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Burke wants probe of police's conduct

A number of questions surrounding Sykes investigation bother her, she says

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Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian H. Burke called Monday night for an investigation of the Winston-Salem Police Department's handling of the Deborah Sykes murder case. If the police conducted the Sykes investigation honestly, she said, they "have nothing to hide."

Burke, chairman of the aldermen's Public Safety Committee, made the request just before the closing of the board's regular bi-weekly meeting. Burke said she has not been pleased with what she has

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heard about the trial, which resulted in the conviction of 20-year-old Darryl Eugene Hunt.

The other aldermen, members of the city staff and some spectators appeared stunned while Burke confronted City Manager Bill Stuart about police detectives' conduct during the investigation. North Ward Alderman Larry D. Little, who has led a movement to support Hunt, was not present at the meeting.

Hunt was convicted June 14 of the first-degree murder and rape of Sykes, a 26-year-old *Sentinel* copy editor, and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Burke announced the day after the aldermen's meeting that she will meet with Stuart on July 5 to "decide the particulars of the investigation."

"I want an investigation of what we did do in the Winston-Salem Police Department," Burke said to Stuart during the aldermen's meeting. "If we haven't done anything wrong, we should have nothing to hide."

The city needs to let facts outweigh fiction, Burke told Stuart.

"If we have a lot of fiction around this case, we need to get rid of it," she said. "If we haven't brought the facts out, we need to."

If the detectives who worked on the Hunt case hid or destroyed information, "it needs to be taken care of," she said.

"The police are supposed to serve and protect all of the people in the community," Burke said. "It's strange that people who represent this community can see some things that some do and not see things that others do. Darryl Hunt is a human being just like anyone else. We should not take street people and railroad them I hope that is not what we have done."

Not only have people in Winston-Salem looked at and questioned the Hunt case, she said, but people throughout North Carolina and in other parts of the country have questions as well.

"When I get this report, I can see for myself," Burke said.

Little later said he didn't know Burke was going to call for an investigation.

"I knew of the improprieties on the part

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Former Winston-Salem resident Clifton Graves: Hunt's case is the Scottsboro Boys revisited (photo by James Parker).

Hunt supporters keeping the faith

By ROBIN ADAMS
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At an emotional meeting in Emmanuel Baptist Church, members of the Darryl Hunt Defense Committee rallied their supporters last weekend for what they term a rough battle ahead.

"This thing is going to get dirty," the Rev. John Mendez, chairman of the Hunt Defense Committee, told a group of approximately 350 who gathered at the church Saturday afternoon. "Be prepared that the leaders (of the defense committee) will be called communists. You will hear of folks stealing money (collected in the name of the committee) They will say that outside agitators are responsible for this movement ... and doubt will be cast on the trustworthiness of the leaders. Be prepared for this."

"We have got to be able to recognize that this is our movement. They called Dr. (Martin Luther) King a communist. Anybody that stands up for justice and right they will call a communist."

Mendez's comments came on the heels of a two-and-one-half hour series of songs and speeches during which blacks sat with whites, Winston-Salem State University professors sat with street people and Christians sat with non-Christians. A host of speakers pledged their support for Hunt, many others called for increasing community involvement, and the Emmanuel sang a song with the chorus, "My God can do anything."

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Hunt committee features a cross-section

The Darryl Hunt Defense Committee comprises persons from all walks of life. They include:

- the Rev. John Mendez, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church and chairman of the defense committee.
- Khalid Fattah Griggs, director of the Institute for Islamic Involvement and co-chairman of the committee.

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- the Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley, pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church and chairman of the committee's public safety committee.
- North Ward Alderman Larry Little, who organized the Hunt

Defense Committee.

- Southeast Ward Alderman Larry Womble.

- Evelyn Terry, chairman of the committee's communications committee and an administrator in Winston-Salem State University's

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Mack may be appointed to WSSU trustee board

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Nearly half of Winston-Salem State University's Board of Trustees will be black, pending the rumored appointment of a local black man to the board by Gov. James G. Martin.

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors appointed Irene P. Hairston and Dr. David Branch as new members of the board at its last meeting several weeks ago. And although the governor has not officially announced his two appointees, businessman Jim Mack is rumored to be one of them.

Mack would neither confirm or

deny the rumor.

Gov. Martin is expected to announce his appointees later this week, said one of his aides.

The appointment of Hairston, Branch and Mack would bring to six the number of black members on the 13-member board. The other black members are Louise Smith, board chairman; Rayford Means, an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia, and Joy Bridges, the new WSSU Student Government Association president.

Winston-Salem State University is the only predominantly black school in the 16-campus

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BREAKING GROUND: Alderman Virginia Newell wheels a man-sized vehicle at the ground-breaking ceremony held last Sunday afternoon for Summit Square Apartments, located at Ninth and File streets (photo by Art Blue).

House passes local bill; Senate still considering it

By ROBIN ADAMS
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A bill that would allow the Board of Aldermen to set goals for minority and female participation in city contracts is closer to becoming law.

The bill, almost in the original language that the aldermen drafted, passed the state House of Representatives late last week. The bill's sponsors are hoping now that the state Senate will vote on the legislation before this session of the General Assembly ends.

"I am hoping that the bill will be placed in a Senate committee this week," said state House Rep.

Annie Brown Kennedy, the bill's co-sponsor.

After state Sen. Ted Kaplan tried unsuccessfully last week to have the bill voted on immediately without it going to committee, the bill was sent to the Judiciary I Committee. The committee is expected to discuss the bill later this week.

The key to whether the bill passes, said Sen. Marvin Ward, will be time.

"The time is short," said Ward, referring to the date this year's session of the General Assembly is set to end. "If we can get it through in the short

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After coliseum bonds: Hairston says city will be held accountable

By DAVID R. RANKIN
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Local NAACP President Patrick Hairston, a vice chairman of the Citizens' Committee for a New Coliseum, says he and other blacks who served on the committee "will not just sit at home" and wait for promises made to blacks concerning the new facility to be fulfilled.

Winston-Salem voters approved the building of a new arena 12,739 to 3,426 in a \$20 million bond

referendum last week.

Approximately 20 percent of the city's voters turned out for the election and, according to unofficial figures, voters in wards with black aldermen approved the bonds 5-to-1. Wards with white aldermen passed the bonds roughly by a 3 1/2-to-1 margin.

In the wake of that victory, Hairston says black leaders who served on the committee will check up on black interests concerning the coliseum bond referendum every day. He says black leaders "will

make sure the things that were promised will get done."

Several black leaders, including Hairston, who had previously opposed building a new coliseum in 1976 and 1979, backed last week's bond vote because of the promise of jobs for minorities and the assurance of no tax increase to finance the project.

"I intend to make sure that qualified black candidates will be considered for those jobs," Hairston says.

He also says blacks will not settle for jobs on the "low end of the totem pole." Hairston says he is working to get blacks in upper-level management jobs at the new coliseum and at the adjacent Dixie Classic Fairgrounds.

Since the coliseum bonds have passed, he says, businesses will soon start to come into the city and create jobs. "We (blacks) don't have to wait until 1988 to get jobs out of the building of this coliseum," he says.

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