that we make a local response."

Eversley also said he wasn't disappointed at the number of ministers who showed in court. "Most ministers in this town work another job," he said. "This (Justice Day) was a very unusual thing for the Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates. It will take time to see its importance."

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The Rev. Carlton Eversley (photo by James Parker).

Four finalists for WSSU post

List of candidates for chancellor narrowed as June deadline approaches

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Four finalists for the chancellorship of Winston-Salem State University have been identified.

The Chronicle has learned that they include Dallas Simmons, president of St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va.; Cleon Thompson, vice president of student services and programs for the University of North Carolina system's General Administration; Dr. Carl Harris Marbury, associate director for planning for the Commission on Higher Education in Alabama, and Dr. Leon Frazier, head of the Department of Pensions and Security in Alabama.

John Davis, chairman of the WSSU chancellor search committee, would not comment on who the finalists are nor would he give their exact number. Davis would only say that the list has been narrowed to approximately six.

He said the committee is in its final stages of interviewing and expects to submit a slate of candidates, including its top choice, to University of North Carolina President William Friday by early June.

Davis also said that any of the finalists would, in his opinion, make a good chancellor.

Marbury has confirmed that he is a finalist and said he had been

asked by the search committee, on a recommendation to the committee, to apply for the position.

When asked if he is a finalist, Thompson referred all questions to Davis. Simmons and Frazier could not be reached for comment.

Marbury and Frazier were among three finalists for the presidency of Alabama A&M University in Normal, Ala., a position former WSSU Chancellor H. Douglas Covington resigned last summer to assume.

According to sources at Alabama A&M, the board of trustees was deadlocked between Marbury and Frazier, former vice president for academic affairs at Alabama A&M, and chose Covington in order to maintain unity on the board.

Marbury was also reported to be one of two finalists for the chancellor's post at North Carolina Central University in Durham.

Sources at WSSU say that some senior faculty members and administrators support Thompson for the job and have written letters to Friday endorsing Thompson. Thompson served as interim chancellor at North Carolina A&T State University when Dr. Lewis Dowdy resigned.

Although the local search committee

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Board asks for more data on Forest Park question

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The city-county school board took no action Monday night on a request from its finance committee to close Forest Park Elementary School.

Instead, the board asked its administrative staff for more information before it makes a decision.

In the meantime, Vice Chairman Beaufort O. Bailey, the board's only black member, said he believes Forest Park should remain open.

"We just committed ourselves to keeping that school open last

August," said Bailey in an interview Tuesday morning. The board voted then to keep the school open amid emotional requests from the community surrounding the school.

"I just can't see closing Forest Park now," Bailey said. "It's a naturally integrated neighborhood."

The community surrounding Forest Park is roughly evenly divided between blacks and whites.

Those who lobbied for the school to be kept open last year were back Monday night, wearing

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Amid reservations, aldermen set June 25 date for referendum

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Aldermen Larry W. Womble and Larry D. Little sat silently as the Board of Aldermen unanimously voted Monday night to hold a \$20 million bond referendum June 25 that, if passed, will fund a new coliseum. Both Little and Womble had previously spoken against the arena, saying they agree that it is needed, but that they can't support it if the city's housing and minority business problems aren't more fully addressed.

"There are several concerns that have been expressed to me," Womble said. "We need to

answer a great deal of those questions that people have been bringing forth to us as a city and to us as aldermen.

Mayor Wayne A. Corpening said a committee will be formed to educate citizens concerning the bond referendum.

When asked after the meeting who would head the committee, Corpening said he will make an announcement "in a few days."

Womble said he hopes that the committee will be "very honest and frank" and answer the community's questions so it can intelligently vote on the bonds.

He also said he won't take a stand either for or against the bonds.

One issue that Womble, Little and their fellow black aldermen have expressed repeated concern over is a bill introduced in the both the state House and Senate that would enable Winston-Salem to set minimum levels of minority participation in city contracts.

The mayor and a delegation of black leaders, including Little and Alderman Virginia Newell, traveled to Raleigh Wednesday afternoon to speak on the bill's behalf.

"I'm going to Raleigh to push for this enabling

legislation," Little said after the meeting. "We're going to do it from there."

Little has said he is particularly concerned about the amount of minority participation that would be involved in building a coliseum.

Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines, head basketball coach at Winston-Salem State University and co-chairman of the Citizens Coliseum Study Committee, said after the vote, "We carried the wishes of the people to the Board of Aldermen. The people stated that they wanted a new coliseum and that's what happened."

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