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Homecoming '90 Gets Off To Grand Start

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Homecoming events for Winston-Salem State University came into full swing Thursday.

Various activities have been hosted by university committees on previous days, but the actual celebration began on Thursday. Activities planned were directed toward students, alumni, and the general public supporters of the university.

Kicking off this year's events was the coronation of Karla Bridges as Miss WSSU 1990, and the other queens. Following that event was the Coronation Ball at the Benton Convention Center.

The Founder's Day Convocation was held today at Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium. Classes were cancelled in order to ensure that all students attend that event. Tonight, a dance and Greek step show featuring rap artist Kwame is on tap for 8 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center. Tickets are \$5 a person.

Alumni are also heavily involved in this year's festivities. Registration and ticket purchasing will be held in



the Alumni House today. A reception for former Alumni Queens will begin tonight at 8 at the Benton Convention Center. There will be an Alumni Ball following the reception with entertainment by Sweet Dreams. Following those activities, breakfast will be served to the alumni.

A variety of campus organizations will participate in the Homecoming Parade in downtown Winston-Salem at 10 a.m. Saturday. The football game will begin at 1:30 pm with the mighty Rams against the Virginia Union Panthers in the Bowman Gray Stadium.

The finale for the Homecoming begins at 8 pm Saturday. The Student Government Association is sponsoring a production featuring Phyllis Hyman, Troop, Today, and Kid 'N Play at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Tickets for the concert are available in Blair Hall located on the Winston-Salem State campus.

The alumni will be entertained with an Alumni Class Reunion at 6 pm. An Alumni Disco will be held at the Stouffer's Winston Plaza Hotel at 10 pm.

Pre-paying Tuition Reduces Hassles Of Long Lines

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The Pre-Payment schedule deadline for the spring '91 semester is Dec. 14, but "to some students it really won't matter" says Robin Propst, Director of Billings and Receivables in the Cashier's Office.

Speaking on the issue of non-payments and late payments, Propst stated that "Students will go to the Housing Department and the Financial Aid Department ahead of time to make sure there residency and financial situation are in order. But they will not come to the Cashier's Office to

make sure there bill will be paid".

Students usually think that they will be able to pay it later but that is not the case. Once the deadline comes, the bill must be paid. Extensions are usually unavailable because of unpaid balances from previous semesters or simply because extensions are not given to anyone except boarding students.

What does all of this mean? It means that students must pay their bill to the cashier's office or they are not officially enrolled.

Propst feels pre-payment is the most logical and sensible way to avoid all the hassle's of an incoming or continuing student. "Paying your bill is a must and that should be priority" she stated. One

can only agree considering the problems in the past that students have encountered. Long lines, purged classes, loss of residency, etc. All these problems would be avoided if students would pre-pay. According to Propst "even when the computers go down, classes cannot be purged and NO-you do not have to stand in long lines if you Pre-paid along with your pre-scheduling".

Paying first and getting it over with is the logical way to go and why not? You have to pay sooner or later. Some students feel they can get over but the odds are against them. The Cashier's office must go through financial aid to check on the exact amount of your award. They must go through housing to see if your living

on campus. Also, they must check the Registrar Office to determine the amount of credits your taking. This determines the total amount of your bill. For those who have financial aid (which is 75 percent to 80 percent of the students on campus), it is still necessary to go to the cashier's office and present the necessary documents in order for your balance to be paid. Whether you go to class, live in the dorm or pre-register, pre-registration is not pre-payment. You must pay your bill or you won't be considered a student. If you pre-pay, the problems that existed in the past may not occur in the future.



Prospective Students Visit WSSU During Annual Open House

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Once again prospective students and parents experienced a splendid and rewarding day at Winston-Salem State University's fall Open House/Parents' Day, October 6, 1990. Students, as well as parents, had the opportunity to talk to instructors and representatives from the various departments on campus which is general purpose of the event.

"After I talked to some of the teachers here, I felt like I could really enjoy WSSU," says Amanda Davis, a prospective student from Newton.

These prospective students also had the opportunity to tour campus and see WSSU for themselves. The general opinion reflected on the favorably of a small university.

The parents of students already enrolled here spent Parents' Day reviewing the campus and their child's

academic performance. The parents spent the morning in parent/teacher conferences in the C.E. Gaines Complex.

Both events came together when everyone gathered in the K.R. Williams auditorium to hear greetings from Chancellor Cleon Thompson and his cabinet. Chancellor Thompson says, "I'm always happy when parents and prospective students come to assess WSSU."