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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle" — Frederick Douglass

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Local Rally Draws 200

▲ 5,000 Sought for October March on D.C.

By JOHN HINTON
Chronicle Senior Staff Writer

Nearly 200 people — mainly African American men — marched from Winston-Salem State University to the Winston Mutual Building on East Fifth Street to demonstrate their support for the upcoming Million Man March in Washington, D.C. on October 16.

The marchers, which included dozens of women from WSSU, shouted slogans such as "Fired Up: Can't Take it Anymore" and carried signs as they walked north along Martin Luther King

Drive.

Several participants had signs saying "Out with Drugs, In With Power," "Black Man March & Show Your Love for Your Woman," "Stand Up for the Black Family Man October 16," "No Justice, No Peace;" and "Sisters for the Million Man March."

Others carried posters advertising the Million Man March in Washington.

"If you are a black man in America, you need to support the rally," Larry Leon Hamlin, a local organizer, said as the march began at WSSU. "We

want everyone to know that they will see a new black man."

The demonstrators left the WSSU campus and moved up Martin Luther King Drive, with a police escort. Under a warm September sun, they walked in the northbound lanes about a mile to the Winston Mutual Building.

As they marched, a member of the Local Organizing Committee shouted: "Black men, you know what they say about us. They say that we will never be anything. They say that we will not

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This group of black men participated in last week's march and rally to mobilize for the Million Man March in Washington, D.C. on October 16. Many carried signs and yelled slogans.

MISS BLACK NORTH CAROLINA

Miller Wins Title

By MAURICE CROCKER
Chronicle Staff Writer

Hard work, dedication, and a lot of practice has paid off for a Winston-Salem woman who has won the title of Miss Black North Carolina.

Mercedes Miller, 23, of Winston-Salem was crowned Miss Black North Carolina on September 16, at the Harrison Auditorium on the campus of N.C. Agricultural and Technical University.

"I wasn't extremely nervous, because I knew I had prepared a great deal for the competition," Miller said. She was one of 12 contestants in the pageant.

According to Miller when she prepares for a competition it is basically the only thing on her mind.

"I constantly think about what I'm going to say and what I'm going to do, even when I'm driving my car or curling my hair," she said.

Miller said she feels her stronger parts of competition was the interview session; and the talent competition.



Mercedes Miller, Miss Black NC, will compete for Miss Black America in February.

During the talent competition, Miller read a monologue she wrote entitled "Endangered Species", which focused on the African American females support of the African-American male.

"I feel it is very impor-

tant for the African American female to support the African American male, because without the male, our race can not exist," Miller said.

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Subcontractor Calls For Investigation of Contract

▲ Says his firm not paid since May

By JOHN HINTON
Chronicle Senior Staff Writer

The Forsyth County Board of Commissioners have approved \$106,000 as the final payment to Lyon Construction Co. for completing work on the sheriff's department building despite the objections of a subcontractor who claims that the company had failed to pay him since May.

The commissioners recently voted 4-2 authorizing County Manager Graham Pervier to pay Lyon Construction \$106,268.19 for the work on sheriff's department administration building at 120 Third Street.

The board also extended the contract for Lyon and prime contractors due to changes in work orders.

"I urge you not to allocate these funds until some kind of investigation is done," said James H. Moore Jr., owner of Metropolitan Drywall & Ceiling Systems. "My company has not been paid over the last three months. We work a project, and we have not received progressive payments, he said."

Moore filed a lien last week against Forsyth County and Lyon Construction for the \$28,500 for

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James H. Moore Jr., owner of Metropolitan Drywall & Ceiling

Powell Likely Candidate for '96 Presidential Race

By DENNIS SCHATZMAN
Special to the NNPA
A News Analysis

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Burrell Haselrig, Jr., chairman of the Exploratory Draft Colin Powell for President Committee, confesses he has never met the nation's former Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff.

Yet, he is convinced that General Powell is running for the Republican nomination for President. "But he just can't say it," Haselrig explained to this reporter in an exclusive interview. "And, we can't ever meet until he officially decides (to run)."

This, of course, could be more sooner than later. Powell has begun a 22-city tour to promote his forthcoming autobiography, My American Journey and to gage the pulse of the nation on such topics as

affirmative action, the deficit, inner city violence, the war in Bosnia — and presumably his chances of obtaining the presidency of the United States.

Powell is shaking up the political establishment by just being there. Two reasons seem to give a Powell presidential run a following, even though his political aspirations are heretofore unofficial.

One reason is that loyalty to the two-party system is waning and, according to a U.S. News and World Report, because of that dilemma, "Powell's stature is rising like a balloon riding the hot air over Washington."

The second is because the nation is, the article continued, "starving for leadership and Powell oozes with leadership qualities." In the words of

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WHERE TO FIND IT

This Week in Black History

September 21, 1872

John Henry Conyers of South Carolina became the first black student at Annapolis Naval Academy. He later resigned.



Chambers: Keep Affirmative Action

▲ NCCU Chancellor recalls America's racist past

By MAURICE CROCKER
Chronicle Staff Writer

Former Civil Rights attorney Julius Chambers enlightened students and faculty members at Wake Forest University on the need for affirmative action in America.

Chambers, who is chancellor at North Carolina Central University,

spoke at Wake Forest's annual opening day convocation. The ceremony marked the triad university's 161st convocation.

Chambers addressed the future of race relations, but also reflected on the struggles and progress made from past relations.

"There is always something encouraging about visiting Wake Forest University," Chambers said. "May be it is because of the role the university played

to help improve race relations in North Carolina."

Chambers commended the university for taking a giant step and becoming the first segregated university in North Carolina to admit a black student.

In 1962, Ed Reynolds became the first black to attend a predominately white university when he enrolled at

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NCCU Chancellor Julius Chambers speaks at Wake Forest's 161st Convocation.