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Centennial Celebration Ends

■ Time Capsule Buried/Flag Lowered

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Down, Down, and Away! That's right, it's out of here. On December 6, 1992, the time capsule was lowered, not to be opened again until the year 2042. The time capsule, which contained much historical data, a 1992 yearbook, tickets, programs, and many signatures of students presently attending WSSU was lowered into the ground on the northside of Blair Hall. But, Sunday Dec. 6, 1992 was more a just the placement of the time capsule, it marked the end of 100 years of commitment to excellence and the beginning of a new one.

Although the Centennial Closing Ceremonies started out with the placement of the time capsule, there was a lot more in store.

Chancellor Cleon F. Thompson, Jr., presided over the ceremony. An invocation entitled "The Litany" was read by the Rev. Paul F. Perkins, Sr., Pastor at St. Paul United Methodist Church, and Lift E'vry Voice and Sing, the Negro National Anthem, was sung by Reginald McCaskill, a member of the graduating class of 1985. After all of this, the centennial went out with a boom, literally. The Cannon Salute was given by the Oak Ridge Military Academy and the flag was lowered by members of WSSU's ROTC.

But still there was more. The WSSU Wind Ensemble performed the National Anthem and Alma Mater, under the direction of Dr. L. David Legette. Before the closing

remarks were given by Chancellor Thompson.

Dr. William Rice, a member of the Centennial Commission, presented the audience with "The Challenge." Dr. Rice spoke about linking the past with the future and he also renewed WSSU's commitment to excellence. As the old saying goes "It's so hard being a Ram" and now WSSU you have yet another challenge ahead of you, and that challenge is to make the next 100 years of excellence better than the last. Anyone who is familiar with the history of WSSU knows that the challenge won't be an easy one to fulfill, but with the help of each and every Mighty Ram, it can and will be done.

More Black Studies Courses Needed At WSSU

By Nhy Smith
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Black studies courses are crucial in today's academic curriculums. During the 1970s Black students across the nation fought to have these courses included in college curriculums.

Only five courses that fall into this category are taught at WSSU. These courses include: African American History I and II, Civil Rights, Afro American Art and Black Writers in American Literature. So why aren't there additional Black studies courses offered at WSSU?

Recently several WSSU students and administrators were asked two questions: Do you think Black study courses should be required? Do you think WSSU needs to have more black study classes?

Dr. Alex Johnson, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, believes that students do not have to be enrolled in a Black studies class to receive a cultural experience. He further explained that "Black students who attend HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) are afforded the opportunity to relate to other Black students, acquire

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Woods Named Editor-In-Chief of News-Argus

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When the students and faculty return in January it will be the beginning of a new year, a new semester, and new challenges will be faced by everyone. One Winston-Salem State University junior will also have a new leadership position. She has been named Editor-in-Chief of The News Argus, the student

newspaper. Tonya Woods, 21, a Mass Communications major from Greensboro will be taking on this coveted position for the 1993 spring semester.

Woods is very active in extracurricular activities here at WSSU. She is president of WSSU's chapter of NAACP, a news reporter

for WSNC-FM, and the co-producer of Dateline Winston-Salem.

Woods' job as editor involves overseeing the newspaper's production, making sure all news is suitable for the paper, proofreading, and assisting in the final layout.

One of Woods major goals as the

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