

Police chief reprimanded

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investigative division during the first three months of the Sykes investigation before becoming acting chief in November 1984. Daulton was the detective assigned to the case.

Stuart's report said Daulton and his superiors let District Attorney Donald K. Tisdale improperly direct parts of the Sykes murder investigation.

Stuart said Monday that he felt the actions taken were appropriate.

But Khalid Abdul-Fattah Griggs, co-chairman of the Darryl Hunt Defense Committee, said that they are not enough.

"Serious criminal activity such as perjury, concealment of evidence and distortion of evidence cannot be addressed by such slap-on-the-wrist disciplinary measures," Griggs said.

"This should clarify in the minds of the doubters, however, the conspiratorial manner in which Darryl Hunt was arrested, tried and convicted. We think Masten should resign, Daulton

should be fired and criminal charges should be brought against him (Daulton)."

Alderman Vivian H. Burke said Tuesday that she is not sure how well "the police can police themselves." She has called a special meeting of the aldermen's Public Safety Committee for Friday to discuss the matter. She said the aldermen will meet behind closed doors.

Attorneys for Hunt filed motions last week in the state Supreme Court asking to have his murder conviction overturned. They said Stuart's report "revealed a host of deficiencies" in the Sykes investigation. The motions also contained a statement from Officer W.G. Miller that contradicts Daulton's testimony during Hunt's trial.

Masten said the SBI was called in to give a "fresh perspective" to the reinvestigation of the murder.

"I asked the SBI to come in because I want to insure that we do this reinvestigation with two

different organizations," he said. "We will apply our separate guidelines, but we will work as a team."

When asked if the reinvestigation will help determine whether Hunt should have been arrested, Masten said, "Absolutely."

"If we find that out, we will turn that information over to the district attorney, as well as anything additional we may find," he said.

Masten said the disciplinary actions taken, and the reinvestigation of the Sykes case, are very important to the community.

"Something had to be done," he said, "and steps had to be taken. I think the steps taken were appropriate. We want the community to have confidence that the police department is investigating crimes in a professional way. We want them to know that we have done as much as we possibly can with the information we have."

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there will be racists. And racists, black and white, are fools. Moreover, if you are waiting for the last white racist to die to enjoy freedom, you'll never see it in this lifetime.

Second, there are ample laws to safeguard civil rights, thanks largely to the NAACP.

Hooks has attracted one wing of his critics because they want him to allocate his scarce resources to retrain old blacks—like busing.

What's more, some former lawyers of the NAACP, one now a federal judge, helped create the organization's current financial problems.

After the historic Brown case was won, they allocated too much of the NAACP's limited resources to busing cases to place black children with white children in schools, not because it resulted in a better education, but because they think being near whites will make blacks better people.

They shunned efforts to educate black children, instead seeking ways to shift the responsibility to white society via legal means. It failed. Whites ran from black students and yellow buses are still running.

As a result, the youth were squeezed out of the learning process by both black and white flight. The result: a generation of black children who read at a level below their grandparents. And many of Hooks' critics are responsible for it. It is they who should be criticized.

Desegregation is a legitimate

objective of the black community. But the fight to provide access to any and all institutions and to eliminate dehumanizing segregation gradually was turned into a battle for integration, meaning coercive attempts to legally deny any worth to African-American people or culture. As a result, many blacks abandoned the NAACP.

movement will ever be successful among blacks unless it makes them feel good about being black. And no current program in this post-segregation era that is not economic in its orientation will succeed.

Blacks have experienced desegregation. They know there is no magic in going to college with whites or working next to whites or trying on clothes in a white store or living next door to whites. The successes of the Civil Rights Movement have made this race-free attitude possible. But these same successes of desegregation failed to provide blacks with the wherewithal to enjoy them.

As the NAACP confronts the disaster of family disintegration, it will discover that the rise in fatherless homes has moved in tandem with black male unemployment. Family disintegration, although partly caused by a lapse in values, is largely an economic phenomenon.

Jobs -- and only jobs -- will stabilize black families and create a first-class Black America. If we try to solve this problem the way some blacks tried to solve our

education problem -- by shifting the blame and responsibility to whites, we will fail to save our community.

In short, to succeed the NAACP must become a self-help organization and promote self-reliance. It must encourage blacks to spend their money with black businesses and white friends to create jobs necessary to reduce female-headed homes and build a community of families.

It must awaken race pride and teach blackness, its beauty, its universal application; explain that pro-blackness cannot be anti-whiteness, and thank God for blessing us with African blood.

Ben Hooks must do what black people want and need, not what the various political pockets and self-interest groups in his organization desire. If he does, he will silence his critics with an effective program. If he does not, they will destroy him and the NAACP.

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department, Beaty handled a good deal of the interviewing and research. The result: a thorough, objective document that took the police to task, but only after consulting every possible source.

The reward for Beaty's troubles? More heat.

When District Attorney Donald K. Tisdale didn't like what the report said, he singled out Beaty -- not City Manager Bill Stuart -- for trying to tell him how to run his office.

When an internal investigation of the police recently concluded -- with several employees in the department disciplined -- there Beaty was again, to help answer questions from the media.

And, when the police attempted to charge Tisdale for aiding and abetting a drunk driver, there the DA was again, blaming Beaty -- but only partially this time -- for his troubles.

As is characteristic, Beaty responded to Tisdale's obvious race-baiting in a few direct words, calling Tisdale's allegations that he had pressured the police to act "the most ridiculous thing I have heard in a number of years."

Then he went about business as usual.

From where we sit, Beaty has handled his hazardous duty in the best possible way: He has not taken sides, he has not backed down, and he has simply done his job as best he could.

Way to go, Al.

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Faye Cobb
Softball Champion

Perhaps Faye Cobb's belief that a player should always have confidence in herself is the reason she is one of the "hottest" players on Winston-Salem State University's women's softball team. A sports observer said that she was the "gas" of the "Red Machine," as the team is called, for having wrapped up last season's Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Tournament with her 12th homer of the season. It was the team's second consecutive tournament victory.

Faye batted a sizzling .786 for the tournament, with three home runs, two triples and nine runs batted in. She had five homers in her last week of the season and finished with 46 RBI.

For her efforts, Faye was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player in both her freshman and junior years, and she also captured the CIAA's Player of the Year last season.

The 21-year-old shortstop came to WSSU on a softball and volleyball scholarship. She grew up in Reidsville, where she played those sports, in addition to basketball, throughout high school. She is majoring in math.

Faye advises young athletes to work hard "no matter what anybody says to them," and to accept constructive criticism graciously.

We wish you the best of luck in the future, Faye. Keep up the good work.

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