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Hunt not guilty in murder trial

Defense team ready to face next round

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With one win under his belt, attorney James E. Ferguson II readily admits he will have somewhat of an advantage when he goes back into the courtroom to defend his client, Darryl E. Hunt, who is charged with the first-degree murder and rape of Deborah B. Sykes.

Last week, Mr. Hunt was acquitted, by an all-white jury, of the beating death of Arthur Lee Wilson. Prosecutor Janet H. Branch tried to prove that Mr. Hunt, Sammy Lee Mitchell and Merritt Drayton Williams beat and robbed Wilson in September 1983. Mr. Mitchell was convicted of the crime and Mr. Williams pleaded guilty. Mr. Hunt was also convicted in Mr. Wilson's death but the state Court of Appeals overturned that 1987 verdict last year.

After three and a half hours of deliberation, the jury of Catawba County residents said conflicting testimony from prosecution witnesses cast a shadow of doubt in their minds as to Mr. Hunt's guilt. Conscious of the state's weak case, Mr. Ferguson said he opted not to place Mr. Hunt on the witness stand, a move that surprised several members of the Twin City-originated Darryl Hunt Defense Committee, who attended the week-long trial.

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Ready For Next Trial

Darryl Hunt, left, and Attorney Larry Little are all smiles as they give triumphant signals while preparing to celebrate Hunt's murder trial acquittal.

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Hunt looks at future, ponders turbulent past

By RUDY ANDERSON
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For a man who knew he had to face another murder trial, Darryl Hunt had the look of someone who had just had the weight of the world lifted from his shoulders as he walked up a city sidewalk last Friday. He was on his way to a friend's house for a big celebration. Mr. Hunt had just been acquitted of second degree murder in the beating death and robbery of 57 year old Arthur Lee Wilson.

While reporters talked with members of his defense team and his supporters about their strategy and fears in the Wilson trial, Mr. Hunt settled back in a lounge chair and began to let himself think and talk about his recent ordeal and his future.

"I really thought I would be acquitted. I had confidence in God," the converted muslim said. "The truth would be known. I had faith it would come out," he said. "We knew that the change of venue to Catawba county would force an all white jury on us. The only thing that sustained all of us was our faith in God. That outweighed all those negative factors that entered my mind and the minds of my defense team." But Mr. Hunt quickly pointed out that he was no pillar of strength in this event. "When the jury came back and said they had reached a

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Black principals increase in new school proposal

By TONYA V. SMITH
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Four of the nine high schools in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County system will be headed by Afro-Americans effective July 1, and, a first, a black woman will assume one of those posts.

During an executive session and subsequent open meeting Monday night, the city-county Board of Education unanimously approved a new slate of principal assignments that will mean the shifting of 21 school system employees.

Among the Afro-Americans who will be promoted or laterally moved is Daisy R. Chambers, principal of

It appears that the highest-ranking Afro-American woman in the schools' administrative office has already lost her job. Barbara K. Phillips, assistant superintendent for Student Services, did not have her contract renewed by the school board last week.

Clemmons Elementary School, who will go to Mount Tabor. Mrs. Chambers will be the first Afro-American woman to principal a high school. Hired in 1961 as second and third grade teacher at Mebane School, Mrs. Chambers, 54, was an assistant principal at Clemmons Elementary for three years and worked as a personnel administrator in the schools' central office. She has been the principal at Clemmons since 1985.

Her successor at Mount Tabor, John Jessup - also an Afro-American, was named the schools' director of the Division of Personnel Services during phase one of Superintendent Larry D. Coble's central office reorganization. Phase two of that plan, filing in instructional specialists positions, was supposed to be studied by the school board last Thursday and again Monday. However, the board opted to deal with principal assignments instead. It will tackle phase two of the re-organization,

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Justice Department sues water theme park owner

By RUDY ANDERSON
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The United States Justice Department has filed a complaint with the U.S. Middle district court in Winston-Salem against the owner of a Surry County water theme park for violating civil rights laws.

Joe Crevisky, a spokesman in Justice Department's civil rights section, said during an interview Tuesday that the complaint against Fred Roger Snow Jr., owner of the Cody Creek Water Park had been filed March 22.

In a joint statement issued last Thursday, Mary L. Peeler, Executive Director of the NAACP's NC

State Conference of Branches, and Ron Snow, President of the NAACP's Surry County Branch, said the complaint comes "in response last year, to allegations that African Americans were being denied admission to the Cody Creek Water Park due to their race."

The complaint alleged that Mr. Snow has pursued and is pursuing a policy and practice of denying Afro-American persons on the basis of race and color the full and equal enjoyment of services, facilities, privileges, and advantages of the water park in several ways. The complaint indicated that among

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"(The actions of the owner are) blatant violations of public accommodation laws and are totally unacceptable."
-- Mary L. Peeler

E. Winston Task Force backs off plan

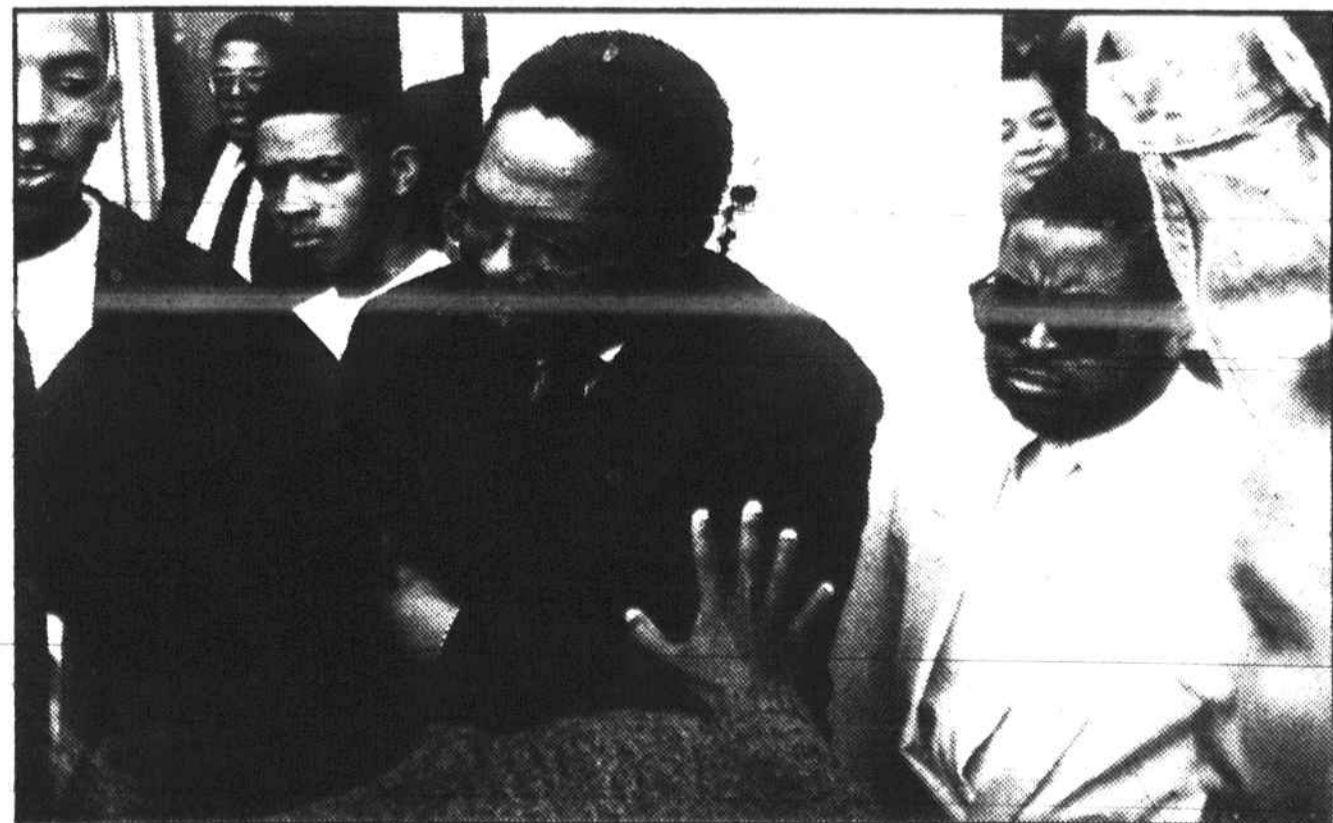
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In lieu of a parkway, members of the East Winston Economic Development Task Force have opted to support a package of roadway projects that would open up traffic in the predominately Afro-American community and connect it with other parts of the Twin City.

After a report Tuesday from Norma Smith, chair of the task force's transportation committee, the members said they could see their way clear to give up hopes of the city building the proposed East Winston Parkway if four other projects become a reality.

Roadway projects numbered two through five on the "1990 Preliminary Highway Needs List for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County" would best serve our purposes just as well, Ms. Smith explained. Those proposed projects are the:

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WSSU students have Chancellor Cleon Thompson's back against the wall during protest this week for greater voice in university affairs.

Staff Photo

WSSU students want voice; stage protest to prove point

By RUDY ANDERSON
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Students at Winston-Salem State University say they want a stronger voice in affairs that affect them within the university. About 100 students staged a protest Monday in front of Blair Hall the campus administration building to air their views.

Derrick Brown, a junior from Winston-Salem, was one of the organizers of the demonstration sponsored by a student group calling itself the Positive Student Awareness Association.

Brown said the students have several concerns, chief among them being students having greater input

in university decisions that affect them. "Students of this university want to be better informed. We want to be part of the decision making process and be able to negotiate with the administration," Brown said. "We want a voice in what happens here. We don't want to have to read about tuition increases in the newspapers before we are told."

Several student representatives were in fact negotiating with Dr. Alex Johnson, vice chancellor for academic affairs, Monday morning when several dozen students tried to enter the administration building to see how the negotiations were pro-

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Sharpeville Massacre remembered

SHARPEVILLE, South Africa (AP) -- Dead and wounded lie on the ground at Sharpeville after police fired on a crowd of demonstrators protesting against the white supremacy government in 1960. Police killed 69 people. Thousands of blacks stayed away from school and work in South Africa to mark the 30th anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre recently.

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