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The annual Winston-Salem State University parade made it's way through the downtown streets. Parade participants and onlookers enjoyed the mild Homecoming weather.

Ram Pride

The 2003 Winston-Salem State University Homecoming
An Event of Excellence and a Time of Celebration

The mighty Rams of Winston-Salem State University celebrated homecoming in high fashion. Unlike past years, all homecom-

ing activities were held on the WSSU Campus: the coronation of Miss WSSU, Founder's Day, the annual parade. Homecoming 2003

was a one-of-a kind event. Read more about Homecoming and view a special *Argus* pictorial of Homecoming 2003 on pages 5-8.

Founder's Day Message: Set high standards

By Lisa Boone
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The Rev. Clifford A. Jones Sr., the keynote speaker at the Founder's Day Convocation, dared students to live exemplary lives, in keeping with the high standard set by the university's founder Dr. Simon Green Atkins.

"We cannot condescend to try to be what others want us to be,"

Rev. Jones, senior minister of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte told the audience, "You are a unique gift from a Divine Creator and with the gift [of life] comes responsibility."

Jones' address was one in a series of activities held during the 111th Founder's Day Celebration. Ceremonies opened with a wreath placing service in the courtyard of the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium, following by a welcome from Chancellor

Harold L. Martin and a reading by Simona Allen, granddaughter of the late founder Dr. Simon Green Atkins.

WSSU began as the Slater Industrial Academy. It was a one room school house with one teacher and 25 students. The year was 1892.



Photo by Keith Caesar
This wreath was placed on the courtyard in honor of university founder Dr. Simon Green Atkins.

Dr. Atkins served as president of the university from 1892 to 1904 and then from 1915 to 1934.

Like other historically black colleges, WSSU came into being after the Civil War to provide educational opportunities to newly freed African slaves. Atkins founded WSSU on the principals of reconciliation and racial cooperation. He is remembered for saying that "education is primarily an effort to realize in man his possibilities as a thinking and feeling being."

Kasseem Smith, a WSSU sophomore, said "Founder's Day

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Local black churches lend their support to HBCUs

By Lisa Boone
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A Winston-Salem State University faculty member is spearheading a statewide campaign by black churches to raise \$11 million for North Carolina's 11 historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) over the next five years.

The Rev. Dr. Carlton Eversley, who teaches African American Culture and is also the pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church, said the initiative calls for each of the 11 institutions to receive \$1 million to use for scholarships, endowments and operations.

"While the \$1 million gift per school is the initial goal, the mechanics of the initiative are such that ongoing support of North Carolina's HBCUs by the black church community is imminently sustainable. Our schools are very precious. We've got to break the cycle of depending on others for the development of our economy," Eversley said.

The non-profit agency, which Eversley will direct, is called North Carolina Black Churches for North Carolina Black Colleges and Universities.

Traditionally, African-American churches have been the backbone of many historically Black colleges and universities. Of North Carolina's 11 HBCU's, six are affiliated with churches. The six are Barber Scotia (Presbyterian), Bennett (Methodist), Johnson C. Smith (Presbyterian), Livingstone (African Methodist's Episcopal Zion), St. Augustine's (Episcopal) and Shaw (Baptist). The other five HBCU's are Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, N.C. A&T State University, N.C. Central University and WSSU. Kristie Swink, president of WSSU's Student Government Association, believes that the black churches are setting a great example for the community and students.

"The church is a big part of campus life for students during their matriculation at the university," Swink said. "I

think that this is wonderful and I hope that students give back to the community as the community gives back to the students."

Mignon Turner, Miss WSSU 2003-2004, echoed Swink's sentiment.

"I think that this is beautiful. Our African-American churches have always given back to the community and always supported historically Black colleges and universities, but to come together and give is wonderful and very commendable," she said.

In addition to collecting monies from congregants, the Black churches will also raise funds by encouraging members of their churches to buy products from MATAH, a black-owned network marketing firm based in New Jersey. MATAH will contribute to fund-raising by giving rebates on products such as laundry and dish detergent and hair care products, which, in turn, can be given to the N.C. Black churches for N.C. Black Colleges and Universities fund.

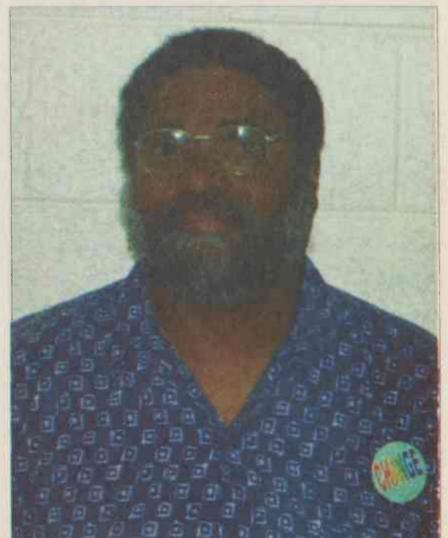


Photo by Lisa Boone
The Rev. Dr. Carlton Eversley is leading a campaign to raise \$11 million dollars for HBCUs.