

# Service and Dedication . . . . .

## Profile of a Chancellor

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"Each man must be judged in his time and not in the time of his predecessor, for time and circumstances change."

Those words resounded from the speakers podium inside the new Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium early last April, and were received by a near-capacity audience.

As Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president emeritus of Morehouse College in Atlanta, made that assessment he could have been speaking about anyone.

But for that day, and at that hour, he was speaking only of Dr. Kenneth Raynor Williams, Chancellor of the university where, for almost 39 years, he has been a viable asset.

That day was a glorious one for Williams. "as, as he termed it, 'My greatest honor.'"

Williams was being honored for his dedication and service. And in the best way they know how, the school was honoring him by naming its new building for him.

But the service and dedication, to a lot of those present, was secondary in Williams' being honored. To them, the kind of person he is seemed more important.

Knowing Kenneth R. Williams is a hard thing to do. Understanding him is even more difficult.

The look of the stern-faced administrator, as he walks from his home on the corner to his office across the street, might bring fear to a freshman who has yet to speak his first words to Williams.

But a quick smile that breaks out on Williams' face as his cheeks rise up and he gives a

bright "hello," erases that fear. Williams is a private person. But only in that he believes in his work.

"One has to reconcile his own feelings of what his responsibilities are," Williams said recently regarding meeting and socializing with his students.

The question boils down to whether one wants to devote all his time to his responsibilities, or can he sacrifice his duties in order to be known, he said.

Williams believes in knowing his students, and he meets new ones quite often during social events.

But being known he said, is not as important as say, getting finances for things the school needs.

Williams' chief concern, he said, is "staying close to my duties in the office."

Since 1961, when he became acting president of the school, succeeding Dr. F.L. Atkins, staying close to his duties has helped to achieve numerous goals for his school. And though he won't admit it, others give him credit for his leadership and dedication to the school and for "developing it into a sound institution."

Williams looks on the progress of his school during the past 14 years as just that - progress. He doesn't take any credit, but passes it on to the people who have worked so closely with him over the years!

That generosity, reflects the views of many on how Williams has been managed to gain the respect of his university family, and the love of the community over the years.

His background further explains it.

A native of Norfolk, Va., Dr.

Williams holds an A.B. degree from Morehouse College, and the M.A., S.T.B. and Ph. D. degrees from Boston University.

He became a faculty member at Winston-Salem State in 1936 and, with the exception of five years away from the school when he taught in Sedalia and served in the Army, he has remained here.

Dr. Williams pastored the First Institutional Baptist Church in Winston-Salem eleven years and was pastor of West End Baptist Church in Winston-Salem 12 years. He was associated with many political, civic and education functions, including the Winston-Salem School Board, the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen, the N.C. Parole Board, the Winston-Salem Urban League, and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

He is now a board member of the local Chamber of Commerce, The Northwestern Bank, Piedmont University Center and the Academic Urban Affairs Consortium.

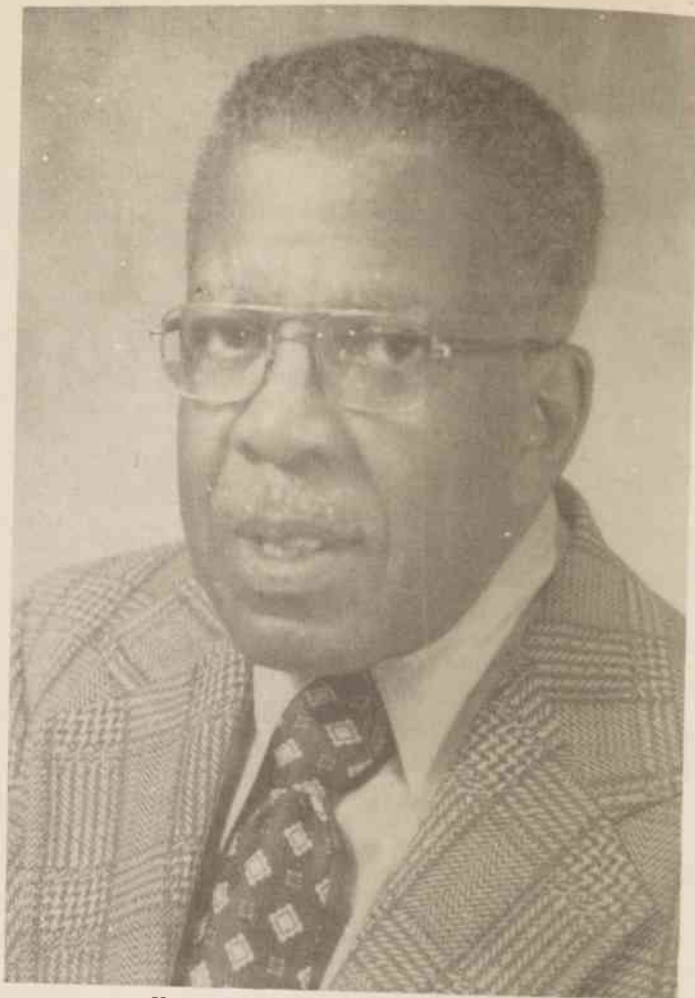
His special honors include the Doctor of Humane Letters from Morehouse College; the Doctor of Laws, from both Wake Forest University and Southern Illinois University; Who's Who in America; and Personalities in the South.

Kenneth R. Williams has put a lot into Winston-Salem State University, whether he admits it or not.

And come his retirement, which has not been officially announced yet, he will be missed.

The circumstances will have changed again. And it will be his time to be judged.

No doubt, though, that the judgement then will be as it is now - all good.



Kenneth R. Williams, Chancellor

### Message From The Chancellor

To All Freshmen, Transfer and Returning Students:

A hearty welcome to Winston-Salem State University!

This will be your home for the next several months. I trust that it will be the place where you find the knowledge, inspiration and motivation necessary to prepare for a life that will be rewarding, happy and successful.

Many individuals, administrators, faculty and staff members, contractors and wage earning laborers have spent hundreds of hours making preparations essential to your well being. This has been the busiest Summer in the history of Winston-Salem State. The term that is beginning may well be the busiest term in the history of the institution. Two major

construction jobs should begin during the first part of the term. Contracts have been signed for the 2 1/4 million dollar addition to the gymnasium. We are making every effort to reach the construction stage of the dormitory at the earliest possible date.

We solicit your support in the efforts that are being made to provide the Winston-Salem State community with everything essential to academic excellence and wholesome living. Please be assured that everything possible will be done by those who administer, teach and perform other duties at Winston-Salem State to assist you.

Sincerely,  
Kenneth R. Williams  
Chancellor

### From The Editor's Desk

So, now you are a Ram. You have chosen a unique academic environment filled with opportunity plus. We're a small black college but alumnus have made big contributions not only in the South but across the country.

Doctors, lawyers, pro ball players, educators--the curriculum is designed to prepare you for just about any field.

Majors may not be as specialized as at larger universities. But you'll find if you set your goals early, select those courses most helpful to your planned career and make yourself learn, finding a job won't be nearly as hard.

Personally, I would like a career in the media as a newspaper reporter or a television reporter. So, I selected English as a major, with Drama as a minor. I have worked with the school newspaper since my freshman year. To gain even more experience, I worked as a reporter for the Winston-Salem afternoon paper.

I have a few friends that want careers in law--most chose to major in political science, although history and sociology majors do go on to law school.

Two juniors here last year are now in medical school--both were biology majors.

So you see you can do anything here.

The life of a freshman need not be dismal. Right now, the loneliness for home and friends may be unbearable.

Or the worry about maintaining good grades may cause sleepless nights.

Just stop and think of what you'll get out of WSSU and major problems become minor ones.

What advice can I give to the freshman class that hasn't been harped on by parents, drilled in during orientation speeches or that isn't expected to be said by instructors?

Nothing really earthshaking.

Just don't shut yourself in. Keep aware of what is happening on campus and in the city. If you don't know something, don't be afraid to ask. Life is to be learned and enjoyed.

"WSSU is the place."

Mickey Flowers



## Good Year for SGA

What's happening fellow Rams! To all of the Freshmen I extend a hearty welcome to the land of Academics, Social and Cultural Pleasure, and of course the CIAA. I trust that in your four year stay you will work to advance yourself as well as your brothers and sisters. There are many things to be proud of at State, but there are also many other jobs that have to be done. We have to meet the challenge of the ever-changing needs of our brothers and sisters. Whether we know it or not, we are the leaders of tomorrow.

During the latter part of last year we asked for the chance to give you effective leadership. You gave us that chance and we are undertaking to fulfill our promises. Student Government is no play thing, nor is it the business of a selected few, it is everyone's concern and a very serious one. We need your support to make it work. We have some dynamite plans, but none of them will work without your support. Many of you have asked about Homecoming. All I can say right now is that we're still working on it and it looks great. As soon as we tie a few loose ends

together we'll have something concrete to tell you, perhaps before the next edition of this newspaper. Again I would like to thank you all for this opportunity, whether you voted or not we are working for all of you. The SAG office is located in the basement of the Student Union, bring all of your suggestions, complaints and problems. We want to know what's on your mind. Thank you again and I wish you all a great '75-'76 academic year.

Peace, Power and Progress  
Mike Mason,  
President

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