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Martin receives positive responses from students

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Reporter

Students at Winston-Salem State University have been busy unpacking, registering and getting back into the swing of things, but they haven't been too busy to notice the school's new chancellor Dr. Harold Martin.

"I actually got a chance to shake his hand and exchange a few words with him. He seems to be a lot more friendlier than Schexnider," said sophomore Sheree Hall.

"From the things I have heard about Chancellor Martin he seems to be a concerned person who

cares about the welfare of our school as well as the student body," said sophomore Detra Edwards.

Students feel very comfortable as they embark on the new millennium under Martin's leadership, and they are ready to assist him in anyway.

"I have experienced some of the ups and downs of WSSU in the last two years but I feel very good about our new chancellor. I feel that he will give the university, as well as the community, a challenge," said Keebra Singletary.

Students said that they have accepted the challenge and will be dedicated by making each transition as smooth as possible.



Dr. Harold Martin is the new chancellor of Winston-Salem State University.

Rams win Pioneer Bowl

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Sports Editor

Winston-Salem State used a dominating defense along with a steady offense to come away with a 23-7 win over Tuskegee in the 3rd annual Pioneer Bowl on Dec. 18.

The Ram defense came in allowing 9.5 points per game. Staying true to form, the Ram defense allowed only one TD—a 16-yard second quarter run by TU running back Michael Scott. Although Scott was able to run for 103 yards on 21 carries, 102 of those yards came in the first half.

Tory Woodbury, the game's MVP, began the scoring by throwing a 21-yard pass to J.D. Williamson mid-way through the first quarter. The Rams began that drive at the 24-yard line after WR/KR Anthony Hines returned a punt 41 yards.

Tuskegee (9-3) entered the game with a four game win streak. But the tough Ram defense which was tops in Division II for points allowed per game, stifled the Tigers by stopping them three times in the Rams red zone.

Athletic Director Anne Little spoke on the Rams participation in the Pioneer Bowl. "It was a great honor to be able to win the conference championship after coming close for two years, and then be able to provide an opportunity to take the team, the band, the cheerleaders and represent the CIAA and stand on behalf of 11 other institutions—it was awesome."

LT Jonathan Wilson expressed those same sentiments, "I had an exciting time playing in the Georgia Dome. Wining made it fun and more enjoyable."

Leading 10-7 in the third quarter, Woodbury found wide out Ollie Shephard over the middle for a 46-yard TD. Following the PAT, the Rams took a lead of 17-7 with 10:22 left.

The Rams (8-3) scored their final TD after a Tuskegee fumble at the WSSU 23-yard line. Woodbury then took the Rams on a 12-play drive that culminated with FB Dontrizee Chapman's one yard score.

Black History Month filled with many festivities

James Autry
Reporter

The month of February has arrived and to some that symbolizes St. Valentine's Day. To others it stands for a time of celebration for the achievements African-Americans who have made throughout American history.

"Winston-Salem State University will be extremely busy for Black History Month with all of the various programs, plays, and presentations that will take place," said Vanessa Hood, student activities programmer.

Cedric Jackson, a sophomore, and Nicole Muse, a freshman, are waiting to see what the university has in store for the student body in celebration of Black History Month.

"I think the students here at WSSU are looking for an assortment of activities to take place during Black History Month, mostly because we are a black school. I know that I am. If I was a student at UNC-Chapel Hill then I wouldn't have too many expectations, but being at a historically black college, I feel as if we should do more to represent our own heritage," Jackson said.

Jackson is not the only one who has expectations for WSSU's various celebrations during Black History Month. According to Patricia Douglas, processing assistant in housing, not enough events are taking place to recognize occasions such as Black History Month or Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Cynthia Smith, a sophomore, agrees. "Not enough celebrations are taking place anymore because everyone is busy. We had

Snow catches Triad off guard

Don Gibson
Reporter

"Walking in a winter wonderland"... is what the Piedmont Triad did for most of January.

According to Channel 2 News, it hasn't snowed in the Carolinas to this extent since 1989. So the question this winter is "are people playing in the snow like it's 1989?"

Linda Evans, 21, of Greensboro said, "I played in the snow the first two days of it, but now I've had enough." Greensboro residents have had to deal with up to thirteen inches of the "white stuff."

The snow has also affected local children in a big way. Tavon Sampson, 11, of Winston-Salem said, "I'm glad we don't have to go to school and I hope it snows for a whole week." Clearly some children and students didn't taking into consideration the ramifications of all the snow and no school.

According to school officials, any more missed days will have an effect on how Spring Break days will be given or taken away. Mona Sheperd, a junior at Carver High School said "It isn't our fault that it is snowing so much, so why would they make our Spring Break shorter?"

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