

Duncomb's aim is to make Rams band No. 1

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Henry A. Duncomb can march to the beat of any drummer. He's a man strictly about business and he plans to make Winston-Salem State University's band the finest in the CIAA.

Duncomb is the school's new band director. His kind voice, appealing smile, and dancing eyes blend harmoniously with his impeccable professionalism and self confidence.

Duncomb has big plans for W.S.S.U.'s marching band. His immediate goal is increase the size of the band by starting an active recruiting campaign in the spring. Duncomb explained, that by offering scholarships to students interested in music, it will, in turn, help W.S.S.U.'s music department to be one of the first to be considered by prospective music majors.

"Winston-Salem State University's band has always been one of the top bands in this area, and I would like to continue with this tradition", Duncomb said. Duncomb plans to have the band play some conservative tunes as well as the top 40 R&B hits. He feels as though the different types of music will demonstrate the band's versatility and talent. "I envision Winston-Salem State University's band as being the best band in the CIAA," Duncomb said.

Duncomb is by no means a new kid on

the block. He's had a string of successful bands. In 1972, he directed a 120 piece band at Livingstone College. In 1981 he moved on to Elizabeth City State, where his Marching Vikings kept the football fans rocking in the stands. In 1983, he accepted the position as assistant band director at Alabama State University, where he continued to inspire the marching band to give breath taking performances. Now, Duncomb has brought his creativity and successful marching techniques to the high stepping Rams.

Duncomb was born in Montgomery Ala. where his father was a minister as well as a band director and his mother was a pianist. Through his family, he acquired a genuine love for music and decided to pursue it as a career. His band experience began during his sophomore year in high school when he joined both the marching and concert bands. After an eventful music career in high school, Duncomb further pursued his interests in music at Alabama State University where he received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in music.

Duncomb is excited and enthusiastic about his new responsibilities. He is a man with a flexible plan, whose major focus is to upgrade those high stepping Rams.



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Carla Bridges Competes In Black College HOF Pageant

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Carla Bridges, the reigning Miss WSSU recently competed in the 1990 Miss National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Pageant in Atlanta.

Bridges, a senior education major



Carla Bridges -- Miss WSSU

from Concord, competed with 25 other women representing America's black colleges and universities from 12 states.

This year's winner was Sharon Jenkins, a senior at North Carolina A&T.

During the pageant, the competing black college queens were judged by a select panel of celebrities and other dignitaries. They competed in the categories of speech writing and delivery, talent, and poise and projection. They were scored on their abilities, personalities, talent and intellect.

As the winner, Jenkins received a \$2,500 scholarship from Hardee's and the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame (NBCA). The amount represents one of the largest scholarships of its kind in America.

The NBCA pageant is now in its fifth year and is the first in a series of events associated with the Alumni Hall of Fame Weekend which took place in mid-September.

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