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# Harold Martin elected WSSU's chancellor

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It takes a person of great character to produce an institution of excellence, and Harold L. Martin Sr. is a person with a mission.

Martin was elected chancellor of Winston-Salem State University by the North Carolina Board of Governors after serving as interim chancellor since December 1999.

Chancellor Martin began executing his mission to produce an institution of excellence with this year's freshman class.

"This is one of our largest freshman classes in history," says Martin. "It is reflective of what I would like to do even

more aggressively with our institution."

Martin also emphasized the importance of a challenging academic atmosphere that competes with other universities.

"It's one thing to get the young folk here in large numbers but an educational environment here would challenge these young folk to be the very best they can be," says Martin.

The WSSU administration has also provided



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support for Martin's mission. The "team" has gone through significant changes in an effort to prepare for the future.

"My team and I work extremely well together. We are willing to work hard to define a level of performance that we all will adhere to."

Martin also plans to work with student services and student affairs to increase student's physical and mental fitness.

"We must establish the importance of working hard because that is how you get to where you want to be," says Martin. "We must teach, mentor, advise, and become more accessible to our students. We want to strengthen

not just the mind but the body as well."

Chancellor Martin and the administration are planning to build modern dormitories to ensure that students receive the best housing facilities. They also plan to add more instructors to the faculty to raise the level of education at WSSU.

"If the students are concerned about our residential facilities because they are not as modern as other residential facilities at other institutions, we will build new residential services that should be available next year," says Martin. "If the students are concerned about not getting access to the best faculty or the best instruc-

tion, then it will be addressed and taken care of immediately."

One of the biggest objectives for Chancellor Martin and the administration is to turn WSSU into a graduate university within the next ten years.

"Our plans are to move from being a predominately undergraduate institution to being a well recognized graduate institution with exceptional undergraduate programs. We want excellent graduate degree programs in all of our areas," he says. "We want students who come to get a B.S. degree to also get a master's degree before they leave this institution."

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with prospective students, took them on campus tours, and even went as far as calling some prospects.

Mitchell said that the university will continue to rely on students to serve as Ram Ambassadors.

Preparing for such a large class is challenging but several departments at WSSU are excited and welcome the 2001-02 freshman class. Leslie Bolden, Academic Advisor for First Year

College and Coordinator for Campus Pals said, "We anticipated the freshman class being large and were prepared for advisors to have more students and work longer hours."

The Center for Student Success (CSS), formally called the Early Warning and Intervention Program, provides tutorial services and moral support for students during their first year. This year they plan on working harder at being more student friendly to help freshman make a smooth

transition into college life.

"The objective is to address problems early. We would like for all students to realize the importance of attending classes and building a good relationship with their professors," said Bolden.

The biggest change CSS has made is assigning campus pals to freshman seminar classes according to majors. By matching freshman with students that are already in the discipline they plan to pursue, CSS hopes that students will understand what is expected of them.

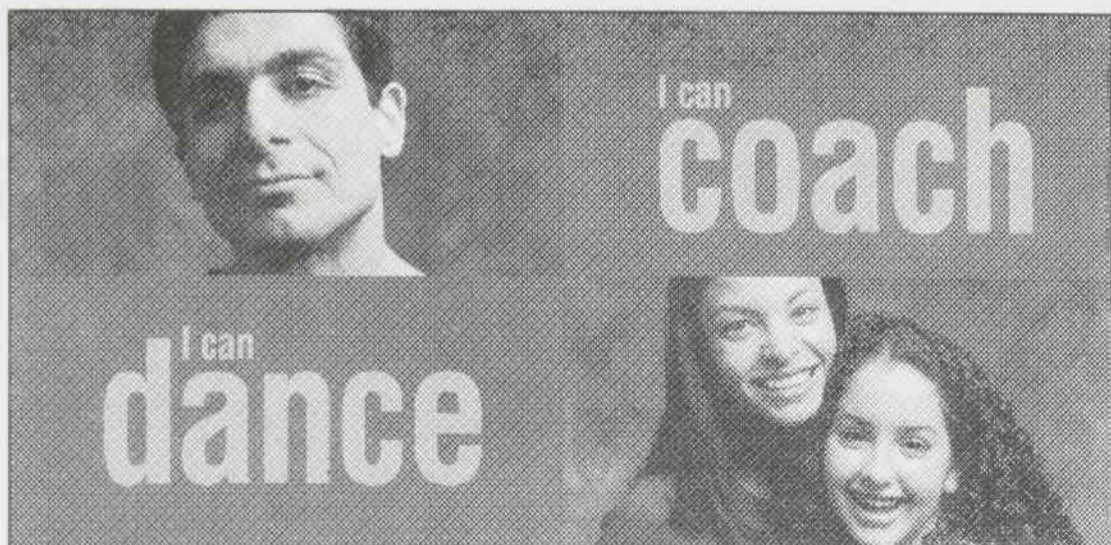
The Division of Student Affairs and Division of Academic Affairs have also been busy preparing for the freshman class.

There were placement test to be given, orientation sessions to be conducted, and faculty and staff to be met. Both offices worked together to formulate a week of events to relieve the stress of registration. Live performances by jazz bands,

picnics and poetry slams were a few of the activities that were held.

Tierra Jones, a freshman secondary education major, thought orientation week was worthwhile.

"I enjoyed orientation. There were so many events planned to give us valuable information and lively entertainment. I enjoyed the Ram Pride session the most because I learned a lot."



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### Fall Semester 2001

Sept. 13	Last day to drop classes
Oct. 8	Mid-semester exams begin
Oct. 10	Mid-semester exams end Last day to withdraw from the university
Oct. 11-12	Fall break Last day to withdraw from university
Oct. 15	Classes resume Reports on 'I' grades from spring semester due End of first period blocked courses Mid-semester progress reports due
Oct. 16	Early registration begins
Oct. 26	Begin filing for spring graduation
Oct. 27	Founder's Day observance Homecoming
Nov. 2	Early registration begins
Nov. 22-23	Thanksgiving holiday
Nov. 26	Classes resume
Dec. 5	Last day of classes Last day to file for spring graduation
Dec. 6	Reading day
Dec. 7	Common exams begin
Dec. 10	Final exams begin
Dec. 13	Final exams end
Dec. 14	Last day for reporting grades