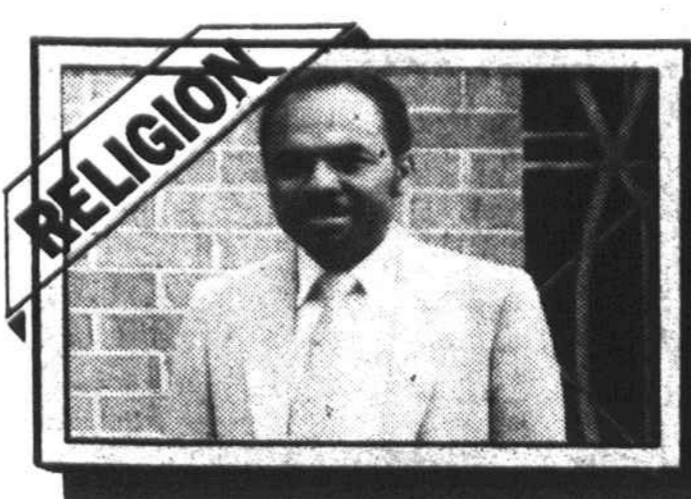




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WSSU trustees shy away from endorsement of nursing program

By TRACY L. PROSSER
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After months of implementing improvements to the Winston-Salem State University nursing program, good results are in, but the proverbial jury is still out about the future of the program. Adding to the worries of the nursing program was the university's Board of Trustees ambiguous position about its continuation.

Earlier this year, University of North Carolina System President C. D. Spangler proposed to the UNC Board of Governors that the generic nursing component of the WSSU nursing program be eliminated, leaving the program open only to registered nurses seeking a bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN). The generic program enables students to take two years of general courses before entering the nursing school, where they can receive a BSN after two more years of study.

Spangler cited low enrollment, low passage rate of the National Council of Licensure Exam (NCLEX), and high cost per student as reasons to eliminate the generic nursing option from the WSSU nursing program.

Sylvia A. Flack, coordinator of the nursing program, spearheaded the effort to eliminate these reasons. Outreach programs in Wilkes and Watauga counties and heavy recruitment of non-traditional students such as emergency medical technicians and licensed practical nurses contributed to the rise in enrollment from 149 in 1989 to 267 in 1990.

In WSSU Chancellor Cleon F. Thompson's annual report at the Board of Trustees, meeting Thursday, Sept. 6, he said the nursing program was the second most

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Nap Time!



Photo by L.B. Speas Jr.

Kenyare Boyd, oblivious to all the merrymaking, takes time out from the Streetscene action. See Streetscene story on page A2.

Death of Doe brings no peace

Local Liberian says fighting continues

By TRACY L. PROSSER
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Former Liberian President Samuel K. Doe may be dead, but the country is no closer to peace, according to a Liberian living in Winston-Salem.

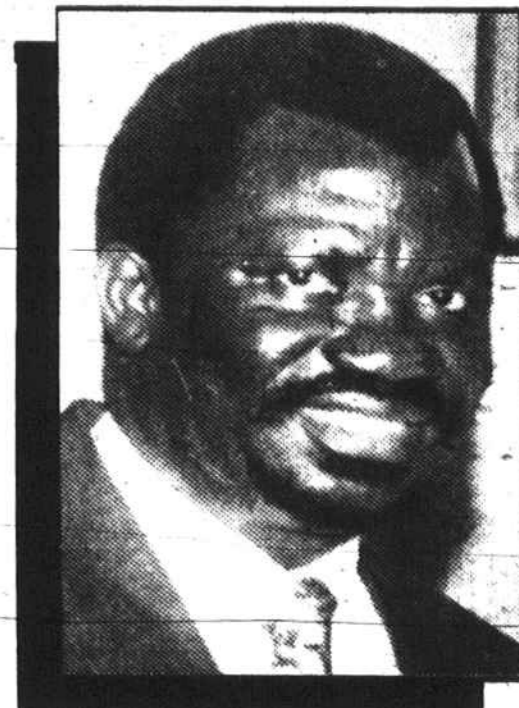
James Hunder Sr., president of the Liberian Organization of the Piedmont and chairman of the state-wide Liberia Crisis Committee, said, "After the capturing of President Doe that subsequently led to his death by Prince Johnson and his men, I don't really think that is the end of everything. The problems have just started."

Sunday, Sept. 9, Doe was shot in both legs and taken captive by Prince Johnson's faction. Doe had been on his way to the West African force headquarters. The next day, Doe was reported dead, his mutilated body supposedly on display at Johnson's headquarters outside the Liberian capital of Monrovia.

On Sunday, Johnson declared himself president of the nation until interim government could be installed.

"My fear here is that this is what Doe said when he overthrew the president (William R.) Tolbert in 1980," Hunder said. Doe

promised to be president for a few months until an election could take place, but those few months turned



James Hunder

into 10 years, Hunder said.

"He said things to win the popular love and admiration of the Liberian people," he said.

"The coup of 1980 was a very popular coup simply because people felt they were not being given a fair chance in government (before the coup)," Hunder said. Tolbert had filled his government positions with Americo-Liberians, and the

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African-American crowned Miss America second straight year

By HENRY STERN
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. -- Miss Illinois Marjorie Judith Vincent, a pianist of Haitian descent who wants to practice international law, was crowned Miss America 1991 early Sunday.

Miss Vincent broke into tears and smiled brightly as she given a surprise serenade of "There She Is" by Bert Parks, who returned to the pageant 10 years after he was fired as emcee.

"I couldn't believe it," she said afterward. "I was just so happy that

I was in the Top 10. I still don't believe it."

Asked what she would do next, she said, "I have no idea. I just want to see my family."

Miss Vincent, 25, of Oak Park, is a third-year law student at Duke University who graduated from DePaul University in 1988 with a degree in music.

The dark brown-eyed brunette played Chopin's "Fantasy Impromptu Opus 66" with dramatic flourishes and a light touch during the talent portion of the competition.

The 5-foot-6, 110-pound Miss

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-- Marjorie J. Vincent

Apartment facelift may get city loan

By TRACY L. PROSSER
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The process of renovating the New Bethel Apartments seems to be moving along at a snappy pace as the city's Finance Committee voted to support a \$640,000 loan for the improvements. Awarding the loan would be contingent on certain stipulations set by the city on the quality of the renovations, but could enable the apartments to be occupied as early as next spring.

The 110 apartments in the complex, which has been vacant for over two years, were bought from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by Professional Enterprises Real Estate Corporation, of Great Neck, N.Y., in an auction June 20.

East Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell, in whose ward the apartments are located, said, "The apartments were allowed to be built substandard, therefore they became slums before they were paid for." She doesn't

want the renovations to be shoddy either, she said.

The high quality renovations would not make the rent so high that it would not be affordable, Newell said, because the apartments will be for section 8 housing.

Newell also said she would like resident management because she had doubts about how much interest a New York firm has in a project so distant geographically. She said there are other examples in Winston-Salem where an out-of-town firm has successfully managed an apartment complex here.

Her third concern was that there be adequate supervision of tenants to protect the property owners from vandalism.

Newell said she was going to investigate a group of apartments owned by the same company in Queens in New York City to see their condition before the Board of Alderman's meeting on Monday, Sept. 17. At

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Model student goes on trial for murder

By TEZRA O. ELLIS
Special to the Chronicle

Darryl Eugene Hunt is preparing to face a second trial on Monday for the murder of a Winston-Salem newspaper woman. One would think that event would occupy all his time and consume his thoughts. Not quite.

As an 8 year old boy taking shortcuts to elementary school through the campus of Winston-Salem State University, Hunt dreamed of being a "Ram" himself one day. Now, 17 years later, Hunt has realized that dream, and discovered the high price that often accompanies reality.

"I dropped out of school in the eighth grade," Hunt said. "I was 16 years old then." Many factors influenced Hunt's decision to leave South Park High School, but the primary influence was a turbulent family situation. Hunt went to California to live with a stepfather for two and a half years before returning to Winston-Salem at 18 years of age. Less than one year later, he was incarcerated for the murder of local newspaper woman Deborah Sykes.

Ironically, it was through the Department of Corrections that Hunt accomplished what he could not in the local school system. In three short months, he had successfully completed the requirements for a General Education Diploma (GED), and enrolled in the college courses offered through the Department

of Corrections.

Though eager to learn, Hunt was unable to complete his university studies while imprisoned because he was "bounced around from system to system" staying nowhere long enough to make substantial progress.

However, following the March 1990 retrial and subsequent acquittal for the murder of Arthur Lee Wilson, Hunt enrolled at

"I won't have much choice, mentally I would have to readjust. I'd just have to call on God to give me strength to keep on fighting this injustice."

-- Darryl E. Hunt

WSSU and began what he hopes will be an uninterrupted career in marketing. "I chose business as a major because I was familiar with it," Hunt said. "In fact, it was the only thing we could take in the Department of Corrections system."

"Darryl is classified as a special student," said Attorney Larry Little, a member of Hunt's Defense Team. "He has only taken one general studies course. Right now he's taking constitutional law and political science." As a special student, Hunt entered the university under "interruption of education." These

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Darryl Hunt and Attorney Larry Little discuss what Hunt's life is like now, and ponder his future.