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The winners of the first Business/Industry Cluster Awards proudly display their plaques which they received during the Spring Cluster meeting. (Photo by Beaufort Bailey)

## Cluster Gives Awards

The recipients of the first Business/Industry Cluster Awards are Martin B. Davis, Eddie Sauls, Mrs. Maurice Johnson and Western Electric. The awards were given on March 18 during the spring Cluster meeting held in the Communications Building. Sauls, a sophomore honor student from Goldsboro, was named the Outstanding Student of the Business/Industry Cluster at WSSU. He is a member of the football team,

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## SGA Elections Today

By Diona McCants

Elections for the Student Government Association will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 6. Elections for class officers will be held during the same hours April 15. All voting will be done in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium.

The deadline for applications for SGA officers was March 23, but students are permitted to write in the candidate of their choice on their ballots. Write-in candidates are not allowed to give campaign speeches. The deadline for applications for class officers is 12:00 noon on April 5.

Campaign speeches will be presented at 7:00 p.m. on April 5, for SGA officers and April 14, for class officers. All will held in the K.R. Williams Auditorium.

All applicants must have been full-time students 2 semesters prior to election. All candidates must have a

minimum cumulative average of 2.0 at the time of application. All candidates must be free of disciplinary probation or academic probation.

The students running for SGA office are: **PRESIDENT**--Charlie W. Bethea, Howard K. Ellis, Gregory T. Jackson and Christopher A. Wilson; **VICE**

**PRESIDENT**--Cherone A. Austin; **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**--no candidate; **SECRETARY OF DAY**

**STUDENT AFFAIRS**--Gregory C. Hairston; **SECRETARY OF**

**FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**--Sharon A. Evans, Karl D. Menefee and Ricky Morris; **SECRETARY OF JUCICIAL**

**AFFAIRS**--Vernon Corbitt, Janet P. Martin, Reginald D. McCaskill and Donald Meekins; **SECRETARY OF**

**SOCIAL AFFAIRS**--Roger Johnson and Brian Womble; **MISS WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNI-**

**VERSITY**--Cynthia Hicks, Debra R. Toone and Eva Richardson.

## Childhood Center May Remain Open

By Ursula Brown

Winston-Salem State University was once considering closing its Early Childhood Center, but there is a possibility that the center may remain open.

According to Dr. Melvin Gadson, director of the Division of Education, there are plans to keep the center open. He says that in order to continue the program, there may be a reasonable increase in fees paid by parents. Parents are currently paying \$25.00 per week. He said there may be cutbacks in personnel, but not severe enough to hamper the program.

At one time, the university was proposing to close the center. Dr. Arnold Lockett, vice chancellor for academic affairs said that no decision had been made. The university was attempting to do a feasibility study on the program. According to earlier reports, Lockett said that the center does not meet all the needs of the education majors because the children are only of the kindergarten age and early

childhood covers grades K thru 3.

Dr. Gadson says that the center now receives \$62,924 from the state a year. If the center closes, the money would be used for a recruitment officer, a director and counselor in the counseling division, a secretary in the education division and a director of alumni relations.

Many of the students and parents are concerned about the possibility of the center's closing. Early Childhood Majors use the center to gain practical experience. If the center closed, it would mean that students would have to travel off campus to get this experience.

The center has been operating for nine years. There are 38 students between the ages of 3 and 5. The program is run by a director, three teachers and three aides. The center provides these children with meals; recreation and exercises to prepare them for math and reading when they enter the first grade. It is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. five days a week.

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