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WSSU Rams win CIAA

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Sports editor

Winston-Salem State University put on a defensive clinic as they successfully defended their CIAA title with a 63-50 win over North Carolina Central University.

A crowd of 15,000 were at the Raleigh Entertainment and Sports Arena. They saw the Rams hold NCCU (17-9) to 18 points at the half and 32 percent shooting for the game.

"We just stepped it up. Marcus stepped up and made some big plays for us at the end", said Larry Patterson. "He triggered it and everyone else followed him."

Larry Patterson, the CIAA player of the year, led the Rams with 22 points, three steals and three assist. Tournament MVP Rob Williams pitched in eight points and four assist.

Rob Williams was surprised to be named MVP. "I asked why they didn't give it to Larry," he said. "But I felt pretty good about myself. Hopefully next year I can make the all CIAA team."

Coach Rick Duckett said this title differentiates this team from the team that won the CIAA tournament last year.

"We did it with different people. Last year the team was an unknown commodity and we

had to come in and teach a whole new style of play. But this year the team knew what was expected, so in a lot of ways, it was easier," Duckett said.

The Rams (26-3) led by as many as 13 points in the second half. Brent Harper dunk with 6:25 to play in the game cut the Ram lead to 45-44.

On the next two possessions, the Rams got a layup from Russell English and Patterson was able to make one of two free throws to put the Rams ahead 48-44. From that point on, the Rams did not look back as they scored

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Community members march in downtown Winston-Salem to honor civil-rights activists.

File photo

Community, students turn out to recognize civil-rights leaders

Bridgett Terry
Reporter

On Wednesday Feb. 23, many in Winston-Salem joined students and participants of the Kress lunch-counter sit-in.

On Feb. 8 1960, a group of students led by Carl Matthews went to Kress in downtown Winston-Salem. They refused to leave until they were served. The 21 students from Winston-Salem Teacher's College, Wake Forest University and Atkins High School were arrested, charged and later acquitted with a prayer for judgment.

The march to the dedication site began downtown at the Sawtooth building. The march continued down Fourth Street.

The voices of whites and blacks could be heard singing songs of victory and inspira-

tion. "We shall overcome, we shall overcome" rang loud as onlookers found themselves joining the parade.

Several speakers were at the dedication to show their appreciation to Carl Matthews and the other protesters. Mayor Jack Cavanagh and Chancellor Harold Martin also spoke at the ceremony.

Teaune Vinson, a sophomore, said, "It was a very inspirational experience and it reassured me that if you stand on your beliefs you can get positive results." Vinson was one of many students to participate in the march.

Craig Edwards, a senior, said, "The march brought back memories of the struggle. The landmark itself informs the public of the sit-in's significance."

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Martin shares experiences, offers insights

Cortney Hill
Editor in Chief

We know him as the new chancellor of Winston-Salem State University. What you don't know is that there is so much more to Harold Martin than just a man whose job is to run the university.

You've read so much about Martin and his decisions for WSSU. Now that all of the commotion has calmed down, the university is able to continue forward with its mission.

Martin grew up in the Carver community of Winston-Salem. He is the youngest of three - he has one brother and an older sister. His parents instilled strong religious and family values in their children by using strict rules as tactics for enforcing high moral standards. Loud music was not allowed to be played in the home and only their best behavior was accepted.

His parents were hard-working people who wanted the best for their children. His father, Richard, was a minister who also drove a delivery truck for a meat company, and his mother, Glinner, worked as a seamstress.

The Martins did not have a lot of money. But, he said he enjoyed the company of his friends, family and school mates.



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