

Sutton Comments About Future

By Loretta Leak

When he finishes at WSSU this month, former SGA President Michael Sutton plans to attend Southern Illinois with a major in Higher Education and Student Affairs. He then wishes to obtain a doctorate from Michigan State. After receiving his degrees, Sutton wishes to return to WSSU to work as chairperson in the social science department, or hold a vice chancellorship. He is definitely interested in coming back to Winston-Salem.

"I love Winston, and the school has given me so much, I want to give something back," Sutton said. He also said that he would like to congratulate the student body on the \$3.3 million being spent to renovate the campus. He said students are tolerating a lot now, but will reap the benefits next year.

"I've seen more student awareness this year," Sutton stated in regard to students being concerned about the SGA and what it is doing. "We're here, they have to come to us," he commented. He has held seminars in dormitories, and has been especially interested in the freshman class. "They are the incoming leaders," he

said.

When asked what advice he had for his successor, Sutton said that the new president should be honest with the students, and let them know what's happening, whether it's good or bad. He said he should never get so much involved with the UNC system that he forgets about WSSU. It is important, he said, for him to be himself at all times. "He's going to change, but the student body should support him," Sutton explained.

As SGA president, Sutton said his greatest challenge has been making sure students' rights were protected, heard by faculty, staff and administration, and to make sure that the concerns of the faculty, staff and administration were made known to the students to make a total interaction between the two groups.

Sutton believes that because WSSU is a small university it should be easy for everyone to be close. "Our university is one big block. Faculty, staff and students should be one big family," he said. When he returns to his alma mater, the former SGA president wants WSSU to still be WSSU, he wants the WSSU band to still be the

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Willis Goes To Fort Bragg

By Dwight Jones

Computer Science instructors are hard to find. Several instructors in Winston-Salem State University's Computer Science Department have left or are leaving for extended periods.

Mr. Charles Willis is one of these instructors. His leave will start May 16, and will last indefinitely. He is leaving for personal reasons. He will work for the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg and enroll at North Carolina State University's Master Computer Science program in Raleigh, part-time.

Mr. Willis' leave is not a surprising situation. While in the U.S. Army, Willis received his B.S. degree in Business Administration from Missouri's Columbia University. His military travel has taken him around the world. When asked to comment on his military career, Willis stated, "All of my training and education came from the military. I spent 26 years there." When asked about some of his exciting Army experiences, Willis commented on his Vietnam days. In Vietnam he was the non-commissioned officer in charge of plans and programs in the Division of Inventory Control. His duties consisted of drawdown and closeout of the Army's wholesale supply when the U.S. was withdrawing troops from Vietnam. He also commented that from 1972 to 1975, he served as a Supply System Analyst for the 28th U.S. Army Reserves, the 108 Units of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands National Guard. "This was a very instrumental time because I had to provide instructions and supply procedures for the new logistics system," stated Willis.

Willis is familiar with Fort Bragg. From 1978-80 he worked with the 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg. During this time Willis was responsible for the resolution of problems and conduct for the entire computer system at Fort Bragg.

From 1980 through the present, Willis has taught RPG I and II, Cobol, PL/I, PLC, Introduction to Operating Systems, Job Control Language and Programming Systems at WSSU.

"The Computer Science Department at WSSU is one of the largest young programs on campus today," stated Willis. He also commented that the computer industry is one of the country's most demanding technologies. For that reason he feels that WSSU is lucky to have a major in this field. The computer science major program at WSSU has existed for two years.

"Our computer science program is still in its growing pains and once we get out of these pains, WSSU will have one of the best computer science programs in the state of North Carolina," stated Willis. In order to meet this criteria, WSSU must have a *dedicated* faculty. "We just can't have instructors who teach, they must be interested in our students and in what they are doing in the computer science area," said Willis.

"A computer science person or anyone associated in the computer business is a certain breed of people, because we classify ourselves in the category of doctors," stated Willis. There are numerous reference materials and books that are constantly referred to again and again, according to Willis.

The objectives for the Computer Science Department are being set. The lack of funding for the necessary equipment and the lack of space are the major drawbacks in improving the department. To flourish, the department will need additional teaching aids. These aids consist of more microcomputers and terminals for computing, other instructional information, including lab facilities and lab technicians.

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Former Queen Discusses Reign

By Cynthia McPhail

Zenobia Nelson, 1981-82 Miss WSSU, says, "The position of Miss WSSU is truly an honor but one big headache." The 22-year-old nursing major with a minor in biology and English comments that the duties of Miss WSSU as were told to her were to be an official hostess for activities concerning WSSU, and do speeches for major events on campus and serve as a member of the Student Government Association.

When asked what advice she would give to Miss WSSU 1982-83, Debra Toone, she says, "Be yourself because no matter how hard you work you will be criticized, but you can succeed if you do not put on airs, and remember Miss WSSU is only a title but you are an individual, a real being who is to be respected at all times no matter what."

Although Zenobia runs a busy schedule she finds time to participate in extra curricular activities. During her years at WSSU she has been recognized

as "Miss Bickett Hall 1980-81," a SGA class representative, a residence assistant for two years, a member of the Marching Rams, the WSSU Dance Troupe, Student Alumni Relations Association, Circle K, Student Union Program Board, NAACP, Pep Club, Charlotte Club, SGA and a student representative in the Business Industry Cluster.

Zenobia believes that a campus queen must be friendly, a lady at all times, willing to help fellow students, a leader and must be a natural lady. "Although each queen has her own individuality, the qualities that she possesses every queen should have."

Miss Nelson comments, "If I ever had to do it again I wouldn't! People expect so much of you, but yet, they never seem to offer much support. It's like they want you to perform some type of miracle to impress them, while at the same time they fail to realize that you are an individual like them. They

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