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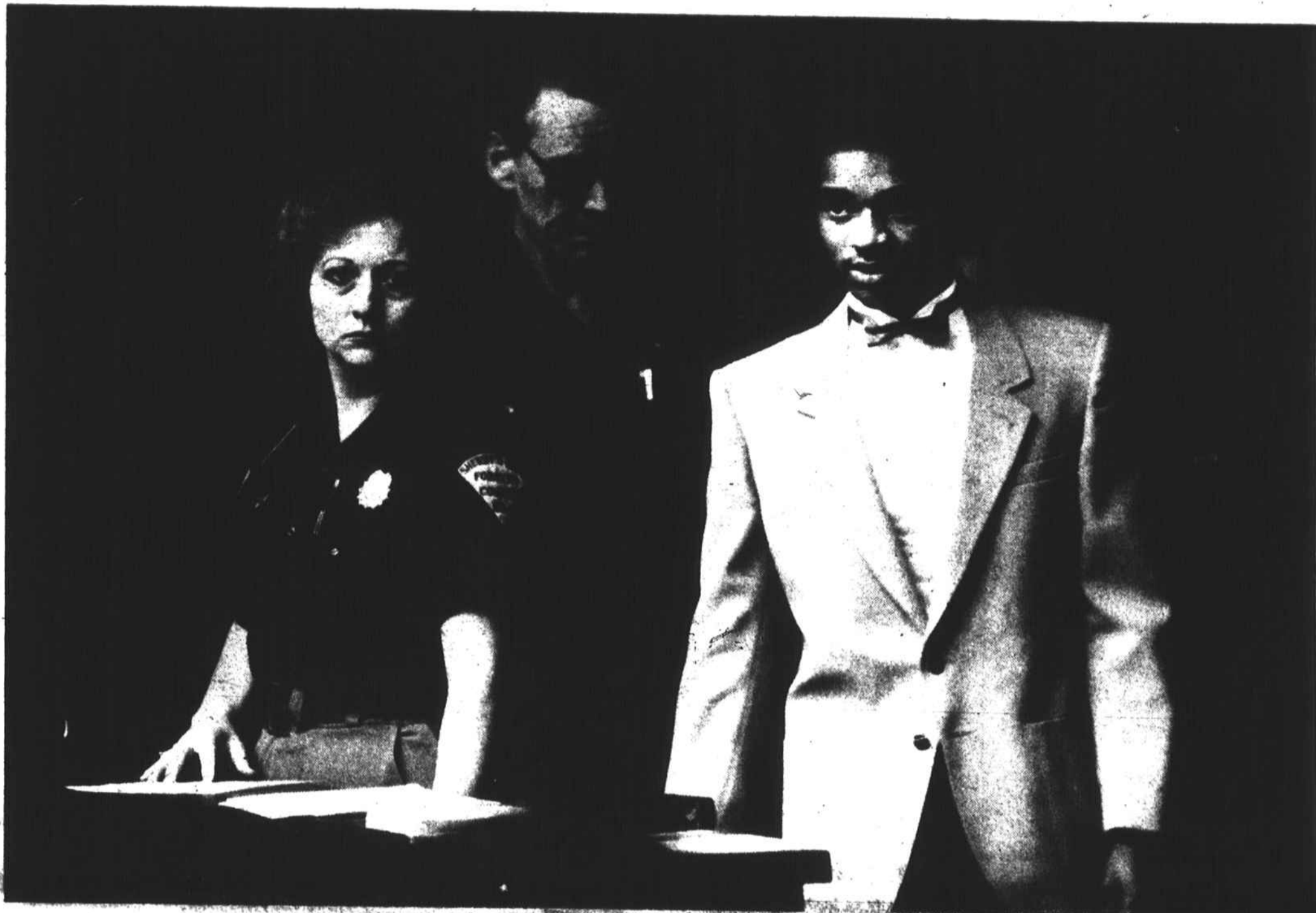
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The Trial Begins

While deputies watch, Darryl Hunt makes his way into the courtroom Tuesday morning for the opening session of his first-degree murder case. This photo was taken by a photo-

grapher hidden in a booth in the back of the room. This is the first time cameras have been used in a Forsyth County courtroom (photo by Charlie Buchanam, Winston-Salem Journal).

They take to streets in support of Hunt

By ROBIN ADAMS
Chronicle Assistant Editor

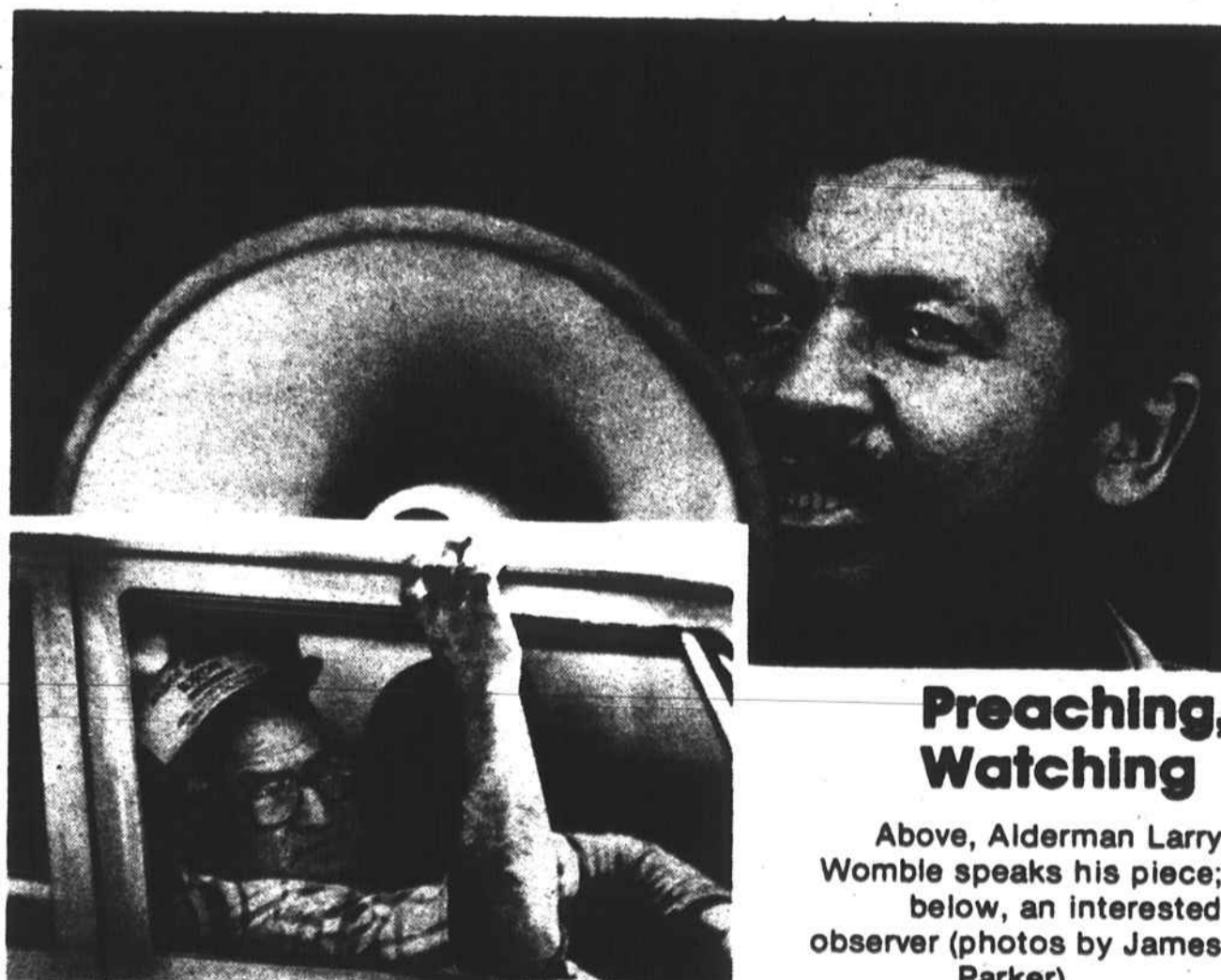
"Fired up. We ain't takin' no mo'."
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Those were the watchwords as hundreds of marchers took to the streets Saturday morning carrying "Free Darryl Hunt" posters and wearing buttons and T-shirts saying the same.

They sang songs reminiscent of the 60s and called for justice for Hunt, who has been charged with the Aug. 10, 1984, murder of *Sentinel* copy editor Deborah Sykes. They marched from Lloyd Presbyterian Church to the Forsyth County Hall of Justice.

Policemen in uniforms and plainclothes lined the route and were positioned atop buildings along the way.

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Preaching, Watching

Above, Alderman Larry Womble speaks his piece; below, an interested observer (photos by James Parker).

Darryl Hunt insists that he is innocent

March surprised and encouraged him, Hunt says during an interview Saturday

By ALLEN H. JOHNSON
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They chanted, prayed and shed tears for Darryl Hunt Saturday morning, during a march that wound noisily through downtown and ended at what one speaker called the Forsyth County "Hall of Injustice."

Meanwhile, the 20-year-old Hunt spent his 237th consecutive day in jail, looking forward to his day in court and expressing joy and surprise that so many would take time from their holiday weekend to plead his cause.

Hunt has been charged with the Aug. 10 murder of *Sentinel* copy editor Deborah Sykes. Her murder and the case have been publicized for months, and the softspoken Hunt has become a cause celebre in the black community and carried placards on his behalf.

"It makes me feel good. It gets the nervousness away. It's somebody looking for justice." Hunt wore a neatly pressed,

short-sleeved shirt, blue jeans and untied canvas sneakers during an interview Saturday afternoon at the Forsyth County Jail. His hair was woven into braids.

He said the marchers weren't supporting Darryl Hunt as much as they were an issue.

"I don't think it's really me," he said. "It's justice."

Hunt said he feels the same of Alderman Larry Little, who organized the march, created the Darryl Hunt Defense Committee and has aided Hunt and his defense lawyers since the fall.

"He's looking for justice," Hunt said of Little's devotion to his defense. "If it had been any other black man he'd have done the same thing."

Hunt seemed particularly heartened that his friend, Sammy Lee Mitchell, who at one time had been a suspect in the case, flanked Little during the march, chanting as loudly as anyone else.

"I knew he was gonna be out there," Hunt said, smiling broadly. Please see page A3

Jury selection first order of business in Hunt trial

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Five jurors were seated Wednesday morning as the murder trial of Darryl Eugene Hunt moved into its second day in Forsyth County Superior Court.

Hunt, 20, charged with first-degree murder of newspaper copy editor Deborah Sykes, sat expressionless with his two attorneys, Gordon Jenkins and S. Mark Rabil, as well as James Luginbuhl, a jurist and psychology professor at North Carolina State University, and Todd Burke, a second-year law student at North Carolina Central University and

the son of Alderman Vivian Burke.

Hunt walked into the courtroom Wednesday morning in a brown suit, white shirt and black tie. His attire was considerably different from what he had worn on the trial's opening day: a tan, buttoned sport jacket, a tuxedo shirt, a formal bow tie and brown pants that were pleated in both the front and back. At the request of his attorneys, Hunt changed into a more conservative pair of pants and shirt after lunch on Tuesday.

The five white female jurors consist of a cafeteria worker, a Please see page A14

Minority Trade Fair '85: Biggest yet

By DAVID R. RANKIN
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Fifty-five Winston-Salem black businesses joined representatives from several large corporations in the biggest Minority Business League Trade Fair yet, May 23 and 24 at the Benton Convention Center.

The fair allowed local minority businesses to display their goods and services as well as interact with representatives from large corporations and learn more about marketing, purchasing and financial resources, said Gilbert McGregor, the event's assistant director.

The fair was sponsored by the Winston-Salem Minority Business Council, the Triad Minority Supplier Development Council and the Winston-Salem Minority Business League.

Melvin "Rip" Wilkins, coordinator of this year's trade fair, said that the event not only allowed business owners to get valuable information about how to better run their businesses, but made the general public more aware too.

"We traded ideas and information," Wilkins

said. "All people had to do is come down and ask questions."

The fair included representatives from major corporations, including R.J. Reynolds Industries, Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. and the Hanes Group.

"The major corporations were here to show minority businesses how to enter their doors," Wilkins said. "They (the big companies) also displayed their wares. They showed their black marketing approaches."

For the local minority businessman, the trade fair included seminars on purchasing techniques, communication skills, telephone systems, city purchasing, available resources, energy conservation, sales and marketing skills, advertising, applying for a loan and contract estimating.

Experts in each discipline spoke at the seminars. They included Don Farmer, a city-county purchasing agent; Beth Hopkins, manager of the small business group of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce; Ernest Pitt, publisher of the *Chronicle*, and Lewis H. Myers, assistant secretary of the state

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Stith says he's black North Carolinians' "insurance policy" in Raleigh (photo by Santana).

Stith: Don't let his age fool you

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The governor's minority affairs man gets more than a few stares when he steps to the podium to make a speech.

Not that there's anything wrong with the content of his speech or what he wears. The stares come from the way he looks. You see, he looks 21.

Which is probably because he is 21.

Gov. Jim Martin appointed Thomas A. Stith III as his minority affairs representative in January. By now, Stith is used to all the stares and comments about his age.

"I have confidence in myself," Stith told the *Chronicle* last Thursday after his speech at the fourth annual Minority Trade Fair luncheon. "I feel I can excel. I have determination.

"The governor was looking for a particular in- Please see page A2