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The Annual Red and White Fund was designed to build support for the Winston-Salem State University Athletics Program throughout the rest of this decade and beyond.

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International Day: A Global Experience

BY DAVID FULTON
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During the week of April 14-19, 1997, Winston-Salem State University celebrated a week of international and Global Awareness events on campus. The week culminated with the International Day Festival on Saturday.

The theme of this year's International Day was "My Place in the Emerging Global Village." This year the program was sponsored in conjunction with the university's Open House Program for prospective students and their parents.

The International Day Festival attracted more than 1,500 guests. It covered the grounds of WSSU, using both main campus and the Anderson Center Complex. Presenters and performers included: university students and faculty and students and faculty from the W-S/Forsyth schools. Professional organizations and vendors also participated in the event.

Cultural groups representing African-American, Asian, Euro-American, Indian, Mediterranean and Native American, participated in



Sharon Griffin and Baxter Griffin, her brother

entertaining and informative exhibitions.

"The purpose of International Day is to create awareness to students, faculty and the community of different ethnic races. It also makes people redefine themselves in their global village," said Dr. Sope Oyelaran, coordinator of International Programs at WSSU.

"Additionally, the more you know about people the more you know about yourself."

A Winston-Salem native, who is journalist with 13 years of reporting experience on daily newspapers, was the

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Did You Know....

Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943) organized the Musical Arts Society at Hampton (Institute) University and was one of several black composers to emerge during the Harlem Renaissance?

Taylor Elected SGA President

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"Victory is definitely better than defeat," said the senior political science major who was elected Winston-Salem State University Student Government Association (SGA) president for 1997-1998, earlier this month.

Karen S. Taylor, 20, a native of Goldsboro, NC., says she is really looking forward to working with this year's predominately male cabinet. "I'm vibing off them already."

Now that the elections are over Taylor says she hopes the students are fired up and ready to STOMP. She and other student leaders, have already begun stomping on the administration's plans to get rid of Shaw Foods.

"We want Shaw Foods," said Taylor. "Shaw Foods is the only Black food service company in our area." It is

rumored that Marriott would be the replacement and Taylor disagrees with that.

According to the minutes taken at the March WSSU Board of Trustees meeting, Chancellor Dr. Alvin Schexnider, wants to privatize the health center and the maintenance department, said Taylor.

"By privatizing the health center and maintenance department the chancellor is putting our community out of work," explained Taylor. "We have to help keep our Black people in business."

Due to these issues and numerous others, Taylor feels the students should be made aware of many things occurring on campus. One of the major things she wants to accomplish this year is having more information available to the students.

"Students will always know what's going on," said Taylor. "How the



Karen Taylor

students process it, will be on them." She feels her job will be to inform the student body. Taylor has been active on campus and in the community since her arrival at

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