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Dr. Parker To Retire From WSSU



Dr. Lafayette Parker

Dr. Parker Resigns News Argus Staff

Dr. Lafayette Parker, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Winston-Salem State University, has announced his plans to retire after 32 years of State Service. His retirement will be effective June 30, 1979.

At the time of his retirement, Dr. Parker will have been with the University for eighteen years. He has served fifteen years as chief academic officer at WSSU and has made numerous contributions to the University as well as to the Winston-Salem Community.

Dr. Parker states, "I have enjoyed these years of service. My personal and family situation make it necessary for me to give more time to these matters. I am very grateful for Dr. Covington's support as I have served during his administration. With Dr. Covington's dedication and loyalty to the cause of Winston-Salem State University and to higher education, I feel confident that the University will become all that it is possible to become".

WSSU Chancellor Receives Game Ball

Immediately after Winston-Salem State's romp over Fayetteville State, 55-21, the football team voted to present the game ball to Chancellor Covington as a gesture of support to him and as a way of expressing their gratitude to him for being an enthusiastic Ram fan. Led by Linebacker and Co-Captain, senior Baxter Harrington, team asked all the coaches to sign as well.

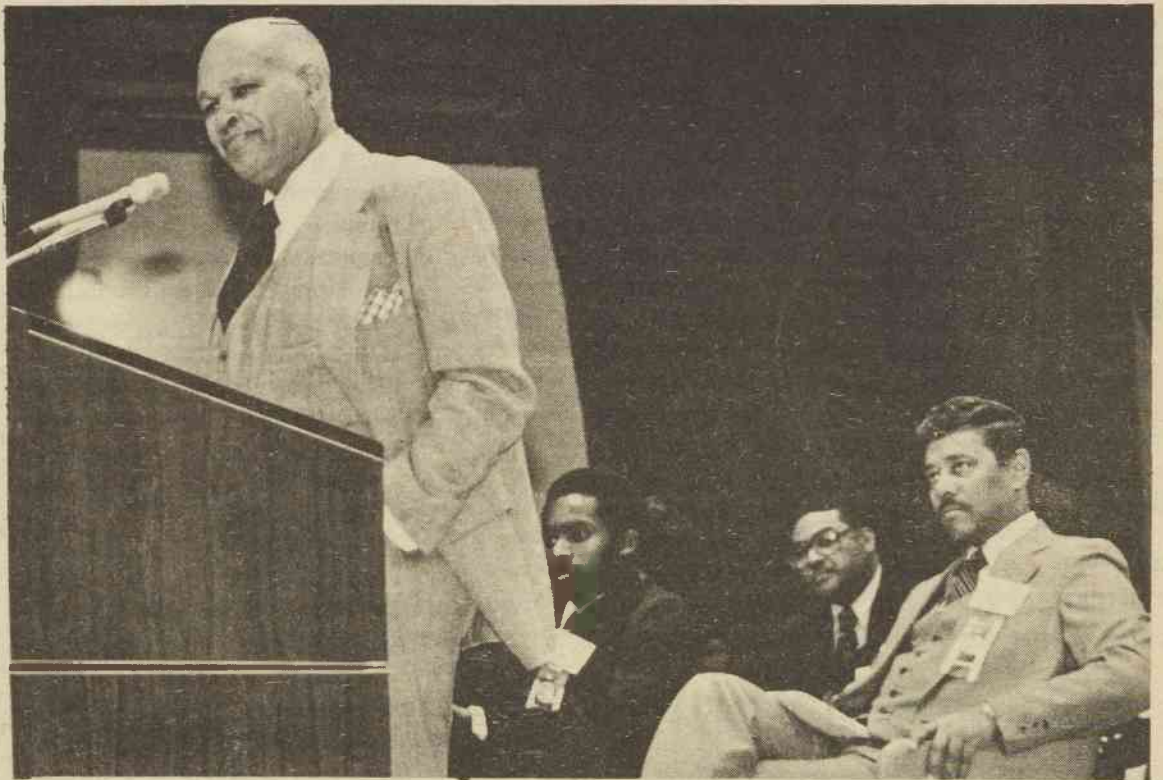
"I was taken by surprise. The players had already decided to by the time the coaches knew about it," remarked Hayes. "I thought it was a fine idea, and I signed it right away."

When presenting the ball Harrington said "ON behalf of the entire Ram football team, I am proud to present you with this football used in the Homecoming game. This is a gesture of our appreciation to you and a gesture of our support for you. "Dr. Coving-

ton accepted the ball and indicated that it would be displayed in his office.

Later when asked about the team's gift, Harrington noted that the university needs to pull together in times of stress. Referring to the recent controversy swirling around the suspension of a faculty member, Harrington said, "The Chancellor needs to know that most of the students support him. When things get tough, it's easy to be critical. We seniors remember our freshman year when the team was 1-9. People turned on us. They didn't come out to the games and didn't really support us.

"Now we are undefeated and ranked #1 and everybody loves us. We think that everybody should pull together and support the Chancellor. It's a team effort on the field and it should be a team effort on the rest of the campus, too. The Chancellor is ranked #1 with us."



Dr. Mahlon T. Puryear

Confab Held At WSSU

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The second annual Career Awareness Conference, co-sponsored by Winston-Salem State University's Career Planning and Placement office and the National and Local Urban League, was held on WSSU's campus recently.

The purpose of the conference was to allow consultants from various corporations and industries to confer with high

school and college students about opportunities that are available in various professional fields.

Dr. Mahlon T. Puryear, associate deputy director, National Urban DLeague, Inc., New York, was the keynote speaker in an assembly held in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium.

Dr. Puryear told students to "stay in school long enough to absorb the knowledge to make a career.." he also said that

"...America was built on dreams and we must continue to dream and to take advantage of our constitutional right for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.."

Mr. Tom Elijah, executive director, Winston-Salem Urban League, Inc. and Mrs. Doris P. Jones, director of WSSU's Career Planning and Placement office, both expressed gratitude for the consultants visits and the conference's success.



Co-captains Baxter Harrington and Gary Raiford present homecoming game ball to Dr. Covington as Bill Hayes looks on