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back and safety for the Tarheels, said he often thought about the idea of helping to develop young players in the Winston-Salem area. "I had a lot of people who did things to help me to make it when I was coming up," Legins said. "Now it's my turn to give something back to the kids who are coming along behind me."

Legins said he and his staff will work hard on teaching the fundamentals and techniques that players need to work on most.

And although there is a charge for attending the camp, Legins said he doesn't want that to be a deterrent for kids who don't have the means to pay to attend.

"If there are athletes out there and parents who are experiencing financial difficulties, I understand," Legins said. "I don't want that to keep them from benefiting from what we plan to teach at this camp. This goes beyond just what happens on the football field."

The staff is set for the camp. One of Legins' teammates at UNC, Jimmy Hitchcock, who plays for the Carolina Panthers, will be the headliner. Hitchcock has enjoyed a stellar professional career, first with the New England Patriots and then with the Minnesota Vikings before



Campers at the Next Level 2001 Football Camp will receive personal attention by the camp's staff.

coming to the Panthers recently. "He is a former teammate of mine and a guy who really cares about helping kids," Legins said. "Having someone like him will really help motivate and open the eyes of the kids."

The camp is the first of many projects that Legins hopes to use to benefit the community where he was raised.

"I want to see something positive happen in terms of the big picture for athletes in Winston-Salem," Legins said. "I want to see these kids progress. I hope this is a means of getting exposure for the

kids. There's always been a lot of talent around here, but a lot of the time it hasn't been cultivated the right way. I hope that we can work on doing that."

Legins said he would like for campers to register in advance to ensure that all campers will receive a T-shirt in their size. However, registration for the camp will be held up until the morning of the camp. Camp participants also will receive awards and other prizes for participating in the camp.

Legins can be reached at 995-6421 for more information about the camp.

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work with him to accomplish some of the goals that he has set for the university."

Grant is one of three candidates whose names have been publicly mentioned for the post that was vacated when Anne Little resigned under fire last month in the wake of resignations of the Rams' men's and women's basketball coaches. Both positions are still vacant and Martin has stated that neither will be filled until the athletic director's position is filled. The other two names being mentioned are Charlie Davis, the former Wake Forest basketball standout and

current athletic director at Bowie State, and Dee Todd, another WSSU alumnus, who is currently the assistant commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference. According to a source close to the WSSU program, the opening is expected to be filled by Aug. 1, with the deadline for submitting applications being July 15.

Grant said he hasn't contacted anyone at Winston-Salem State mainly because he's been trying to settle into his job and get his family settled into their new home. Although he took the job in Durham on Jan. 16, Grant and his wife, Vickie, and 5-year-old daughter didn't move to Durham until three weeks ago when they closed on a house. Before that time Grant commut-

ed from Winston-Salem while waiting for his house to sell.

"My family is here now and settled in," Grant said. "My wife's not working right now. She's trying to get adjusted to here and this situation."

But that doesn't mean Grant would have deaf ears to an offer from WSSU.

"My wife supports my career and my career path," Grant said. "Before I'd consider making a decision, we would have to pray about it together and see what path the Lord wants me to take. Both Winston-Salem State and the city of Winston-Salem have been good to me. I consider Winston-Salem home because I've been there so long."

Gaines

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teams out there."

Even in sports like baseball and track, most CIAA programs aren't funded well enough to put competitive teams on the field.

"There was a time when the kids on the football team were out in the spring doing baseball or track, but now with spring football you can't do that."

Football, the chief revenue-producing sport for most schools, has also changed.

"Now people need about 100

people to do well at football," Gaines said. "From a financial standpoint, no Division II program can afford that many people. So you have to find creative ways to make it possible to put a strong team out there on the field."

What schools like WSSU have done in the past is to rely upon student activity fees to help subsidize non-revenue sports. Even that, according to Gaines, isn't enough to take up the slack.

"It's really hard to find a Division II program that's fully in compliance with everything as

far as distribution of scholarships and the number of sports they offer for men and women," Gaines said. "And you really can't add sports where your students don't have a lot of interest - like field hockey or women's tennis because you just don't have that much interest or talent among your students."

The bottom line, according to Gaines, is finding a happy median and settling in with it.

"The new AD will have a big job waiting on him or her," Gaines said.

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"That was a big relief," Russell said. "Everything sort of fell together, and that's what I had really been hoping for. They saw what I could do on film, and they said they liked what I can do."

Russell hopes that he can impress the coaches enough to make a splash right away. The team's starting quarterback from a year ago racked up more than 2,000 yards passing and nearly 1,000 on the ground before exhausting his eligibility. In Russell, the staff thinks it has found

a similar type player.

"I think I'm coming into the right situation," Russell said. "Everyone seems to be very happy with it."

Russell, who has already qualified academically to play next season, is considering enrolling in summer school for the second summer session so that he can go to Atlanta and work out with some of the returning Morehouse players. The youngest of three boys, Russell said it will take some adjusting, but he's ready to begin the process.

"I guess there comes a time

when you have to move out on your own," he said. "My mom is really happy with the school and the type academic reputation it has."

In fact, Russell said that's probably the biggest attraction for him.

"You can't get much better than Morehouse when it comes to going to college," Russell said. "It's a very prestigious college. A lot of people consider it to be like the Harvard of black colleges. If I go in and do what I have to do, I can come out of there and make a good living."

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the season, but defeated the Cardinals three times on their way to the first-half title. The Cardinals struggled in the first half, but the Cardinals gathered steam throughout the second half and came into their battle on a roll.

The Cardinals defeated the Tigers 9-8 to set up a showdown this Saturday (2:15 p.m.) and Sunday (5 p.m.) to determine the league champion for the season, provided they can defeat the Tigers this weekend and then the Red Sox next Wednesday.

The Cardinals, defending league champions, used strong pitching and hitting to take their 8-7 victory. Robert Carpenter pitched a complete game, getting solid defensive play from his team along the way.

Paul Moses, coach of the Tigers, said his team might have been a little overconfident after defeating the Cardinals three times in the first half.

"We had a lot of pop-ups and we hit the ball where they could make plays," he said. "It was just



Moore



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one of those games where we couldn't get things going right.

The Tigers started off with Rayshawn Moore on the mound. After the Cardinals went ahead 6-5 they went to Ben Williford. Williford had no answers and the Tigers finished the game with Chris Moore as

their closer.

"We can't make any excuses," Moses said. "They just beat us. That's the way baseball goes. You have to take what you have and go from there."

The Tigers were without the services of Bediako Gaines, who

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