

# WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY'S

## Humphries To Address WSSU Founder's Day Convocation

## Honda Campus All-Stars Seeks New Members

Dr. Frederick S. Humphries, noted President of Florida A&M University, will be the keynote speaker for Winston-Salem State University's Founder's Day Convocation at 9:45 a.m., Friday Oct. 2 in K.R. Williams Auditorium.

Humphries received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Florida A&M University, graduating magna cum laude in 1957. He was awarded his Ph.D. in physical chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh in 1964.

He is married to the former Antionette McTurner and they have two sons and a daughter: Fred Jr., Tanya and Lawrence.

Appointed president of FAMU in 1985, Humphries has revitalized, recreated and reestablished FAMU as one of the nation's premier institutions of higher learning. In the fall of 1997, FAMU was selected as the TIME Magazine -Princeton Review "College of the Year." FAMU also was featured in "Black Issues in Higher Education" In 1997 and 1998 as the nation's number one producer of African-American baccalaureate degree holders. Three times in the last six years, FAMU has led all other universities in recruiting National Achievement Scholars University in the race for National Achievement Scholars, the most academically talented black students in the country. He achieved this goal in 1992 when FAMU enrolled 73 of those scholars to Harvard's 49. FAMU was also number 1 in recruiting those students in 1995 and 1997.

As the eighth president of FAMU, Humphries serves on numerous advisory committees and boards. He is a member of the Commission on the Future of the South and NAFEO Science and Technology Advisory Committee, State Board of Education Advisory Committee on the Education of Blacks in Florida and the National Association of Equal Opportunity Board of Directors as well as many other organizations.

Among Humphries' numerous awards are the 1997 Floridian of the Year Award, University of Pittsburgh Distinguished Alumnus Award, University of Pittsburgh Bicentennial Medal of Distinction, and the 1990 Thurgood Marshall Educational Achievement Award.

\*All Faculty, Staff and Students Are Invited To Attend Founder's Day

By Rasheed Oluwa  
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Students, put on your thinking caps. The Honda All-Star Challenge is coming around the corner, and the Winston Salem State University team wants you.

The event, entering its 10th season, pits 64 Historically Black Colleges and Universities in a quiz bowl competition. Each team of five students matches wits against each other in hopes of becoming champion. The champion of the event receives a grant of \$50,000 to be rewarded to their respective institutions.

Last year the WSSU team, which consisted of Ivan Robinson, James Hamlin, Wendy Covington, Derrick Hargrove and Celesta Blake, brought in \$2,500 just for showing up to the event. Although that team didn't make it beyond the qualifying rounds last year, this year's team shows nothing but optimism.

"We really want to practice hard and improve on our performance," said Dr. Shirley Manigault, the campus coordinator for the event. "We want our students to represent themselves and the school to the best of their abilities."

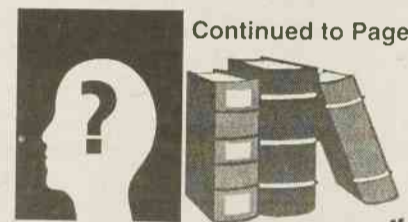
To accomplish this task and dethrone last year's champion, Florida A&M, the squad must solve one little problem. The team lost two players, Ivan Robinson and James Hamlin, to graduation. That's where you the

students come into the picture.

On Thursday, Oct. 22, a campus competition will be held. Teams representing any campus group or organization are invited to compete. While only the tournament's top two individual scorers are picked for the university's team, the top three teams on the campus squad receive prizes. The first place team wins \$1000 for their respective organization while the 2nd and 3rd place teams get \$75 and \$50 respectively. On top of all that there will also be free pizza and soda.

"We're encouraging any groups to compete," said team coach Marilyn Roseboro. "Just get together with a couple of friends and form a team. Any participation would be appreciated."

Student participation is in the campus competition. The national competition mandates that a school must have a campus competition with at least ten teams in order to



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Reading Makes All The Difference!

## Bradford Wins Excellence in Teaching Award

By Reagan Bolden  
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On the morning of April 29, 1998, 16 professors dressed in academic regalia, sat on the stage of B.N. Duke Auditorium on North Carolina Central University's campus. The occasion was not commencement. Each one of these professors represented one of the many sixteen constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina. Representing Winston-Salem State University was Dr. Adnee M. Bradford. The occasion was the convocation ceremony of President Molly Broad of the North Carolina Board of Governors where President Broad was to present the Excellence in Teaching Awards. Dr. Bradford was a recipient.

Introducing Dr. Bradford was WSSU physical therapy student, Kristin Weddington. Dr. Bradford selected Weddington to give an introduction after Weddington had taken one of her classes. Having a close relationship with students is indicative of Dr. Bradford's character. A character that students and faculty have grown to respect and admire. A woman who loves teaching and is very involved with her students inside and outside of the classroom.

One might ask: "Where does excellence in teaching begin?" Adnee M. Bradford, along with her husband and twin daughters moved from Selma, Alabama to Lincoln, Nebraska where Mrs. Bradford would start studying at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. While

there, Bradford obtained her master's degree and began her doctoral program. In 1976 her family moved to Greensboro, NC. It was at this time that Dr. Bradford would begin teaching at WSSU.

For the past 22 years, Dr. Bradford has been instructing such classes as Honors World Literature I, Children's Literature, Methods of Teaching English, Adolescent Literature and sometimes Fundamentals of Speech. To understand the dynamics of one of Dr. Bradford's classes, one must take a closer look.

On Thursday, Sept. 16, a warm summer morning is ending. Dr. Bradford is meeting with her 11 a.m. World Literature I class. She is talking to her class about the paper that is soon due. To give students a chance to communicate with one another, Dr. Bradford asks that they form small groups. The classroom begins to bustle with the sound of students debating the similarities between Homer's *Illiad* and the Akkadian epic *Gilgamesh*. Dr. Bradford knows that the discussions are far from complete but she calls them to a halt.

"Okay, everyone stop." Instantly the classroom becomes silent. The students have a high level of respect for her, which is apparent. "I want to know what you have

discussed thus far," she says. The students are at ease, they do not hesitate to give feedback. As they speak she listens intently, nodding when in agreement and looking directly at the student who is speaking. When she needs to add to the discussion, Dr. Bradford says what she has to say with a smile making sure not to discourage any student.

When most of the class is gone, Dr. Bradford remains. She is still willing to help the student who has unanswered questions.

"I didn't know that Dr. Bradford had received the Excellence in Teaching Award," says Kenneth

Armstrong, a student in her class. "I can understand why. She is a very good teacher. She explains her point clearly and makes you get interested."

"I think that she missed her calling," explains Warren Cook, another one of Dr. Bradford's students. "She could have been a preacher with her way of getting your attention," he adds.

Aside from conducting classroom situations Dr. Bradford is involved in several scholarly activities. She is now visiting high school English classrooms to encourage students to use the works of Richard Wright in the classroom. She also coordinates the English Certification program which she has been doing since she came to WSSU. Along with this



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