



Honor class of 1934. Seated first row (l-r): Mary Hopkins, Ella Etta Mason, Erastine Williams, Florence Renick, Alma Lowe Amos, Emily Harper and John Ledbetter. Second row (l-r): Delmos Cloud, Clarice Scales Parrish, Thelma P. Thompson, Esther Y. Hargraves, Mary J. Haskins, Lorenza Johnson, Evelyn Sloan, Lorraine Hairston Morton, and Mabel Perry.

Classes of the 1930's Reunite

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coaxing."

During the two-day reunion, the group reacquainted themselves with their former schoolmates with fellowship, casino night, business meetings and a closing banquet. At the business meeting, Edythe Williams, class

of 1932, was chosen president of the reunion for 1995-1997.

The speaker at the closing banquet, Rev. James Donald Ballard of United Metropolitan Baptist Church, told the classes that life becomes a stage of activities and opportunities to pick out of life the opportunities life has afforded you.

"To find the bright spot, you have to look to it and find a focus in life because it has foundation," Ballard said.

Atkins High School and Columbian Heights High School were the only high schools that African-Americans could attend in the city during the Jim Crow era.

Police Chief Promotes Black Officers

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Victor A. Robinson, a native of Winston-Salem, was promoted to sergeant from senior police officer. He is assigned to the Crimes Against Property Section in Criminal Investigations.

"I have always been a positive person," Robinson said. "I hope I can bring a positive message in my leadership duties. My goal one day is to be chief."

A graduate of Catawba College, Robinson began working with the police department in August 1986. "Vic Robinson has shown proven leadership on the street," Sweat said.

Robinson and his wife, Terri, have four children: Zachary, Victor, Brandon, and Rachel.

DelRay Anthony, a native of Winston-Salem, was promoted to senior officer.

The promotions gives Anthony a "chance to lead by example," he said.

Anthony earned a bachelor's degree from Elon College and continued his studies with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Anthony, a captain for the 105th Engineering Group in the N.C. National Guard, is assigned to the 200 Sector Foot Patrol Squad A.

"DelRay has done an excellent job in the foot patrol unit," Sweat said. "He has done some very good community service work as well."

Anthony began his

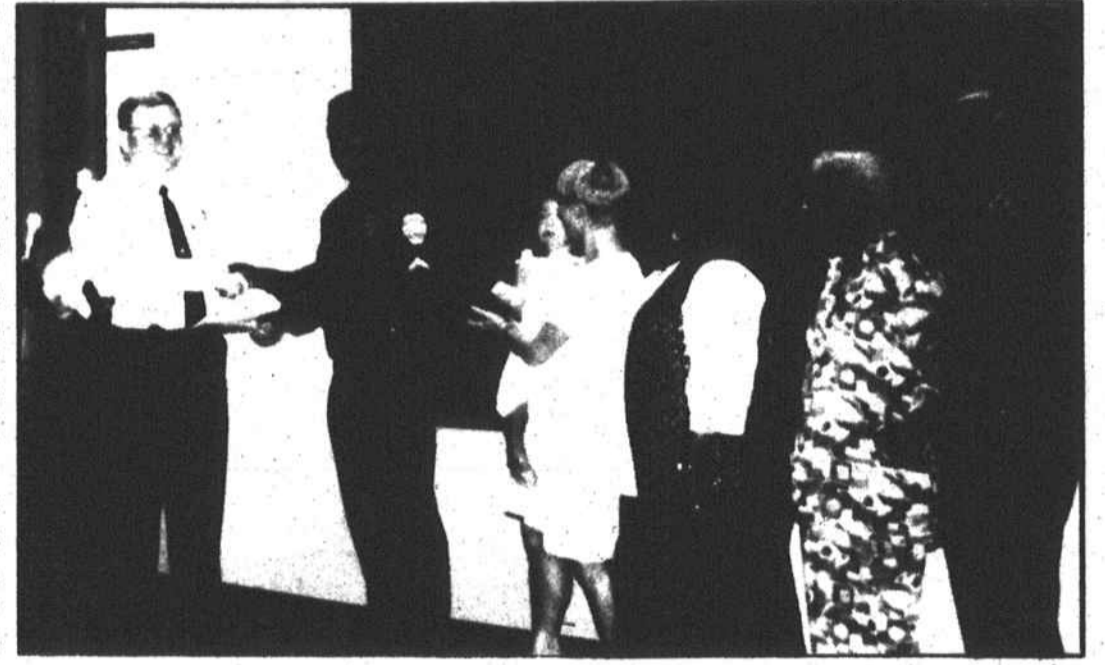
career as a police officer in July 1991, and he has been assigned to the field Services Bureau. Anthony and his wife, Sharon, have two sons, Del-Ray Jr. and Brandon.

Robert A. Evans, a native of Winston-Salem, was also promoted to senior officer. He is assigned to the 200 Sector COPS Program. "I am very excited and glad to be promoted," Evans said. "My goal is to be chief one day."

A graduate of West Forsyth High School, Evans served five years in the U.S. Navy. He joined the police department in June 1990. Evans has been assigned to the Field Services Patrol Division since completing training.

"Evans assumed a leadership role as a community oriented police officer," Sweat said.

Evans and his wife, Khadija E. Evans, have two children, Aliyah and Michael.



Chief Sweat congratulates Victor Robinson on his promotion to sergeant. Robinson's family members joined Robinson on the podium with the chief.

Ruffin Predicts Twin City Will Keep CIAA Tourney until 1999

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people in Winston-Salem do great job in hosting the tournament. They are sensitive to the needs of the schools. I haven't heard any bad comments about Winston-Salem."

Ruffin said the Joel Coliseum, which has a seating capacity of 14,500, was adequate accommodations for the crowds expected to attend the weeklong tournament. Kerry

added that tournaments were sold out in 1994 and 1995.

Coliseums in Charlotte and Greensboro seat more than 20,000 each, and may be too large for the CIAA, a NCAA Division II conference.

"Our facility can accommodate the CIAA," Ruffin said. "It would be packed, and that is a much better on television than 6,000 empty seats in Charlotte or Greensboro."

The Joel Coliseum is scheduled to host the CIAA tourna-

ment in February 1996. The city lured the CIAA tournament from Richmond in 1994 with \$1.3 million guarantee. More than \$200,000 went for scholarships at the 14 CIAA schools.

The tournament has generated \$8 million to the local economy each of the last two years.

"We do a good job putting on the event," Ruffin said. "We know what we can do to accommodate the event."

The committee has invited the chancellors and presidents of

the CIAA's 13-member institution to attend the the National Black Theater Festival, which will be held in Winston-Salem from July 31 to Aug. 5.

"They are still responding," Ruffin said. "We want to get their input about keeping the tournament in Winston-Salem."

Hampton Institute, a perennial football power in the conference, left the CIAA conference last week to join the MEAC.

"We have been working for several months to be ready for

that bid," said Mayor Martha S. Wood, co-chairman of the committee. "The CIAA Tournament is very important to our city."

African American business people have complained that too little of the \$8 million generated by the CIAA tournament have its way into their coffers. "We ain't got nothing, so we can't get nothing," Mose Belton-Brown, chairman of the East Area Council of the Chamber of Commerce told the *Chronicle* last February.

"Money is made off of hotels and restaurants. It's hard for us because what we have is mostly mom and pop shops that are so far removed from the coliseum area. So black business in general don't make nothing."

Ruffin said that minority businesses received about \$40,000 for catering, printing, photography, and transportation services. "We had some unanticipated problems with our vendors last year," Ruffin said. "We have not close ourselves off from any criticism."

McCants Begins Responsibilities at WSSU

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drawing board, will be making a tremendous mistake."

In addition to the plans of accrediting various academic programs, enrollment for the university will also be a concern.

Over the next five years, the plan is to increase the enrollment to approximately 3,600 students. And, within ten years holding the enrollment to somewhere between 4,000 - 4,500.

"That (4,000 - 4,500 students) would still make us unique in the UNC system," McCants said. "We don't want to duplicate other universities, in terms of enrollment size because our smallness and our closeness

have been positive for us."

The Associated Press reported last week that the policies of historically black institutions were too lenient when it came to students retaking courses compared to other universities in the North Carolina system.

Currently at WSSU, the policy for repeating a class is that a student can repeat a class as many times as he wants if the grade is a D or F. And, only the highest grade will be added into the grade point average. If a student receives anything higher than a D, and chooses to repeat a course, both grades will be computed into the grade point average, said Michelle Beal in the Office of the Registrar at WSSU.

In response to the article, McCants said that other universities in the system had the same type of policies, but changed them.

"It's not a black - white thing," he said. "There are still assumptions concerning black institutions, that we make things easier. But, I would challenge anyone to take courses just to see how tough it is."

McCants plans to revisit the policy and let the faculty if the faculty decide what the policy should be, because they are the academic leaders of the institution. And, they're the ones who give the grades, he said.

Working in General Administration for the University of North Carolina System,

McCants took on special assignments to solve the problems using his skills as best he could. He came to WSSU in 1981 as special assistant to the chancellor.

"I have a ph.d. in administration and higher education. This is what I am trained to do. While other people come to work, I come to my play ground where I have my biggest fun," he said.

McCants leadership style is quite simple and almost democratic.

It's important to him to get advice and counsel from various sources, with the understanding that as chief executive, he will have to make the final decision.

"I think that we should hear from people where the rubber

meets the road - those people who do the work," he said. "But, when making decisions with of millions of dollars, you don't get 100 percent consensus."

Being the vice-president for student affairs at Virginia State University, vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Arkansas and director of special programs with the University of North Carolina General Administration played a part in preparing McCants for this position.

"For me this is a logical step in the process of what I've been doing," McCants said.

McCants was nominated for chancellor of WSSU and will be considered for the position. But, that is not his primary concern

because the work of the university goes on.

"Even if I'm not here, hopefully in the time that I do spend, I would have accomplished a representative job, whereby a new person can come in and make an easy transition in this office."

The \$14 million, 100,000 square foot student center that is currently being built is a month ahead of schedule and will be similar to a mall, McCants said.

"It will be one-stop shopping," he said. Students, now when they come to the university... are like a basketball being bounced all over the place."

With this new center, they can go to admissions, financial aid, registrar and pay their bill.

Woman at Odds with Real Estate Office

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and lot located on North Poplar Street from the Finance committee's consent agenda for its April meeting. Stuart requested that the item be pulled from the agenda so additional staff work could be done on the project.

Southwest Alderman Lynne Harpe was concerned that the city was accepting the an offer to start the bidding process that was less than the balance due of \$28,500 on the defaulted loan, according to city records.

"My understanding was that my bid should have been submitted to the Board of Aldermen initially instead of the bid by Jerry Rosenquist," Amaker said. "I am a Real Estate office and I am out, and submitted Rosenquist's bid. They wanted him

property over me."

Amaker took her complaints about the bidding process and the condition of the home to Winston-Salem Mayor Martha S. Wood and the aldermen's General Government Committee for community development and housing in June.

"I regret that your experience in trying to buy this property did not meet your expectations of city service," Wood said in a letter to Amaker. "Your willingness to speak candidly about the process, however, has resulted in several immediate improvements."

The city acquired the property in November 1994 after the owner defaulted on a home improvement loan made by the Housing Services Department.

The city staff was carrying out its management duties to obtain the highest amount possible for the property, Fredericks said. "With the knowledge that Mr. Rosenquist would have an opportunity to submit an offer the ten day upset bid period," Fredericks said, "I agreed to submit her offer on the property to the Board of Aldermen for its consideration in May."

Following the upset bid by Rosenquist, Amaker withdrew her bid and requested her deposit of \$1,250 be returned to her, Frederick said.

"As a result of this situation, we have decided to change our procedures," he said. "In the future, the city will only accept one offer at a time will not accept another bid until the first offer

has been accepted by the Board of Aldermen and advertised for upset bids."

Amaker first contacted the city housing officials in August 1994 to apply for a city loan. She saw the house advertised for sale on Channel 13 on cable television.

"I like the basic layout of the house," she said. "I knew that the house needed a lot of work. It was in bad shape."

The city's Neighborhood Improvement Program spent \$29,650 to repair the house in 1983, according to a city work order. At that time, Larry R. and Susan M. Taylor owned the house, and Design Concepts performed the repair work that included replacing rotten wood and the roof, installing a carpet,

toilet, and bathroom sink, and interior and exterior painting, the work order stated.

Amaker called the repairs "patchwork" that used substandard materials. She has several photographs that show the house in poor condition.

Nevertheless, a city housing inspector approved the repairs on June 25, 1983. "All work had been satisfactorily completed," said Ritchie Brooks, the city's housing services director.

In May, the city estimated that the house needed \$35,357 in repairs to pass the city's housing codes.

The owner of the house failed to keep the house in good repair during the past 11 years, Brook said, adding that the city has received several complaints

about the property.

"We have had reports of drug dealing and wild parties with folks riding motorcycles at that location," Brooks said. "The trash cans have been filled with beer and wine bottles. It was just a bad situation."

Cockerham said that the neighbors also complained vagrants often lived in the dwelling.

Amaker discounted the city's explanations for the condition of the property.

"I want the people in the city to know what is going in the city government," Amaker said. "The city doesn't have the right to... they are suppose to be working in the best interests of the public."