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# Lady Rams Are Ready To Play Ball

Lady Rams, Best Wishes For A Great Season!

#### BY WILLIAM HORTON Sports Editor

With football season now over, it is now time to turn our attention to basketball.

The Lady Rams of Winston Salem State are back and are looking to improve on the 7-20 record that they posted last season. Head coach Debra Clark, along with new Assistant Coach Aronda Frenzley, have high expectations for this year's team.

With the loss of Kendra Horne, who averaged 15 ppg. last season, Clark will be looking to her freshmen to step right in and fill some big shoes.

"I think we can fill that void," Clark said. "I am looking for the freshmen to make significant contributions."

But these freshmen won't be alone. Junior guard/forward Chellia Nelson will be called upon to be the leader of the team. Nelson, a pre-season all-CIAA selection, was an all-conference player last season and the CIAA coaches selected her as the New-Comer of the Year. She averaged 20 ppg. last season to go along with her 9 rebounds per game. Denettra Parker, also a starter last season, will be expected to be a major contributor.

"We are looking for her to step up her game from last year," Clark said. "We are looking for Denettra to make an impact offensively and defensively in the post area."

Chasity Whitaker will also be a big key for the Lady Rams since she has playing experience from last season.

The Lady Rams are picked to come in fifth in the Southern Division. So if they can finish higher than fifth, that would be a major accomplishment.

"We want to improve on last year's record and we want to play hard every night with 100 per cent effort," Clark said. "I think the we are going to be exciting to watch, and we would like to invite and encourage everyone to come out and support the ladies."

Since Lady Rams basketball is in a rebuilding stage, Clark is hoping that the basketball program will get more exposure since the CIAA tournament will be in Winston Salem until 1999. And with the addition of seven new freshmen to the team, the future looks very bright for Lady Rams Basketball.

## WSSU University Choir Has A Busy Semester

BY KENYETTA RICHMOND Staff Writer

Off to a busy start, the Winston -Salem State University Choir began this school year with a bang.

Many students think that the choir is only a singing organization, but underneath all the harmony lies a working organization, in this community as well as on campus.

Vice President Demetris Devane stated "The University Choir feels that it is our responsibility to lend a helping hand to those in our community. They support us in all that we do, so it's time for us to give back to them."

This academic school year the university choir has committed itself to a number of different projects, which include a campus clean up, a recycling program, renewing their adopt a highway contract, and the Operation Lunch Box program, sponsored by the United Way of Forsyth county.

On August 13th the WSSU Choir started its academic school year with a choir camp.

This was the first choir camp to be held under the direction of Mrs. D'walla Simmons Burke. Their day was filled with plenty of physical exercise that began at 8:00 am. They also attended clinics that where instructed by Connie McCoy, former choral director at Carver High school. At the end of the camp, the choir held a mini concert to show all of their hard work and effort.

During this camp the choir also participated in the Operation Lunch Box program which was held at the Simms recreation center at Happy Hill Gardens housing projects.

Operation Lunch Box program was designed to feed children during the summer months who probably would not other wise receive a meal. Different organizations around the city took a day out of the months of June and August.

D' Walla Simmons Burke, director of the university Choir stated, "I never thought about the possibility of children not being able to get a meal during the summer time, and I felt that it would be a good idea if the choir did this project as part of an outreach service between campus and community."

The choir has also committed itself to a campus clean up and recycling program.



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