

# HART RUNS FOR PRESIDENT



BROTHER  
EARL HART

## Black University- White Economics

From the time a Black male is first introduced to his own history till his death he is cognizant of the omnipresence of his female counterpart. Almost everyone is aware of how Harriet Tubman valiantly led thousands to freedom through the dark mists of slavery times. Since the time of Harriet Tubman and quasi-freedom in the 20th century, the white imposed society has taught us to laud and glorify the black female's existence.

The accolades given to black women are well deserved in some respects because they do lead a majority of our families. But whenever history has called for someone to leave the warmth of job, security and home to lead the march toward equality, the black man must come forth. As is the case at the present, the older generation saw a necessity to educate the black woman more extensively than the man. Because this was surely not an economically feasible thing to do, it surely must have been the result of the whiteman's brainwash.

Today, according to U. S. News and World Report, 67% of all black households are headed by women, which means that there are two women to every one man heading a black household. In the face of this evidence it is difficult to understand why there should be four black women with college educations to every one black man. One could assume that it is the economic expedient to educate black women twice their numbers (as family heads), from the ratio of four black women to every black man in the black college today. Realistically speaking, one would think that society fears an educated black male. The black woman is above all a woman, and despite her educational level will pursue marriage, motherhood, and security. And as a result, much of the economic potential of our educated blacks is lost and permanently eliminated from the wealth of the business and industrial world, which usually recruits large numbers of men.

Because most women go into education upon completion of their college life, the entire situation takes the appearance of a white scheme to avoid competition from blacks in business and industry, while boasting of how it educates its blacks. Therefore, it is an amazement to me why Winston-Salem State University is building another women's dormitory in the midst of the business and industrial wealth of this area.

Joseph Lightsey

Despite many high rising obstacles and constant pressure from many sources, it was confirmed last week that Earl Hart, the little man from Rocky Mount, N. C. who has been a constant thorn in the side of the administration since he has been here, will be a candidate for the office of President of the Student Government Association. Earl has been deeply involved in the affairs of the students on campus. He is currently the president of the WSSU chapter of the National Black Student Union. Although not a class representative, Earl has taken an active interest in the business of the SGA this year.

Earl is basically a little man but his voice has been heard throughout the acreage of Winston-Salem State University. He has spoken loud and clear about the needs of the students on this campus. In his campaign speech he pointed out that it was high time that the students on this campus

united for the cause of making this a Black University relevant to the needs of the Black student and community. He didn't say anything about getting beer served in the canteen or legalizing the bringing of alcoholic beverages into the dormitories. When asked to comment on this he replied, "I really don't think that these are very important issues to confront the student body with. Maybe it would be a nice thing to have socially and I'm not saying that we shouldn't have them. I feel that the students on this campus should have everything that they want. That is one of the reasons why certain people in the administration are against my running for office. However, I will be devoted to the betterment of the student body at this institution until Earl Hart no longer exists, no matter what the outcome will be."

Last year Mr. Hart put his college life on the line as he spoke out in defense of a graduating sen-

ior who was about to be suspended by the administration. This incident brought up the question of whether the said student should be brought before the student body. The student body was given jurisdiction in the case. Another issue which was brought up at this time was a list of grievances made by the students. A question was asked Mr. Hart during his campaign speech concerning the curfew hours established last year. Again Mr. Hart replies to the question, what part did you play in getting the hours changed? "I was not responsible for getting the hours changed. It was the majority of the students who unified in the cause of getting something from the administration that they wanted. I have never seen the students here more together. They proved that they could get what they wanted from the administration if they just stick together. I feel that it should always be that way. However, during this incident

I was not inactive because I was right there on the plantations front porch. I believe the grievances were made by the whole student body, but the one thing that brought them all to light was the curfew dispute which was initially started in the freshman class and spread across campus like wild-fire. Again I was not the sole originator of this movement, but I was confronted by representatives of the freshman class and went with them to take the problem to the administration. When the administration did nothing to ratify this problem it was brought before the entire student body and matters were taken into their own hands."

Hart's running opponents include his "home boy" Toney Grant, also a junior from Rocky Mount, N. C., and William Parker, a junior from Spring Hope, N. C. Mr. Grant is representing the Progressive Party, while Parker is running on the Student Party ticket.



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## ON ELECTIONS

The upcoming Student Government Association elections, will perhaps answer many questions for some of us. I think the most important will be the question of just how our students feel about and react to certain situations.

All three of our candidates, William Parker, Toney Grant, and Earl Hart, have cast their hats into the ring and are waiting patiently for the final decision to be made by us as students at this university. All three have different approaches to solving some of the major problems, and all three differ radically on many views and opinions. But the question is, just who will we as students appeal to?

William Parker, probably the most conservative of the three, has not really defined his position on the most important issues, but will hopefully get himself together before the ballot is cast. Toney Grant has defined and redefined his position, but because of his relative newness to campus politics, he will certainly have to appeal more to his voters than Parker. I would rate Grant's chances of winning a lot better than Parker's.

Earl Hart represents the radical element in the campaign. He has been actively involved in campus affairs throughout his college career. To many of us, some of his views seem unrealistic, but we have to admit that he takes his stand and sticks to it. I somehow feel that Earl Hart may be the spark to some tremendous changes at WSSU if he is elected. He has already proved a thorn in the side of the administration, and I'm sure some of our faculty have felt his fury.

In the past, students have not participated in student government elections, probably because of do-

nothing policies of former administrations. Very little has changed in the past few years under former student councils, and for that reason, this election is very important. The party that will assume office will reflect the people that put them there. If the conservative candidate wins, then it will be because conservative students put him there, and likewise for the other parties. If many common problems continue to exist on into the coming semester, it will undoubtedly be because the student body wants it that way.

I am the first to admit that Winston-Salem State University is far behind other universities of this size as far as social, cultural and academic development is concerned. Because of this, I place all blame on past student governments. They have not lived up to needs of Black people in general and Winston-Salem State University students in particular. If this were not so, then why aren't Black courses in the curriculum, why is there such a gap between faculty and student, and why are we confronted with so many problems and diversified views in the current elections?

My solution is to re-evaluate ourselves while re-evaluating our candidates. Listen intently and objectively to what each has to say, and most important, watch your fellow students in the next few weeks. Read all information concerning the election and the candidates and find out just where they stand.

In essence, take this election at heart, because it is very important to those of us who will have to be here for the next two or three years. Whatever changes will be made during the next campaign will no doubt, affect you tremendously. Finally, and most important, GET OUT THERE AND VOTE.

Terry Howard



LESLIE KIMBROUGH

## Reflections On A Presidency

As I look back over the past year, from that day in May when I was elected, to now as the time approaches for me to step down, I have both fond and sad memories of my year as your president. I now look back over my campaign speech and reflect on the things that were actually accomplished. Although some of the things we needed were not accomplished, I feel that we have made great strides toward becoming a better institution. We have managed to increase and to enrich the social life at the institution more than 100% while also making academic gains.

We were successful in helping to acquire additional library hours so that students could make better use of its resources and materials. We were able to seat four students on the Board of Trustees to serve in an advisory capacity, thus becoming the first state institution to do so in North Carolina. We have

continued to take an active role in policy making decisions by having students seated on all academic committees. These things were done because we felt that students should help to decide policies under which they are to operate. Even though students are appointed, they have not been responsible, because on many occasions the students didn't attend their respective committee meetings. If students are to be instrumental in deciding policy they must attend the various meetings and have a voice, either pro or con, in the decisions made.

In reference to the non-classroom academic affairs, on lyceum and speaker series, we've brought a number of noted speakers to the campus. We also were able to donate money to the WSSU band to help in their uniform drive.

These are the things that stick most vividly in my mind for these are the good things, but as the poet once said, "into each life some rain must fall." I can say that we have had our share of rainfall. Because of the problems we have encountered I would like to make the following recommendations:

1. The candidates for Miss WSSU should come from the senior class and that of Miss Homecoming from the junior class. This should be done with the approval of the classes involved.
2. That voting machines should be used (when possible in all campus elections).
3. The constitution for the SGA be studied and reviewed and all ambiguous portions be omitted or re-worded.
4. That the representation in the SGA council be reduced to three members from each class, and that classes require their representatives to attend the SGA council meetings. Upon three unexcused absences that persons affected be asked to resign from the council and be replaced by their respective classes. I feel that with these revisions and additions, the S.G.A. will continue to function as a representative body for all the students.

I would like to take this time to thank you for the opportunity to represent you and for your support. I close by saying if I had it to do over again I would not do it at all. I know most of you will approve. Remember in "unity there is Strength, in division Destruction."

—Leslie Kimbrough