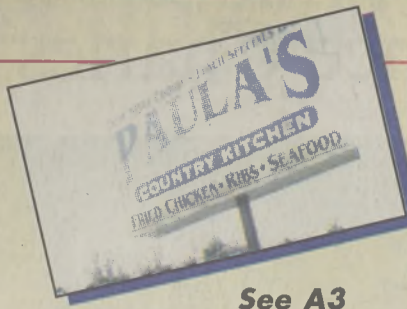


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Teen-age brawl reawakens concerns about safety at LJVM

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Nelson Malloy: 'I hope it's not a pattern'

A free-for-all at a popular high school basketball tournament has once again put the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum under the microscope.

The fight took place last Thursday during the Frank Spencer Basketball Classic. It involved a group of nearly a dozen teens, some of whom the Police Department are still trying to identify from footage of the incident recorded by local broadcast media outlets.

old wounds at LJVM. Last fall, violence erupted at a rap concert held at the coliseum. A live sex act was also alleged to have taken place during the Aug. 28 concert, which featured multiple rap acts, including Luther Campbell of 2 Live Crew fame.

The concert also cost three local African American police sergeants their ranks. They were demoted by Chief Linda Davis after an investigation by Bill St-

art, the city manager, concluded that lax supervision by off-duty police officers, who were hired to patrol the event, contributed to the rambunctious atmosphere at the concert.

"After Aug. (28) and what happened at Frank Spencer, we have got to do something," Alderman Fred Terry said.

Terry said he is concerned about safety at the coliseum. His teen-age son attended the rap con-

cert. The city-owned facility's marketability could be hurt if incidents of violence continue to occur, Terry said.

"People won't go if they feel unsafe," he said.

Terry did not attend the basketball game at which the fight broke out, but he says judging by videotape of the event, the fighting and chair throwing last for several minutes before being broken up.

"It went on for far too long in my estimation," Terry said.

Terry says that safety improvements may simply boil down to additional training for those hired to provide security at coliseum events.

Alderman Nelson Malloy says that his main concern is still how "harshly" the three sergeants were treated after the rap concert.

Malloy and members of the Black Leadership Roundtable have taken up the officers' cause, vowing to use various methods of protests to win back their stripes.

Malloy says the latest incident

at the coliseum shows that there may be a deeper problem that must be dealt with.

"I hope it's not a pattern, but it seems that something is missing or we haven't learned from past situations," Malloy said.

Malloy says he is also concerned about how long the fight was allowed to go on.

The incident begs the Board of Aldermen to take a closer look at the goings-on at LJVM, Malloy said.

The issue was addressed briefly at Monday's aldermen meeting.

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Black leaders say 'no' to gala



Photo by T. Kevin Walker

The atrium at the Adam's Mark Winston Plaza was transformed into a virtual African Market during the National Black Storytellers festival.

Bailey is limiting his involvement at WSSU

Most outspoken alums are pleased with new chancellor - his background, roots, personality

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Harold Martin, Winston-Salem State University's new chancellor, started work this week with many of the school's most prominent and vocal alumni singing his praises.

It's a luxury that Martin's predecessor, Alvin Schexnider, seldom enjoyed, especially late in his tenure when his critics were many and praise was few and far between.

"I'm excited about (Martin) coming here," said Beaufort Bailey. "I plan on supporting this man as hard as I fought against

Schexnider." Bailey says he feels at peace now, with Martin at the helm of his beloved alma mater. He is so comfortable and confident in Martin that he says he will limit his involvement in school issues.

Bailey became a constant fixture at the school during Schexnider's reign, attending trustee meetings, school functions and press conferences.

Bailey has never minced words when it comes to the former chancellor. He says he was pleased with Schexnider's decision to take a job at Wake Forest University Baptist School of Medicine. It was the right decision for all parties involved, he believes.

Bailey met with Martin before Christmas. He was joined at the meeting by fellow WSSU alums state Rep. Larry Womble and Vic-

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Womble, Tatum, Eversley will not attend function at local Adam's Mark Hotel

BY T. KEVIN WALKER AND CHERIS HODGES THE CHRONICLE

A bevy of discrimination charges levied at the Adam's Mark chain by a civil rights group and the U.S. government has made some people uneasy about setting foot in the hotels, even for fund-raisers.

The Grand Pavilion of the Adam's Mark Winston Plaza, the Winston-Salem hotel, will play host to a gala benefit for the United Negro College Fund on Jan. 15. The event will feature food, dancing, a silent auction and R&B legend Peabo Bryson.

The benefit will also be a celebration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Several local dreamkeepers, organizations who have worked to further King's dream, will be honored at the event, including The Chronicle.

Though local politicians, business people and other notables are also expected to attend the event, there will also be several noticeable no-shows.

"I don't want to kill the spirit of what (UNCF) is trying to do, but I will not be in attendance," said Bill Tatum, president of the Winston-Salem branch of the NAACP.

solely based upon the charges of racism that have dogged the hotel chain for nearly a year.

The national NAACP filed suit against the Daytona Beach Adam's Mark last summer after African American guests staying at the hotel during the Black College Reunion said that they were discriminated against. The guests said the hotel made black guests wear orange wristbands and that security guards were used to intimidate blacks.

The alleged Daytona Beach incident and others at the chain's 20 other hotels led to an investigation by the U.S. Justice Department.

The agency filed suit against the Adam's Mark late last month, claiming the chain discriminated against African Americans by charging them more than whites, offering them less desirable rooms and requiring more security for black guests. In addition, the Justice Department complaint alleges

that Adam's Mark implemented policies and procedures to exclude or limit the number of nonwhite guests in its hotels.

Telissa Ward, a former employee of the Adam's Mark Winston Plaza, has filed suit against the local hotel because she says she was denied job advancement because she is African American. Furthermore, Ward claims she was fired after she complained about discriminatory treatment.

The St. Louis-based chain has denied the charges. John Wise, manager of the Adam's Mark Winston Plaza, has also denied that Ward was discriminated against. The Adam's Mark chain has vowed to help the Justice Department in its probe in any way possible.

Tatum said it is his understanding that arrangements to have the UNCF event at the hotel were made months before the Justice Department case became public. He also acknowledges the challenges of changing a venue at

such a late date, but at the same time, Tatum says African Americans have to be wiser when it comes to the type of establishments they chose to patronize.

"We should only spend our money at places that appreciate and respect us," he said.

Tatum says he will wait for the Adam's Mark to announce some type of remedy to the alleged racial practices before he will be willing to set foot into one of the hotels.

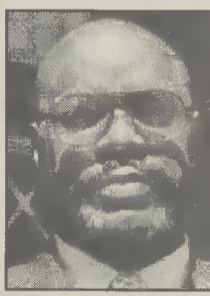
The Rev. Carlton Eversley, head of the NAACP Education Caucus, said the Adam's Mark should not get "too comfortable" with the fact that many African Americans are continuing to use its facilities in spite of the charges.

"The Adam's Mark will have to realize that they are subject to scrutiny and criticism now," he said.

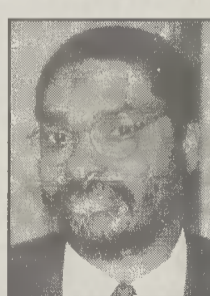
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Womble



Tatum



Eversley



Photo by Bruce Chapman

Thousands attended a New Year's Eve celebration in Kernersville.

Local officials report few Y2K problems

BY PAUL COLLINS THE CHRONICLE

Despite the hype, local government officials reported no significant Y2K problems.

For more than a year, prognosticators have predicted massive computer problems brought on by the notion that many of the nation's computers would be unable to read the year 2000. Computer experts predicted that a large number of computers would read the 00 in 2000 as 1900, which could have caused computers to shut down.

Government officials and computer companies have spent much of the last year encouraging computer owners to update their computers to

make them Y2K ready. According to local officials, the efforts worked.

"We had a very smooth transition from 1999 into 2000," said Alice Milam, project coordinator for information systems for the city of Winston-Salem. "We had a couple little glitches, very minor. We expected that... Basically we were very pleased. We had very few things that have gone wrong, if you want to call it that...."

But after a year of worry, many wonder whether the Y2K threat is over.

"I think it is over," Milam said, adding that minor Y2K issues may

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