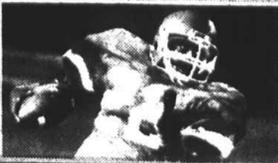


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## New arena's naming is delayed for two weeks after debate

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS  
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West Ward Alderman Robert S. Northington Jr. delayed a motion to name the city's new arena for a black War hero Monday night when proposals he supported to send the matter to a commission

for further study appeared doomed to failure.

After hearing from 20 speakers, 11 white and nine black -- 12 for the resolution to name the coliseum for the late Lawrence Joel, six against it and two asking for more time to consider the motion -- the city's eight aldermen appeared to be

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### The Joel Debate

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## Aggies honor Ronald McNair

By ROBIN ADAMS  
Chronicle Staff Writer

GREENSBORO -- They came to honor one of their own.

An overflow crowd of more than 3,500 filled Moore Gymnasium and spilled into the halls last Friday. Speaker after speaker talked about the good he had done in his short life.

When they said he had reached for the stars and gone to the heavens, it was more than a figure of speech. For they spoke of Dr. Ronald McNair, only the second black American to travel in space, the first from a historically black college.

McNair, 35, was one of the five astronauts and two passengers who died when the space shuttle Challenger exploded last Tuesday. He also was an alumnus of North Carolina A&T State University. So it seemed only fitting that the place where he got his start would give him a royal farewell.

"Dr. Ronald McNair took us to the mountaintop of scientific exploration," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who paid the final tribute to McNair.

At the time when McNair couldn't attend other institutions because of his color and economic status, A&T gave him a chance, said Jackson, another famous A&T alumnus. Forever grateful for that opportunity, McNair gave something back to A&T, said Dr. Stuart Ahrens, director of the A&T Student Space Shuttle Program.

"Without Dr. Ronald McNair, there would have been no A&T Space Shuttle Program," said Ahrens. "This program is him."

Jackson and Ahrens were joined at the podium, which was decorated with McNair's picture on one side and a picture of the other crew members on the other, by A&T Chancellor Edward Fort, Gov. James Martin, U.S. Rep. Howard Coble, Greensboro Mayor John Forbis, Dr. William C. Parker, chairman of the A&T Board of Trustees, and many others.

Parker read a telegram from President Reagan.

"Nancy and I join in thought and spirit with all those who gather today to pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Ronald McNair," read Parker. "By

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## Hunt supporters raise more than \$10,000 during service

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS  
Chronicle Staff Writer

The Baptist Ministers' Conference and Associates announced last Thursday that more than \$10,000 was raised to help pay the legal expenses of 20-year-old Darryl Eugene Hunt at a Jan. 20 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. memorial program at Shiloh Baptist

Church.

The official figure total raised to aid Hunt's appeal efforts at the three-hour program was \$10,412.88, said Bishop L.V. Stennis, financial secretary for the local group of black clergymen.

"It's one of the most significant things to happen in the history of

Winston-Salem," Stennis said. "We were pleased to see the total community come to the support of Mr. Hunt. We were satisfied with the turnout and the fund-raising success of the program."

Hunt is a black man convicted last June of the August 1984 rape and murder of newspaper copy editor

Deborah B. Sykes, a white woman. He is serving a life sentence in prison.

Community support, led by former Alderman Larry D. Little, who founded the Darryl Hunt Defense Committee, has followed Hunt through his arrest, conviction and imprisonment. Supporters say Hunt was

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## Tisdale's friend found to be above limit

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS  
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The driver of District Attorney Donald K. Tisdale's car during a Dec. 19, accident surrendered her license to the District Court clerk's office Thursday after a State Bureau of Investigation lab report revealed her blood alcohol concentration to have been above the legal limit.

Vicki Matthews-Oakley, 34, of 3949-D Valley Court, a friend of Tisdale and the driver of his 1966 Volkswagen during the accident, will appear in court Friday for driving while impaired.

Her original trial, scheduled for Jan. 9, was continued because her test had not yet been processed by the SBI lab in Raleigh.

The SBI report lists Miss Oakley's blood alcohol concentration as 0.18 percent. The legal limit is 0.10 percent. She submitted to the test after the early-morning accident.

Capt. E.L. Moreau of the police department's Field Services Division said Wednesday that a 0.18 reading is above the legal limit but is not overly high. He estimated the average for cases of DWI to be around 0.22 or 0.23.

He said the scale for measuring blood alcohol goes up to 0.50. "Anyone with a reading that high could go into a coma," Moreau said. When readings get around the 0.37-percent mark, Moreau said, persons are barely able to walk.

Officer Brenda S. Setzer, the officer at the scene of the accident who charged Oakley, turned Oakley's license over to the Clerk of Court's Office at 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

The results of the test could make Tisdale, who was a passenger in his car at the time of the accident, liable for charges of aiding and abetting a drunk driver. Assistant Chief G.L. Sweat said in

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District Attorney Donald K. Tisdale (photo by James Parker).

## Church announces investigation of DA

From Staff And Wire Reports

The United Church of Christ Commission on Racial Justice will investigate the Forsyth County District Attorney's office and its handling of the Darryl Hunt case, commission officials said Tuesday.

"On the surface, we feel that (District Attorney Donald K.) Tisdale may have sent an innocent man to prison intentionally," the Rev. Ben Chavis, executive director of the commission, said at a news conference in Raleigh. "Knowing he was innocent, he went ahead with the prosecution to satisfy the racial sentiment in Winston-Salem at the time of this incident."

Hunt was sentenced to life in prison after being

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## Bryan: S. Africa ties abound

By ROBIN BARKSDALE  
Chronicle Staff Writer

A Wake Forest University religion professor told a local audience last week that Winston-Salem is "intimately and intrinsically" tied, both positively and negatively, to South African politics.

Dr. G. McLeod Bryan, chairman of the South African Christian Institute, traveled to South Africa 14 times to conduct U.S. State Department studies. He has written three books about South Africans and apartheid, including "Naudé: Prophet to South Africa," which has been banned in South Africa. Bryan told his audience at the Sawtooth Center that Winston-Salem's involvement with apartheid is undeniable. "We are directly involved in the South

African crisis," said Bryan, guest speaker at the Downtown Church Center's monthly luncheon program. "We are involved both positively and negatively, but we are involved. Winston-Salem has a very intimate tie with South Africa. Probably no other city of this size and makeup has such intimate ties with the freedom movement in South Africa."

Citing the city's positive involvement, Bryan told the audience about former Winston-Salem resident Madre Hall, who was the daughter of one of the oldest black families in the city. At the age of 46 Miss Hall married Dr. Alfred Xuma, a black South African who was president of the anti-apartheid African National Congress. Bryan says Miss Hall spent 32 years in

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Dr. G. McLeod Bryan (photo by James Parker).

## Chronicle wins seven awards

From Staff Reports

CHAPEL HILL -- The Winston-Salem Chronicle won seven awards in the North Carolina Press Association's 1985 Newspaper Contest, the most awards won by a weekly in the statewide competition.

The Chronicle won first-place honors in the news coverage, appearance and design, feature writing, and use of photographs categories.

It also garnered third-place awards for community service, news writing and editorial writing.

The Chronicle has won more than 50 state and national awards in the last four years.

"We're very gratified to win these awards, and as always, we couldn't have

done it without a dedicated staff and the support of the community," Chronicle Publisher Ernest H. Pitt said.

"Once again we're proud to be honored by our peers and happy that we've been able to win awards consistently from different sets of judges each year," added Chronicle Executive Editor Allen H. Johnson. "It's a fitting tribute to a staff that works very hard and takes a good deal of pride in what it does."

The contest was judged this year by journalists and journalism educators from Texas.

"... Overall, the writing and general news coverage in this publication are a refreshing change from the normal fare," wrote news coverage judge Terry Collier of

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