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## *On Founder's Day*

### WSSU To Award Gov. Hunt Degree

By Juliaette Sutton

Governor James B. Hunt is scheduled to appear on campus to be the keynote speaker for the University's Annual Founder's Day Program on October 17.

The University will also award him an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree during the ceremony which will mark WSSU's 88th year.

The program is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium.

That same morning, the C.E. Gaines Complex will be dedicated. The dedication will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a tour of the building. The Complex is a new gymnasium which has been named in honor of Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines, WSSU's current basketball coach and athletic director.

This year's Founder's Day is going to be held in conjunction with the Homecoming activities which will occur October 12-17. The tentative Homecoming schedule consists of activities such as the Coronation which will begin Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Afterwards, the Coronation Ball will be held in Whitaker Gymnasium. On Friday at 12 noon the Winston-Salem University students, faculty and staff can participate in Red and White Day. Also on Friday, the Student Government Association will

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### Grants Enhance Class Activities

By Loretta Leak

Winston-Salem State University has received funds for two programs to aid students in mathematics and science courses and to aid those interested in health and health-related careers. The University has also been awarded funds for a pre-college program for high school students.

The school is a recipient of a \$204,500 grant from the National Science Foundation to begin a microcomputer instruction program. The computers will aid students in math and science areas with improving their problem solving abilities. Dr. Deva Sharma of the natural science department is in charge of the program. He said that students will spend one hour a week in the computer lab and the other two hours in regular lecture sessions.

Instructors who will have access to  
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### She Saw Academic Promise In Students

For 23 years, Dr. Lillian Burwell Lewis taught biology at WSSU. After retiring in 1970, she continued to think about all the potential she saw in WSSU students—potential that sometimes went untapped because, she thought, the students didn't have ample motivation.

The professor emeritus and her husband, Dr. John F. Lewis, also a retired WSSU professor, decided to establish the Lillian Burwell and John F. Lewis Scholarship Award—a \$500 cash award to the graduating senior with the highest cumulative average after four years at Winston-Salem State.

The first award went to Ms. Annette Hansley, class of 1980, who earned an overall average of 3.8 while accumulating 169 semester hours. A music major, she was president of Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity. The Winston-Salem native now teaches band and chorus at Moore Alternative School and chorus at Hill High School.

Dr. Lewis and Ms. Hansley met for the first time on August 13, Dr. Lewis' 81st birthday. The two of them discussed the purpose of the award and the need to strive for academic excellence beginning with the freshman year.

Dr. Lewis also indicated that the school needed more scholarships of that kind and that she hopes that the one she started will continue forever.

### Nursing Scores Fall Below Schools' Goal

Thirteen (41%) of the 32 1980 graduates of the Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) Division of Nursing passed the five component State Board Licensure Examination administered in July. Of the 19 graduates who were not successful, 10 failed only one component with scores near 350. (Candidates must pass all components with scores of 350 or above to be licensed.)

Dr. Margaret W. Lewis, director of the Division of Nursing, says she cannot account for the 23% decline from last year because of the similarities between the two classes. "Both groups were products of the old curriculum, and both were admitted under the former open-door admission policy," she said. "Both were also provided

essentially the same supplementary experiences in preparation for the examination," she added.

H. Douglas Covington, chancellor of Winston-Salem State, said the low passing rate was a result of the high number of near-misses. "Close doesn't count, and we had a number of students who were marginal and failed by a narrow margin."

However, Dr. Lewis said faculty who had worked with the two classes consistently observed that, with few exceptions, the members of the class of 1980 were less motivated and less committed to preparing for the rigorous examination than the members of the 1979 class. In spite of the downturn in the passing rate of graduates this year,

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### Trustees Approve Chancellor's Report

By Debra Foriest

The WSSU Board of Trustees in its September 4 meeting approved the architectural design for the construction of a new building for the school of business.

The state has allocated \$2.1 million for construction of the main wing of the building. It will be built southwest of Stadium Drive and Claremont Avenue by Hammill/Walters Association.

At this meeting, Chancellor Covington presented his annual report. In this report, he designated his short range plans of broadening the Communication Arts Department by developing majors in French and Spanish and minors in Speech and Mass Communications. His report indicated that the establishment of a radio/television station was also progressing.

There are plans for degree programs in accounting, recreation therapy and economics, said Covington.

One of Chancellor Covington's long range plans include a graduate program here at WSSU. A survey on the need for this program was administered to 6,000 educators. From that number, 4,000 responded and 2,000 were interested in a program at this university in education. Several other respondents wanted additional information. There was a large number

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### Cluster Plans Fall Meeting

Tentative plans have been made for the Business/Industry Cluster to hold its first meeting for the academic year October 10. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to set goals and plan joint activities between the University and the various business and corporations that comprise the cluster.

Plans for this meeting also include a continental breakfast and an orientation session for new members. These activities, along with the general cluster session should last from 8:30-1:30 in the Hall-Patterson Communications Building lecture hall.

Mrs. Hellena Tidwell, chairman of the cluster, said that its major goal for this year is to increase the involvement of the cluster members with campus activities and to continue to increase the number of active members. Currently there are representatives from 45 businesses and corporations

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