

Paula Mickens Is New Miss WSSU!!

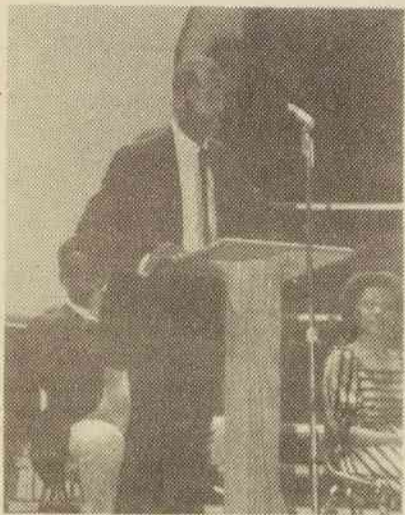


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Newly elected SGA Pres.
Karl Menefee

Students Select 83-84 Leaders

By Sam Davis

Karl Menefee, a junior Medical Technology major from Weldon has been elected as President of the Student Government Association of WSSU for the 1983-84 academic year.

Menefee won the April 12 election over Lorraine Coleman, also a rising senior by a vote of 398 to 287.

Reginald McCaskill, who ran unopposed for the vice-presidency of SGA received 674 votes to win that post. Also running unopposed in their election bids were: Erin Simone Nichols, who is the new secretary of Social Affairs; David

Johnson, secretary of Financial Affairs; and Frank Lawson, secretary of Day Student Affairs.

In the most highly contested election for next year's SGA executive offices, Beth Day defeated Charles Smoot by a 351 to 325 vote. Percentage-wise, Ms. Day gathered 51.9 percent of the vote while Smoot carried 48.1 percent.

The office of Executive Secretary will go to Jenniffer Baggett, who was named on more write-in ballots than any other candidate. There were no official candidates for the job, but a total of 10 names were submitted by students as write-ins. Ms.

Baggett received strong competition from Lynette Nickerson who fell only 6 votes shy of Baggett.

An amendment to increase the salary of the SGA President from \$150 to \$200 was approved by a 356 to 263 margin.

In the election for Miss WSSU, Paula Mickens won a convincing victory over five challengers. Ms. Mickens, a computer science major from Raleigh, received 237 votes. Second place finisher Dewanna Warren had 148 votes and Avis Williams was third with 124.

Fee Hike To Aid Camp Operation

By Sam Davis

The \$10 tuition increase that went into effect this semester will be used to renovate an outdoor camping facility that WSSU is scheduled to begin operating this summer.

The facility, Camp Robert Vaughn, was donated to the university by the Winston-Salem Foundation during WSSU's enhancement campaign.

Stipulations placed on the university by the foundation state that WSSU must renovate the facility and incorporate it into the academic curriculum of the university in order to maintain usage of the camp.

According to present plans, the camp will become the property of the Winston-Salem State University Foundation and not the university itself. As a result WSSU cannot receive state funds to finance the renovation of the facility. Therefore, the university's Board of Trustees decided to use student funds to restore the camp.

Some forty thousand dollars a year will be generated as a result of the tuition increase. The \$10 per semester boost will be considered part of student activity fees.

The projected \$40,000 will serve as the base of operations for the camp. In return the students will have access to the camp for recreational and social activities.

A three year grant from the Winston-Salem Foundations will also help the university to finance the operations of the camp. WSSU will receive \$90,000 over a

three year period from the foundation. After that time the university will be on its own as far as financing the facility.

Mr. Myron Chenault, vice-president of development at WSSU says the student fee increase will permit the university to begin operation of the camp on a firm financial basis. "The fee increase will allow us to make building repairs and other capital improvements," says Chenault.

Although WSSU is following through with its plans for operating the camp, the university must await approval by the State Board of Governors for the North Carolina University System. WSSU must be granted permission by the Board to use the funds obtained by the tuition hike in January. But, barring any unforeseen complications, WSSU will take over operation of the camp on July 1.

The camp which is located near Walnut Cove in Stokes County, (approximately 27 miles from the WSSU Campus) will offer students the opportunity to take courses not usually offered at urban institutions.

Dr. Jerry Hickerson, director of Continuing Education, will be responsible for implementing usage of the camp for academic purposes. He notes the curriculum expansion and diversity that the university can achieve as one of the primary benefits of the acquisition of the camp.

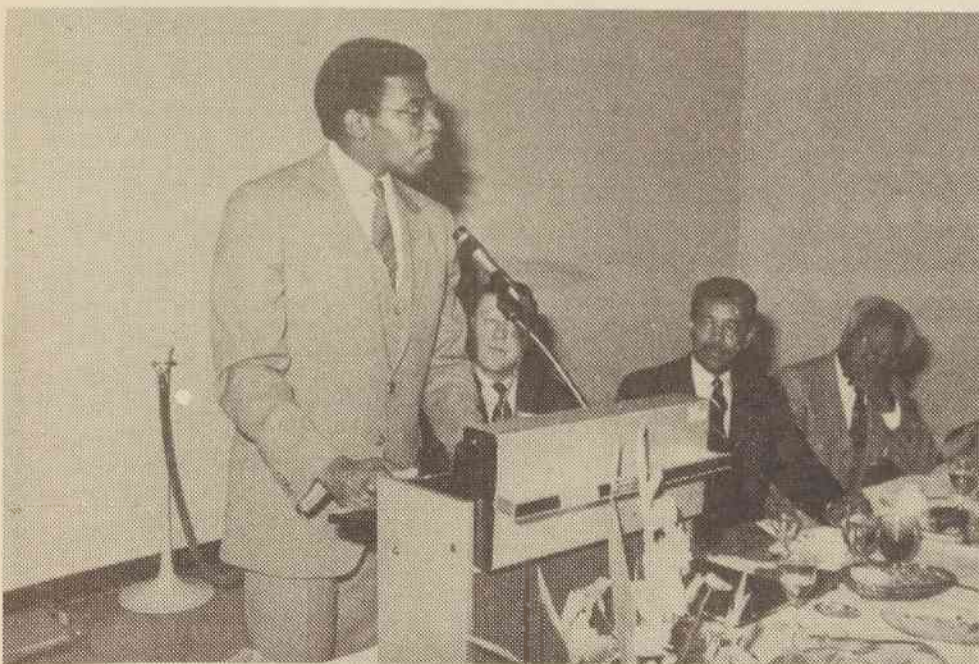
"It's going to provide us with another laboratory for the curriculum," Hickerson says. "I view the facility as a welcomed addition to the university's resources. Courses such as botany, astronomy and biology can be conducted at the camp. We could also have physical education and special education classes at the camp."

Hickerson also says that an area the university hopes to get into is training people who are interested in park management. "The state Park Department, National Park Department and National Forest Service are all looking for

graduates with experience in park management," he says.

Dr. Bill Shephard, former acting director of development at WSSU sees an economic motive in acquiring the camp. "Coach Gaines initiated the interest in using the facility. He runs the National Youth Sports Program at the camp each summer and he told us that it was a very valuable and attractive facility. Using his program as a model, we could let similar groups use the camp and derive a profit by charging a competitive price."

"Over the next five years lumber could be cut from the land to be harvested," says Shephard. "That would bring in a considerable amount of profit for the university." Shephard also says there is a possibility that the land could be used as a model for tree harvesting.



Billy Miller, winner of Business-Industry cluster award. See page 2.

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