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Graduation Smile

Winston-Salem State University senior flashes a big smile as members of the Class of 1985 prepare to become college graduates last Sunday at Memorial Coliseum. Story on page A3 (photo by James Parker).

Key eyewitness in trial a former mental patient

News cameras to be allowed in courtroom

By ROBIN ADAMS
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One of the state's key witnesses in the murder case against Darryl Eugene Hunt was once committed to the mental unit of a local hospital.

According to records in the county clerk of court's office, Thomas Patton Murphy, 43, of 3621 Yale Ave., was involuntarily committed to the inpatient unit at Reynolds Memorial Hospital on July 1, 1974, after behaving violently and allegedly shooting a friend.

Hunt, charged with the Aug. 10 murder of newspaper copy editor Deborah Sykes, is scheduled to stand trial on May 28. Murphy and two other men have been identified as eyewitnesses in the case.

Susie Murphy, listed in court records as Murphy's wife, brought the petition for commitment against Murphy. According to the court records, Mrs. Murphy described her husband as being "extremely violent" and "agitated." She also said he shot his friend with a pistol.

During the commitment evaluation, the examining physician at Forsyth Memorial Hospital said she noticed that Murphy "becomes confused and agitated" because of a "loss of contact with reality on occasion."

The doctor tentatively diagnosed that Murphy had "chronic brain syndrome with acute alcohol intoxication."

"As a result of the examination, it is my opinion that the named person (Murphy) is mentally ill or inebriated, and imminently dangerous to himself or others," wrote Dr. Joyce H. Reynolds, the attending physician.

The commitment papers indicated that Murphy was unemployed, had no outside income and was disabled. Mrs. Murphy listed a 1972 Dodge pickup as an asset.

While Murphy was confined, doctors at Reynolds Hospital prescribed four medications for him and observed that he was "confused," "disoriented to the time, place and person" and had a "poor Please see page A14

Mayor appoints bond committee

By DAVID R. RANKIN
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Winston-Salem Mayor Wayne A. Corbett announced the names Wednesday morning of 27 community leaders, 21 of whom will campaign for \$20 million in bonds to build a coliseum. A referendum is scheduled for June 25.

Corbett announced last week that Harold Hairston, president of the local chapter of the NAACP, and Thelma Williams, a salesman for Dorsey Enterprises, will be vice chairmen of the Bond Committee for a New Coliseum. Other members of the executive committee include P. Booker, a district manager for Carolina Mutual Life Insurance

Co.; Myron Chenault, vice chancellor for development at Winston-Salem State University; Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines, athletic director and head basketball coach at WSSU; Oressa Hauser, a black community leader, and Reginald McCaskill, a counselor at the United Methodist Children's Home.

Other blacks on the committee are: Clark Brown, a local funeral home director; the Rev. J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church; Mutter D. Evans, president and general manager of radio station WAAA-AM; Irene P. Hairston, chairman of the county library board and a member of the city-county planning board; Please see page A14



Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy: The bill's sponsor.

Enabling legislation survives

By ROBIN ADAMS
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A bill that would allow the city's aldermen to set quotas on city-financed construction projects got a favorable committee report Wednesday afternoon following two 11th-hour changes.

Local Government Committee II voted 12-8 to approve the bill but limited the maximum minority- or women-owned business participation requirements to 10 percent. The amendment also limits the bill's scope to two areas -- downtown development and a proposed new coliseum.

"I was disappointed that we could not get it in the form we really wanted," said state House Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy,

the bill's co-sponsor. "But this is better than nothing."

The bill now goes before the full House for a vote, said Kennedy. That vote will probably be taken early next week.

The bill's passage out of committee is a good sign that it will become a local law, said Mayor Wayne Corpening.

"I was glad to hear that it passed the committee," said Corpening, who spoke before the committee two weeks ago in support of the bill. "But we've got to take one step at a time. We've got a good chance now of it passing."

The decision to add a cap to the bill arose out of a fear among some of the bill's Please see page A16

Glover asking for \$1.5 million

Former YMCA director also seeks old job

By ROBIN ADAMS
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A lawsuit filed last week against the Winston-Salem YMCA, the former executive director of the Patterson Avenue YMCA is asking for \$1.5 million in back pay and damages for the termination of his old job.

The suit, filed by Richard F. Glover, also lists among its defendants YMCA Director Brian Cormier. It charges that Glover was "wrongfully and unjustly fired as a result of unlawful racial discrimination" and that his firing was a breach of employment agreement."

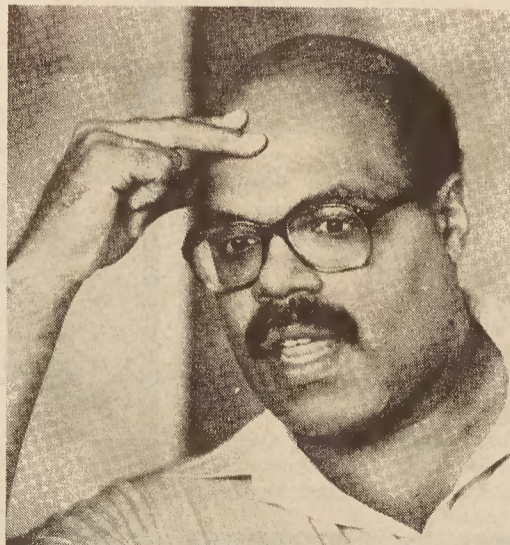
Glover could not be reached for comment. He charges that, after nine years on

the job, he was "compelled" to resign on Dec. 13, 1984.

Because he "has suffered and continues to suffer humiliation and mental and physical pain and anguish," Glover has asked for \$500,000 in back pay and employment benefits. He is asking for \$1 million in punitive damages, the cost of attorney's fees and the offer of his old job.

Glover is also asking that the YMCA "take action to modify its practices and unconscionable personnel policies."

Glover further charges that Cormier harassed him by making "false or unfounded statements" about his job performance and placing him on probation. Please see page A14



Michael Montgomery: Feeling "blessed" (photo by James Parker).

Update

Former WSSU professor starting over as undergrad

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Amid a cloud of controversy over the validity of his academic degrees, Michael J. Montgomery resigned from Winston-Salem State University almost two years ago.

School officials discovered that Montgomery, who chaired the department of social sciences at WSSU and was considered a dynamic administrator by

Chancellor H. Douglas Covington, had neither the doctorate nor bachelor's and master's degrees he had said he had. In fact, Montgomery only held a two-year associate's degree from the University of Cincinnati.

Earlier this week, the Chronicle talked by telephone with Montgomery who, for the past year, has been both a student and

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Aldermen approve plan for low-, moderate-income housing

By DAVID R. RANKIN
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The Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen approved a plan during its May 20 meeting to provide \$1.5 million to build housing for low- and moderate-income people in the city. The plan was approved after several proposals presented by City Manager Stuart to the aldermen during a housing workshop on April 9.

The proposals suggested by Stuart in an earlier workshop held on March 12 enraged the

black aldermen, who called his suggestions at that time "unacceptable."

East Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell and North Ward Alderman Larry D. Little were not at the May 20 meeting.

The housing plan, which was also unanimously approved by the aldermen's finance and public works committees, is broken down into three parts, all of which will assist in varying degrees low- and moderate-income city residents.

The plan calls for \$1.475 million to be used to

build 38 public housing duplex apartments. These apartments will be built by a private company and sold to the Winston-Salem Housing Authority to own and operate. The rent will be set as low as possible and will only cover the cost of management and maintenance. According to Stuart's April 9 proposal, people with annual incomes between \$5,527 and \$7,927 could afford this plan.

Assistant City Manager Joe H. Berrier said that the Housing Authority will determine who can move into the new apartments.

Southeast Ward Alderman Larry W. Womble said he likes the idea of building the apartments, which he says will address the needs of low-income people.

"Naturally, this (plan) is not enough to address the needs of all the poor people who need housing, but it is a good start," Womble said during a telephone interview after the meeting. Womble said more than 2,000 low-income people are waiting to get into public housing.

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