

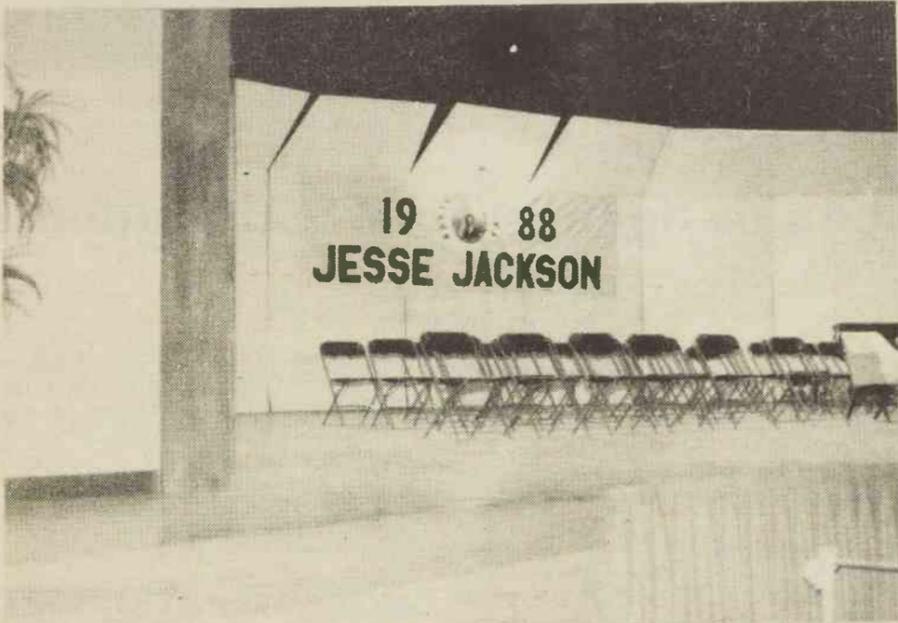
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## Jesse Jackson Visits WSSU



The Stage is set!

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W-S Mayor Corpening and Jackson.

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### Jackson Electrifies WSSU Students

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Wednesday, February 24, was a day full of excitement and anticipation for a better America, when presidential hopeful Jesse Jackson brought his campaign to the twin city.

Before greeting an overflow crowd of screaming students and supporters in the 1,800 seat K.R. Williams Auditorium, on the campus of WSSU, Jackson went to Emanuel Baptist Church to greet many supporters who had assembled for a \$100 plate fund raiser luncheon.

While waiting for Rev. Jackson to make his scheduled appearance, City Aldermen Larry Little and Larry Womble reminded students and other African-Americans in the audience of their responsibility to vote on Super Tuesday. Little, a WSSU alumnus, told the screaming audience "In '84 we were saying run Jesse run but now we're saying win Jesse win."

During his message Jackson called attention to America's drug problem, high unemployment rate and her maligning despair due to property.

Between the audience's shouts of "win Jesse win", Jackson solemnly asked, "What is the challenge of the new South?"

"We must stop drugs from flowing in and stop jobs from flowing out...because the number one threat to our security in this country is drugs coming in."

Citing statistics which said 370,000 children in North Carolina live in poverty

and North Carolina as ranking 46 nationally in infant mortality, Jackson said the new south has made a few gains in racial justice over the past 25 years but still had the burden of raising people out of poverty.

Noting the rising costs of a college education and the increased expenditures needed for the upkeep of prisons Jackson said, "We must choose education over penitentiaries."

Fiercely attacking President Reagan's economic policies and continued denial of the racist apartheid regime in South Africa, Jackson said Reagan was practicing reverse Robin Hood—taking from the poor and giving to the rich."

"I didn't come South with money and commercials; I came South for business."

Mid way through his speech, Jackson stressed the importance of North Carolinians and others in Southern states going out to vote in the Super Tuesday primaries.

Rev. Jackson's charisma was also felt by the small number of whites and other nationalities when he expressed support for coal miners in South Africa; for the farmers in Iowa, truck drivers and the rights of women.

Immediately following his speech some of the 2,000 people from inside flocked to Jackson's tightly guarded limousine.

Jackson waits for introduction to go onto the stage.

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### Jackson Does Well In Super Tuesday Primaries

Jesse Jackson and Sen. Albert Gore, Jr., split Dixie in the "splintered" Democratic race on Super Tuesday.

Jackson and Gore were "neck and neck" in the battle for votes and delegates in the South. Ironically, Jackson is a civil rights activist, while Gore has roots in the South.

According to an Associated Press wire story, with 2,367 or 99 percent of 2,387 precincts reporting unofficial returns, Gore had 233,832 votes or 35 percent, and Jackson

had 221,305 votes or 33 percent.

Jackson won in Virginia, Georgia, and Mississippi and led in Louisiana, Texas, Massachusetts, Maryland and Rhode Island.

However, in the Illinois Primary held on March 15, Jackson received 31 percent of the Democratic votes putting him in second place in that contest.

## Run Jesse Run