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WSSU Students March for Black Colleges

By Sam Davis

Students at WSSU showed their support of Black College Day by turning out in mass for a march and rally on the campus Wednesday, September 26. Chanting "Save Black Colleges" and "I'm so glad I go to a Black school," the students marched off campus to show the community their concern for keeping WSSU a predominantly black university.

The WSSU band, along with Student Government Association (SGA) president Karl Menefee led the march. Once back on campus, marchers stopped in front of Carolina Hall, where a podium was assembled to accommodate the speaker for the day, Alderman Larry Little.

Little, an alumnus of WSSU gave an inspiring speech to the crowd of approximately 450. He began by thanking the SGA of WSSU for inviting him to deliver a message at the observance. "It's an honor to talk to you brothers and sisters about saving black colleges," Little said. "The vast majority of blacks with college degrees obtained them from black colleges. Indeed, if there were no black colleges, many blacks would not hold college degrees."

Recounting experiences at WSSU, Little said students at the university should challenge their instructors to teach them things that are relevant to the black community. "What you learn in college is very important," Little said. "the motto of Winston-Salem State is enter to learn... depart to serve," he said. "The question you must ask yourselves is, what are you learning and who will you serve."

Little also praised the WSSU student government for organizing the march. "Some people say that marching is obsolete," he said. "But marches are still relevant today. We must continue to march to dramatize our concerns to society."

Students and faculty members attending the march and rally set the mood for the day by singing and chanting, prior to Little's speech. Reginald McKaskill, SGA vice-president, led the crowd in songs "We Shall Overcome," and "Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand." The audience held hands and swayed from side to side as they sang the latter.

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Karlton Watson, WSSU starting quarterback has led the Rams to a 3-1 record thus far. Watson has surprised opposing teams with his running ability this season. Related story, p. Keith Hilliard photo

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Low Salaries Upset WSSU Instructors

by William Pass

Dr. Elwanda Ingram, an associate professor of English at Winston-Salem State University, is one of many faculty members who are concerned about low salaries among staff members at WSSU. According to her figures, sixty-four faculty members responded to a survey given concerning their salaries.

Dr. Ingram feels the salaries should be based on the amount of education each faculty member has received. She also points out that of the sixteen state supported schools, Winston-Salem State has the lowest paid faculty. The average salary for staff members with a Master's Degree average less than \$12,000 a year while those holding a Doctor's Degree average less than \$30,000 per year.

The issue involving Mike Montgomery has many people asking the question "how did he get paid \$39,000 a year without having a Bachelor's Degree." Many also

believe Montgomery should be forced to pay the school back a years' salary since he didn't earn it truthfully.

The first five questions on the survey were concerned with the fairness of salaries. After spending much time and money to receive a Doctor's Degree, Dr. Ingram believes her income should be increased to reflect her terminal degree.

There were other issues about the university system which concerned Dr. Ingram. The traffic bumps, delay of issuing contracts, unprofessional manner some faculty members are treated, failure to establish and adhere to higher academic standards, heating and cooling systems on campus, and the mandatory attendance are also some of her major concerns.

Even though there is much confusion concerning salary, Dr. Ingram feels that, along with the other issues of concern on campus will eventually be corrected.

Alumni Relations Director Leaves Post

By Sam Davis

W.S.S.U. alumni relations director Winslow Lowery has resigned. Lowery, who has headed the department since 1975 stepped down from his position last week.

Chancellor H. Douglas Covington said he would look to the alumni association to recommend a replacement for Lowery. "We'll consider anyone they recommend," Covington said.

Lowery's office was in the ALumni building and Lowery was employed by the W.S.S.U. Alumni Association rather than the university itself.

Ms. Marilyn Roseboro, director of Public Relations, says the public relations office will handle the immediate affairs until a successor to Lowery is named. "We're serving in an assisting capacity since Homecoming is so near," she says.