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WSSU Wrestler Is Division II Champ

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"You are too small to play sports." Those were the words of concern that came from the friends and family of Donnell Rawls, a sophomore wrestler, who made history at Winston-Salem State University by capturing the 1991 NCAA Division II National Championship in the 118 pound weight class held in North Dakota.

Rawls, better known as "Mut-Mut" around the campus of Winston-Salem State University, hails from Fayetteville N.C., where he attended E.E. Smith Senior High School. Donnell is the extremely proud offspring of Mr. David and Mrs. Mamie Rawls of Fayetteville, N.C.

While growing up as a youngster, Rawls was a very "hyper kid." Although small in size and weight, he had more than enough energy to compete with the best of his peers. Knowing that he was not as big as some of his friends, Rawls knew that he had to outsmart the bigger guys. Wrestling offered that opportunity for Donnell to excel in a sport that called for individual attention.

"What I like the most about wrestling, is that wrestling is a

"one-on-one confrontation," whereas, if you win, you win and if you lose, then you lose. The only person that you can blame is yourself," said the champion.

Rawls went on to capture the respect of his peers along with capturing the 1989 NCHSAA State Championship in the 118 pound weight class division during his senior year. It was then Donnell met Coach Melvin Fair, who at the time was the head wrestling coach at Winston-Salem State University. (Coach Melvin Fair is the new Athletic Director at Dudley High Senior School in Greensboro, N.C.)

"After winning the state championship, a lot of different coaches approached me with offers. However, I decided to attend Winston-Salem State University because several of my high school friends said that the university offered a sound program. The most important factor was Coach Fair's interest in my academic success," said Rawls.

Under the well-experienced training of Coach Melvin Fair, Rawls started making a name for himself in the collegiate ranks. The advice that Coach Fair gave the entire team was a major factor in Donnell's

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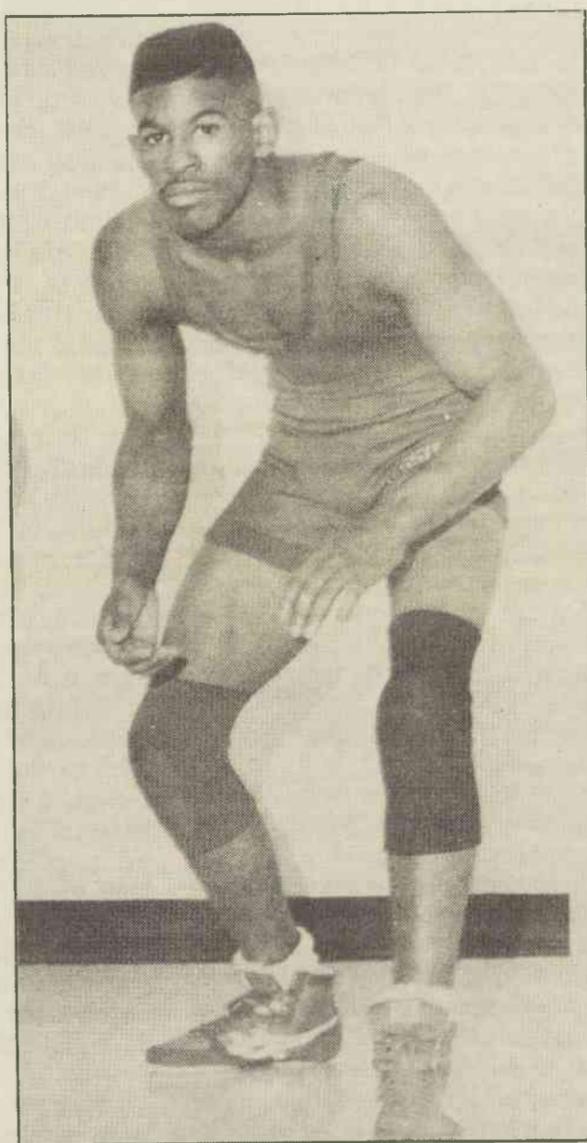


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Donnell Rawls now holds National Championship.

Parker Sparks Audience with Humanity Message

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KRS-One

One of the most controversial rappers of the times, Kris Parker, made his way to UNC in order to spark the minds of college students with his message on society losing its touch with humanity. Parker, also known as KRS-ONE, made a stop at UNC while on his college lecture tour which included other schools in the state, such as UNC-Greensboro. Parker spoke on issues ranging from God to the greenhouse

effect, but his main focus was the problems of the educational system and the government's domination of our humanity.

A runaway at age 13, problems of society and the educational system are very real for Parker, lead rapper for the group Boogie Down Productions. He spent seven years in and out of school and shelters in New York City until 1986.

In the past five years, he has gone from living on the streets to giving lectures in colleges across the nation as well as having a successful music career. Parker, considered as "The Teacher" to some, had a message which appealed to his audience's sense of humanity, to their unity as human beings, despite religious and racial differences.

"The masses of the people have been cheated out of their own humanity, which causes them to fight and destroy one another," said Parker. "Now whenever we are asked what we are, we say 'Black' or 'White' or 'Christian' or whatever."

Parker states that only when we as people begin to call ourselves human beings, will we begin to love humanity as a whole. He says that we need to wake up and see the oneness of humanity.

Parker held up a black leather Bible and stated that the Bible is black, and that "Black" people are brown. He then held up a piece of notebook paper and said that it was white, stating that "White" people are actually beige.

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News Watch

■ The Nursing Program at Winston-Salem State University has scored 100 percent on the National Council of Licensure Examination (NCLEX) in the February, 1991 session. "The nursing program commends the students for their hard work. We thank all those who have given their support to the program," said Dr. Sylvia Flack, Acting Director, Nursing & Allied Health.

■ Jennie B. Barrette has been elected President of Student Government Association at Winston-Salem State University. Ron Vample was elected Vice President; Tonya Battle was elected Secretary of Social Affairs; Maryetta "Peaches" Reveals was elected Secretary of the Treasury; Lumuel Kiniel (Lenny) was elected Secretary of Judicial Affairs; Tangie A. Williams was elected Secretary of Day Student Affairs; Clyde A. Claude was elected Executive Secretary; and Jayme Bridges was elected Miss Winston-Salem State University.

■ North Carolina's infant mortality rate was the highest in the nation in 1988. However, it dropped to 11 deaths in every 1,000 live births in 1990. In 1989, the state's rate was 11.6, down from 12.7 a year before.

■ Needy people seeking legal aid in Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin, Davie, and Iredell counties have lost a champion. Thorns Craven, Director of Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina since 1970, has resigned.

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