

# Bond Issue To Be Voted On

Because a revenue shortfall severely limited direct appropriations for needed capital improvements on most of the 16 campuses of the University of North Carolina, Tar Heel voters on March 23 will decide whether the State will issue \$43,267,000 in capital improvement bonds for state-supported institutions of Higher learning.

In discussing the March 23 Bond Referendum during a recent meeting of WSSU faculty and staff, Mr. C.C. Ross, Chairman of the WSSU Board of Trustees, stated that the University's objective is not expansion through monies received but the upgrading of classroom and laboratory facilities and supportive programs available to students already on campus.

From data provided by Mr. William Eagles, Director of Research at WSSU, we find that when considering current enrollment figures related to available academic space that

WSSU falls below the stated-generated norm of 93 square feet per student at four-year institutions.

With only 80 square feet of academic space per student WSSU has less available academic space per student than any of the four-year institutions within the UNC system. Current data show that intensive use is made of existing facilities to the point of overcrowding in some instances.

Other data provided by Mr. Eagles brought out some interesting facts concerning WSSU's role in this area relative to other institutions. All figures were based on 1974 fall enrollments, as figures for other institutions will not be available to Eagles' office until later this spring.

In Fall '74 there were 5,875 undergraduate students living in Winston-Salem. Of those 1,813 or forty-nine (49.2) percent were enrolled at Winston-Salem State. Forsyth County residents who

were undergraduate students within the county numbered 1,071 in 1974. Of those 650 or sixty-one (61) percent were enrolled at WSSU. WSSU enrolled more Forsyth County residents than any other constituent of the University of North Carolina.

In fact it enrolled more than any other four-year institution in the country. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, UNC-Chapel Hill, and Appalachian State University followed in enrollment of Forsyth County students. In his remarks to the group of concerned faculty and staff Chancellor Kenneth R. Williams said that passage of the Bond Referendum will assure construction of much needed facilities.

He said, "It will assure Winston-Salem State University of a long anticipated, especially functional facility that will provide additional classroom and laboratory space".

The proposed building will substantially address the

University's need for academic space. It will house the Computer Center, making it more accessible for instructional purposes; the Educational Media Center, providing for increased production of instructional aids and facilities for workshops and instruction in the various areas of communication; the Enrichment Center which provides supportive and-or skills building services and tutorial services to students; the foreign language and speech laboratories; and a lecture room with a seating capacity of 370 people and twelve smaller capacity classrooms.

If the \$43 million bond issue is passed, WSSU will receive \$2,175,000 for construction of this facility.

The Bond Referendum has broad state and local support. To help boost chances of the bond issue passing county committees of alumni, university officials and other supporters have been set up to urge "yes" votes. Wayne A. Corpening of Winston-

Salem, a senior officer with Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., was chosen by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors to head a statewide committee. Mr. John Tandy, Personnel Director of Hanes Corporation, is serving as Chairman of the Forsyth County Committee to Support the Campus Bond Issue.

Prominent citizens serving on the WSSU Committee to Support the Campus Bond Issue include Mrs. Florence Creque, Mr. William Maready, Ms. Barbara Westmoreland, and Mr. Carl Whitney.

State Treasurer, Edwin Gill, has said that he officially supports the bond issue for capital improvements on the campuses of the University of North Carolina. He has stated that he does not foresee any increase in tax to the general public as a result of this bond issue.



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### Marshall Is Magnificent

By Janet Brower

The audience had grown very restless by the time Shakespearean actor William Marshall walked out onto the stage of the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium for his performance.

But by the time Marshall completed his oration, taking the audience back to a life and time in slavery, recounted through the words of the famed abolitionist Fredrick Douglass the delay had been forgotten.

Marshall, best known to audiences for his portrayal of the blood-sucking vampire

"Blacula" in recent films, was a featured speaker last month during "Black History Week" at Winston-Salem State University.

His performance, titled "An Evening with Frederick Douglass," was a re-enactment of the Fourth of July speech Douglass made before a group of citizens as the United States celebrated its 76th birthday of "freedom and independence."

Dressed in attire that drew chuckles from some of the younger members of the audience when he walked out, Marshall wore a three-piece brown polyester suit, accented

with a white shirt and dark tie. He also wore a hairpiece.

Beginning his speech, belching out the same deep, strong sounds that bounced off the theater walls in the movies as Blacula addressed his followers, Marshall, as Douglass, began his speech by admitting the circumstances of the task before him, and the difficulties that arose in his preparation of the speech.

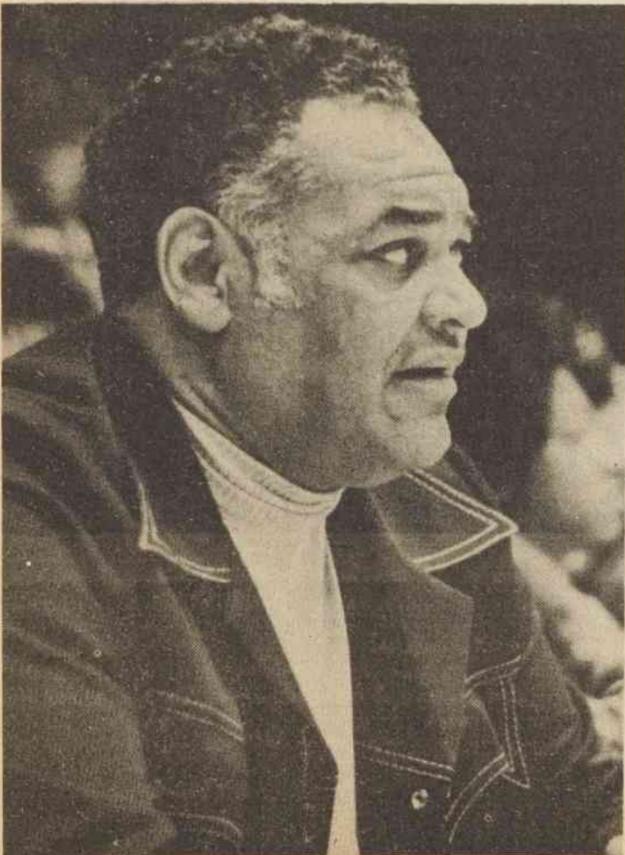
His words were an unveiling of the realities of the slave situation prior to the Civil War, and the imprints that were left on the dignity and character of blacks.

Elaborating on slavery, and the agony and despair experienced by blacks during that time, Douglass included the fact that few blacks could not even talk about their families. Any attempt to ask questions concerning ones' family in those days, he asserted, was regarded as an act of impudence, and resulted in harsh punishment.

In a voice that rang out the celebrations that were taking place on that day, Douglass extended congratulations to the citizens before him, although he himself had nothing to celebrate.

"Fellow citizens, pardon me

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Coach Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines was named NAIA co-coach-of-the-Year along with Sam Moir of Catawba. The Rams made history with a 16-0 CIAA conference record.

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#### Specials Begin

In observance of the Bicentennial Celebration WSSU, in cooperation with the Winston-Salem-Forsyth County Arts Council and television station WXII, has produced four ninety-minute television programs that will be broadcast on the four Thursdays in March on WXII-Channel 12 at 7:30 p.m. The series is entitled "We The People".

It was made possible as the result of a \$20,885 grant from the North Carolina Humanities Committee to WSSU and the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Bicentennial Commission for a project entitled, "The Individual and the Continuing American Revolution". WXII committed the necessary production facilities, creative talent, promotion and broadcast time. The director of this project is Dr. William Sheppard.

The steering committee, which provided overall direction of the program, is made up as follows: Winston-Salem - Forsyth County Bicentennial Commission - Mr. M.C. Benton, Jr., Mrs. John D. Eller, Jr., Dr. J. Edwin Hendricks, Mr. Milton Rhodes.

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#### PARENTS' DAY SCHEDULE March 7, 1976

Theme: New Directions in Higher Education for 1976

8:00 a.m.	Registration - Student Union
10:00 a.m.	Parents' Day Convocation Attorney Richard C. Erwin N.C. Assemblyman, Speaker K.R. Williams Auditorium
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Dinner - WSSU Kennedy Dining Hall
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Parents' Conference Administration, Faculty and Staff
3:00 p.m.	Open House Tours
3:00 p.m.	Fine Arts Festival WSSU Choir & Ensemble Performance

#### Parents' Day Exhibits

Art Exhibit  
Lobby - Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium  
Art Works by WSSU Art Majors

Arranged by Mr. Haywood L. Oubre, Head of WSSU Art Dept.

Arts & Crafts Exhibit  
Hauser Student Union Art Gallery - Second Floor  
Arranged by Mrs. Elaine Brown, Coordinator of Student Activities

History of Winston-Salem State University Exhibit  
Hauser Student Union - 1st Floor  
Arranged by Mr. Ernest Andrews, Director of Placement  
and Sandy Robinson WSSU Art Major

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#### Vote

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