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Big Alvin Powell (No. 63) leaves the Fayetteville State end zone after leading James Johnson to a T.D. The Rams were tied by Fayetteville State but still hold the lead in the CIAA southern division. The Rams will put their record on the line against Johnson C. Smith, Saturday at Bowman Gray Stadium.



Paula Mickens tells how she plans to use her position as Miss WSSU to help others find happiness through Jesus Christ.

A storm of protest has developed as a result of the crowning of the 1983 Mr. Ram.

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Karlton Watson, WSSU quarterback still thinks he will get a chance to play pro football.

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A tradition of excellence has come to exist with the WSSU Marching Rams. The Rams are The Class of the CIAA.

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Nobody knows how to get pumped up for Homecoming, like the Rams. For a complete list of Homecoming events

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St. Aug. Pres. Visits Campus

WSSU Students Urged To Seek Excellence

by Sam Davis

"There's no hiding place at Winston-Salem State. The real world is looking for productivity and results."

These words came from Dr. Preznell R. Robinson, president of Saint Augustine's College, during an inspiring to Winston-Salem State University students. Dr. Robinson was on hand to deliver the keynote address at the second Joseph H. Patterson Lecture and Assembly Series held in the Hall-Patterson Communications Building, recently.

Dr. Robinson was greeted warmly by an overflow crowd, as he spoke to the audience in a sometimes humorous and then at other times, serious tone.

The focus of Dr. Robinson's speech was on the need for Americans to stress academic excellence to youth. "There are

some very clear signs that say we've lost our indomitable spirit," said Dr. Robinson. "Somewhere we've stopped realizing that good things do come to those who are willing to work hard for them."

"We must re-dedicate ourselves to the reform of our education system," he said. "It must go beyond the industrial and commercial realm, deeper into the fabric of our society."

To illustrate his point, Dr. Robinson said statistics on education in post-industrial countries shows that Americans ranked near the bottom in educational attainment. "International comparisons show that on 18 achievement tests given to students in post-industrial countries, American students never placed first or second."

"Twenty-three million American adults are functionally illiterate," said Robinson. "Thirteen percent of all 7-year-olds are functionally illiterate and functional il-

literacy among minorities may run as high as 43 percent.

Dr. Robinson said the task of reducing these inordinately high figures is the challenge confronting Americans. But, he praised traditionally black colleges and universities such as WSSU for doing a good job of working with students, given the weakness of some students upon their arrival at college.

"The input-output analysis is what we should be concerned with," said Dr. Robinson. "There should be a difference between what comes in and what goes out."

He also emphasized the fact that blacks should strive for superior academic performances because of the way society looks upon blacks. "We've got to be better than other Americans to get what they take for granted," he said. "That spirit of excellence must be furthered and passed on to others."