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Local history

maker gets overdue props

The late Rev. J.T. McMillan was a civil rights champion in these parts

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD THE CHRONICLE

City officials unveiled a historical marker at St. James AME Church last Saturday honoring the late Rev. Joseph T

McMillan. Mayor Allen Joines, Rep. Larry Womble and Council member Vivian Burke were among those on hand to pay tribute to McMillan, who was the pastor of St. James for 16 years He died in 1992. The marker sits in

front of the church. which is located off Patterson Avenu

McMillan was much more than a pastor. He was instru-mental in leading the black community through the Catherine Scott lawsuit, which led to desegregated public schools in Forsyth County. He also held numerous positions with the NAACP and the local and

regional Parent Teacher Associ-

Last year, the mayor decided to honor civil rights leaders from the community during Black History Month. McMil-

lan was one of the first people selected for the annual accolade. The Rev. Jerry Drayton, longtime pastor of New Bethel Drayton, Baptist Church, was also chosen last year to be honored for his accomplishments.

Joines, who soon plans to announce the name or names of other African-Ameri-

can honorees, said the tributes allow the city to pay tribute to the unsung heroes and heroines.

"I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. McMillan when I first came to the city as a young man," said Joines. "It's so important that we do remember our history and those leaders who helped make our city and

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LIVINGSTONE



Bishop Cecil Bishop and Livingstone President Algeania Freeman at a Founders Day event.

College reaches for the stars as it turns 125

BY T. KEVIN WALKER

SALISBURY - Livingstone College meshed the present and future with its storied past last week as it celebrated Founders Day and marked the school's 125th anniversary. It was an occasion filled with the usual pomp-and circumstance, with bits of nostalgia and determination thrown in here and there.

"Today is like the first day of spring to us." said President Algeania Freeman. She recounted how the school came to be. It was the dream of a group of African Methodist Episcopal

place to train others in theology. They found a home at first in Concord in 1879 and later relocated to nearby Salisbury in 1882. At 125, Livingstone is one of the nation's oldest, continuously operating black religiousbased schools.

The original Salisbury site had only one building on 40 acres when it first opened. Today, Livingstone, is a hur-geoning school made up of nearly two dozen buildings. But Freeman said no matter how fai the school has come, it will never forget its humble roots.



Lerone Bennett

"We had people who built bricks by hand (to construct Livingstone). We are proud of what has been done here," she said.

Livingstone, these days, does more than just educate tomorrow's theologians. As billboards touting the school pro-claim, the school "produces leaders" in every field of study imaginable. Some on hand for Founders Day imagined that the founders of the school would be impressed that Livingstone endured the agriculture age, the industrial revolution and is now competing in the age of informa-

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Healing continues after exoneration

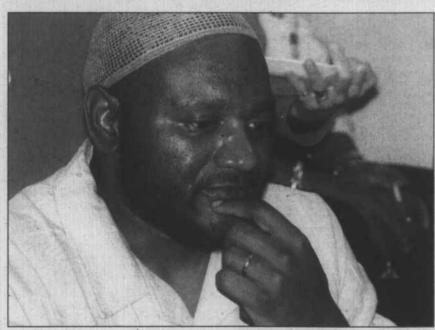
Efforts will go on to try to make city a place where injustice will not be tolerated

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The grassroots committee that sprung up nearly 20 years ago to support Darryl Hunt after he was arrested for the 1984 murder of Deborah Sykes, is feeling noways tired. The roller coaster ride the committee went on with Hunt came to an end Friday when a judge vacated Hunt's life sentence. But some members of the committee may not be taking breathers.

Longtime committee member John Mendez said he has received many letters and phone calls from people behind bars who say they have been wrongfully con-victed like Hunt. Mendez





Darryl Hunt served nearly 20 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit.

inward for answers Affairs and the Black Male Initiative Committee sponsored the forum. Black Men for Change is Student organized symposium touches a student/group that seeks to examine and address issues per-taining to the upward mobility of black males. The group, which

Black men look

many different areas

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD THE CHRONICLE

Last Friday was dedicated to the black male at Winston-Salem State University. The 2004 Black Male Symposium, organized by Black Men for Change, brought in various speakers throughout the day to discuss issues facing black men on and off of WSSU's campus.

Black Men for Change along with the Office of Student Activities, the Office of Student



every opportunity to drive home the theme of the symposium: "Breaking the Cycle, Building a New Building a New Foundation." During a symposium function Friday evening, he led the audience in a chant of

boasts 25 members, formed two

various

Murray said he and his peers

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