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Bobby Seale visits WSSU Black Panther founder shines light on the struggle

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Reporter

An energetic Bobby Seale recently spoke on the campus of Winston-Salem State University and talked about his experiences as a member of the original Black Panther party.

More than 100 people showed up as Seale, 63, lectured about the impact of the organization he cofounded with Huey P. Newton in the 1960s. The legendary Seale, who was once tied and gagged during his trial in the famous Chicago Eight Conspiracy Case, was far removed from the garb he donned during his days

as a civil rights activist. The young nonconformist who wore black boots and fatigues was nowhere to be seen.

Despite the difference in appearance, Seale's fire was still present as he commented on the factual inconsistencies attributed to the party during its turbulent run. One example Seale used was the depiction of the organization given by the in the movie "Panther"

"That film does such a great disservice to people telling what really happened," said Seale. "They tell you we were a bunch of thugs."

Seale said that the nature of the party was far removed from the 'black

militaristic hate group' stereotype that the group has been labeled with. Seale said that the organization was progressive, and that the hate group label was given to the group government organizations intent on destroying the party.

"It was about more than shootouts," said Seale. "We saw it as defending our constitutional rights."

Seale said that the Panthers were more politically oriented. With racism ingrained in many of the laws that existed in the 1960s, Seale said that the only way for the party to effectively fight back was

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WSSU students participate in quiz bowl

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On March 11-15, the Honda Campus All-Star team competed at the Honda Campus All-Star college bowl in Washington, D.C. This event, sponsored by Honda, has brought students from HBCUs together for the past 10 years.

WSSU's team comprised of four team members and one alternate includes Wendy Covington, Derrick Hargrove, Patches Jacobs, Larkin Frasier and P.R. White.

The team's 4-3 record with wins over Texas Southern University, Payne College, Tuskegee University, and Bethune-Cookman College performed better than last year's 2-5 record.

Marilyn Roseboro, the faculty adviser for the team, credits the improvement to the students' level of motivation. "The team worked hard and were committed throughout the year," Roseboro said. "They faced stringent competition and represented WSSU extremely well."

The competition is held annually and this year's competition included performances by celebrities Kenny Lattimore and Shanice. Guest choirs from Morgan State University and Howard University also performed. Yolanda King, daughter of slain civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr., gave the keynote speech.

Each game, divided into 8-minute halves, covers questions ranging from current events to history.

Wendy Covington, the captain of the team had nothing but positive feelings about the team's performance. "This year's team was wonderful, hard-working and dedicated. The veterans and newcomers all contributed to our success," she said. The team's efforts were rewarded with a trophy and a cash prize.

Students with an interest in becoming a member of the team can try out during the campus competition. Individual scores during a round-robin game are the deciding factors. Since all

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Disney recruiter offers internships

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What is Walt Disney's middle name? When was Disney World built? Who is the CEO of Walt Disney World? If you can answer these questions you could be on your way to spending a summer or semester internship living it up in Walt Disney World with the big cheese himself, Mickey Mouse.

On March 26, a Disney recruiter came to WSSU seeking out those students for the Walt Disney World College Program.

Two WSSU students were present.

This program is a unique internship opportunity for college students to work at the Walt Disney World Resort while gaining knowledge of the entertainment and hospitality industries. Established 16 years ago, Disney began recruiting students from three states, but now they have recruits from over 600 colleges and universities across the globe.

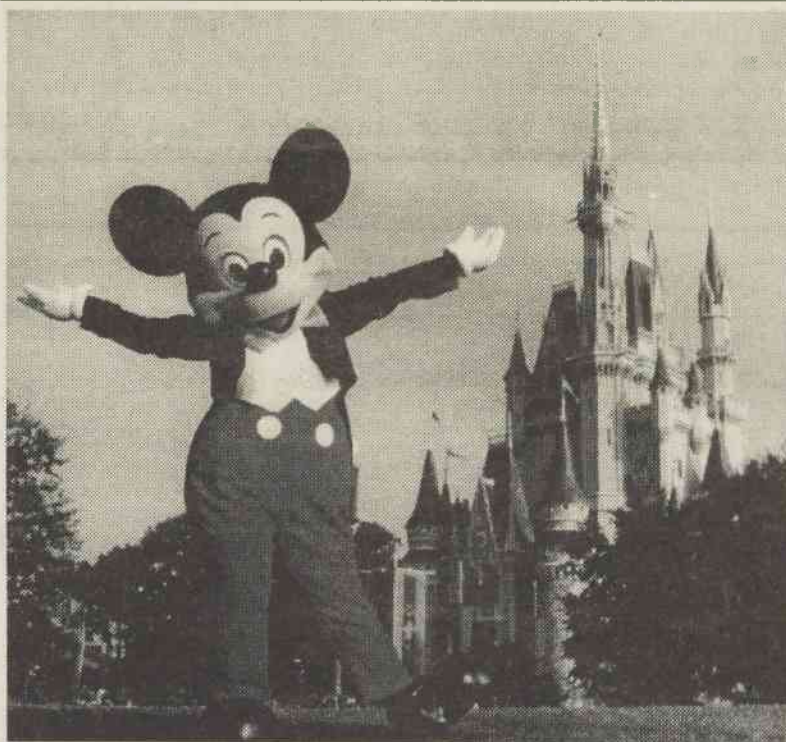


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Mickey Mouse encourages students to experience the magic

School spirit isn't dead ... maybe you are

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Every year at Winston-Salem State University, Ram Pride Dies. But why? Is it because there aren't enough student oriented activities on campus or is it simply because no one cares? College, to most people, is a growing and maturing period in their life. College is a chance for students to be away from home and experience new things. It's a chance to explore many different possibilities of life because the decisions made now will affect you for the rest of your life. It's a

chance for you to learn more about yourself and discover your true identity. But what if this great experience was dampened because of the lack of pride you have in your school? What if the school, that you couldn't wait to go to, was so dull that you find yourself at home every weekend? For many students at WSSU, this is their life.

School spirit does not exist on this campus until homecoming, the CIAA tournament, or a game against a rival school like A&T, NCCU, or Johnson C. Smith. What is it that these other Historically Black College & University's

have that our campus doesn't? Our students may say other schools have good football and basketball teams; but so do we. Let's not forget we were #1 during football season and currently hold the title of 1999 CIAA Basketball Champions.

Our students may say the other HBCU's have larger campuses and more students, but should a larger campus or a greater population constitute how much school spirit a person should have? Since none of these are good answers, why can't we have more school spirit year round?

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