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Alphas may invite MLK III to W-S

From Staff And Wire Reports

A local fraternity hopes to bring Martin Luther King III to Winston-Salem, possibly during Black History Month in February or on April 4, to celebrate a street's renaming in his father's honor.

Although plans are incomplete, and the renaming is not yet official, the Alpha Phi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity intends to sponsor the observance marking the rechristening of Claremont Avenue as "Martin Luther King Drive."

The late civil rights leader was a member of the fraternity.

When the observance occurs depends on whether the full Board of Aldermen approves the change, as it is expected to do, and how long it takes the city to make new street signs.

"We've been doing this project for a while, but we can't do the ceremony until we can get it approved and get signs put up," said Norman Joyner, executive director of the Winston Lake Family YM-CA and a fraternity member.

But whenever the ceremony is held, "we're gonna have something big," Joyner said.

The aldermen will address the renaming at their Wednesday, Jan. 21, meeting, two days after the national Martin Luther King holiday.

The aldermen's Public Works Committee Monday night voted in favor of the renaming, as well as extending the strip of road to bear King's name from Patterson Avenue to Thomasville Road.

The original proposal called only for the portion of Claremont Avenue that stretches from File Street to Stadium Drive to be renamed.

"We were quite pleased with the extension that they wanted to make with our proposal," said Jesse Hymes, another member of the fraternity.

Hymes added that the fraternity hopes to invite Martin King III here, but nothing is firm yet.

One of the fraternity's members went to school with King III and has mentioned the possibility to him informally, Hymes said.

"There was no invitation or real commitment extended," he said.

If he is unable to attend, the fraternity will "try to get someone from the family or close to the family," Hymes said.

The fraternity has considered April 4 as a possible date for the ceremony because King was assassinated on that day.

King's son, 28, was elected in November to the Fulton County Commission in Georgia.

City police charged

Two people have charged Winston-Salem police officers with assault and battery in connection with what the NAACP called a racially motivated exchange.

Officers P.L. Kearns and R.L. Nelson, who are white, were charged Friday in summonses with assault and battery. Two of the summonses say that, on Dec. 22, Ms. Kearns pushed Dorothy Green Davis of Winston-Salem and Antoine D. Johnson of King. Both are black. Another summons says Nelson grabbed Johnson by the collar.

On the day of the incident, Ms. Davis was charged with driving while impaired and disorderly conduct.

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Living in squalor

Did the city's housing code work for Frank Jacobs?

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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When a local minister visited an elderly man recently, he was shocked at what he found.

Frank Jacobs, 73, was living as no human should, said the Rev. Charles Green of the Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates.

Green saw dirt-covered floors, cracked, dirty windows, smoke-stained drapes and walls, holes in the floors and walls, cracked,

peeling paint inside of the house and out, cobwebs and heating that came solely from a damaged oil stove and a space heater.

"He lives alone and has two oil stoves," Green said of the house Jacobs rented at 1221 East 19th St. "The fumes in the house are atrocious. The man was filthy. His clothing was saturated with fuel oil. It's sickening to think that someone would have to live like that in this city. He's paying \$95 a month for that."

Jacobs was taken from the

house last week and moved to his granddaughter's home at 1126 E. 17th St. Since then, he also has been hospitalized.

Green said that he became aware of Jacobs and his condition after a fellow member of the Ministers Conference brought it to his attention. Green, chairman of the conference's Current Events Committee, said he found Jacobs living in squalor and barely able to get around.

Green said that he notified

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THE DREAM LIVES



Former Georgia State Sen. Julian Bond said in a recent speech that blacks need wider participation in the struggle for civil rights, as there was during Martin Luther King Jr.'s era. "We move forward faster when we move forward together," Bond said. Bond will be the host of a public television series, "Eyes on the Prize," which chronicles the Civil Rights Movement and premieres Jan. 21. For more, see Special Section (photo by James Parker).

Testimony begins in bank fraud case

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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Testimony in a federal case involving charges of embezzlement against a local minister began Tuesday morning in U.S. Middle District Court in Winston-Salem.

The case stems from a two-count indictment handed down against Bishop Lawrence S. Tate of New Faith Chapel Holiness Church by a federal grand jury in June. One count of the indictment charges that Tate, Ruth Diane Cassaberry and Darryl Eugene McConnell conspired to embezzle money from the Lexington Road branch of First

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Bad connection: WSSU's omission in directory miffs some

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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If you flip through the green pages of the Winston-Salem phone book, you'll see many items of community interest, including a full page on Wake Forest University and on the Winston-Salem Spirits, but only a brief mention of Winston-Salem State University.

At least one local man has noticed this fact, and he is concerned about the omission.

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COVER STORY

"I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places shall be made plain, and the crooked places shall be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."



Full slate of happenings honoring Dr. King begins

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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TWIN CITY residents can take their pick of celebrations during the second national holiday honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

One of the largest local observances is planned by the Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates, which will celebrate King's life and work on Dr. King's holiday, Jan. 19, at a 7 p.m. service. The service will be held at Macedonia True-Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church, located at 500 Kinard Drive.

The Rev. J.D. Ballard, pastor of United Metropolitan Baptist Church, will discuss "The Stuff Dreams Are Made Of," said Dr. Serenus T. Churn, chairman of the Ministers Conference's special programs committee.

Music will be provided by the choirs of Macedonia and United Metropolitan churches, as well as a guest instrumentalist from Winston-Salem State University.

Churn said that clergy of other races and faiths will participate in parts of the service, whose proceeds will benefit the state's six United Negro College Fund member schools.

The proceeds from last year's event, held at Shiloh Baptist Church, were donated to the Darryl Hunt Defense Fund.

If this year's service is as well-attended as last year's, Churn said, the conference can expect a massive turnout.

"Last year, they flooded Shiloh Baptist Church in the annex, the balcony and the streets," he said.

Macedonia's church auditorium can

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King's widow celebrates by pursuing his goals

By JILL LAWRENCE
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WASHINGTON -- The widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., predicting that "the unbelievers will in time become believers," said recently that she is determined to start a new American tradition on the federal holiday honoring her husband.

Coretta Scott King said Americans should observe King Day -- commemorating the birthday of the slain civil rights leader

-- by renewing their commitment to the goals her husband pursued: peace, justice, human rights and economic and social progress.

"We expect this new American tradition will become a moral force, a model for the world," she said at a news conference announcing events to mark the King holiday Jan. 19. "No other holiday in American history has ever been so demanding."

Atlanta, Philadelphia and

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Conditions such as the broken railing, shown at left, at the home of Frank Jacobs on East 19th Street have raised concerns about the home's fitness for human habitation (photos by James Parker).