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One African-American who created opportunities out of challenges is the late Wendell Scott. Wendell Scott was the first and only African-American to win a NASCAR Grand National Series, the predecessor to the Winston Cup. His efforts and performance spawned the interest in many who had yet to explore their interest in the sport. This interest sparked an effort to increase the presence of African-Americans in actual racing as well as other areas of the sport.

As you consider internships and permanent employment, you should consider the many facets of NASCAR. In addition to racing, there are opportunities with NASCAR in the training program to become a NASCAR official. As well, there are opportunities in marketing, corporate sponsorship accounts, pit crew certification, business development, diversity,

and emerging markets. Given the presence of 125 companies in NASCAR out of the Fortune 500 companies and the recent \$700 million commitment from Nextel taking over the Winston Cup, NASCAR has opportunities as never before in the sport. Given its historical and current success, there is little doubt that NASCAR has tremendous growth ahead.

In an effort to understand NASCAR of today and NASCAR yet-to-emerge, I encourage you to take advantage of evolving opportunities with the organization. Recently, a group of WSSU students traveled to Miami, Florida to experience their first NASCAR race and explore a wealth of career opportunities.

To begin your exploration of very exciting possibilities with NASCAR, I encourage you to visit our Office of Career Services and let them direct your interest and provide insight as to next steps.

Send all questions and comments to chancellorsoffice@wssu.edu.

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televisions. If you keep walking further back, you'll find more of a sports bar atmosphere.

"In the back, it's more adult.. We have the bar and pool and things of that nature. But in the front you have more children-type games and you have more of a relaxed atmosphere," Harding said.

Harding said that faculty and administration at WSSU whom had an impact on him included an associate professor of marketing and a former administrative employee who is now a dean at Kentucky State University.

"Other than my parents...the most influential person, there were two actually, were Dr. Chidomere and Dr. Compton." Also, Harding names Dr. King, who is Dean of the School of Business and Economics, as a positive influence on his career who advised him to create his own niche in life. Harding explained how he had ulterior motives for entering college, but Dr. Chidomere placed him back on the right track.

"Education wasn't always my primary focus. When I came to WSSU, Dr. Chidomere took a genuine interest in me. He led me towards marketing because it kind of opened me up...because it doesn't pigeonhole you into one set thing that you can do."

Dr. Chidomere said he still remembers the day that he met Julian Harding.

"He told me he really hadn't had anyone guide him into an area.

Dr. Chidomere added that Harding always wanted to achieve higher and made good grades.

"I saw him as a hard-working and determined student. I'm proud of him and today, as I teach, I use him as an example, proving the results.

When Harding first began his business voyage, he welcomed Graydon Ryan, now manager, to be a part of the team when he sited Ryan working in Mr. Dunderbachs. Ryan said Wings To Go has been a sweet success.

"From what I understand business has been quite a bit better [than Mr. Dunderbachs]. I think we've got a good idea here, we've got something for everyone," Ryan said.

Harding said his next business venture will probably not be one in a mall and he is looking to expand the Wings to Go chain into Greensboro or High Point. He does assure that, "The next restaurant I open will probably be free-standing and it will probably cater to more of an adult crowd."

WSSU Rams have been coming visiting the restaurant in large numbers, according to Harding. "We have quite a few loyal supporters, people I see all the time, but we always could use more."

"Actually, the response has been good. The holiday season was good, now it's just a matter of maintaining that momentum and trying to increase our customer base and provide some different things."



Patrons not only enjoy good food, but they are also entertained by the array of video games and billiards.

HUNT, from cover

The information he collected proved that Hunt couldn't have been wearing that shirt on the day of the murder because of the sale date. Plus, Hunt did not fit the description of the killer.

That evidence didn't matter. Hunt spent years in jail until another act of faith served as evidence in his favor. His defense team took a scientific edge on the case using DNA samples to see whether or not Hunt could have committed the murder.

Once the DNA was proven a faulty match, Hunt and his supporters were sure that the fight was over. But the evidence simply led to other theories, including that Hunt may have raped Sykes, but did not ejaculate. The evidence was enough to get Hunt out of jail for a couple of months on bond. He then enrolled at WSSU during that period. But it was just for a short while. Despite DNA evidence, the courts continued to insist that Hunt was in some shape or form involved with the brutal murder.

Hunt was lead by his faith in the decision to not plead guilty in exchange for his freedom.

"First of all I didn't commit the crime I wasn't going to plead guilty," said Hunt. "That's not to say I don't enjoy my freedom, but I had to ask myself if I could live with that decision. I could live in prison in peace knowing that I was innocent, and God would take of it."

Hunt also described the challenges of confinement.

"There are only two satisfying things you can get. One is your faith in a higher being. The other is getting your mind to take you to another place.

"The 'don't drop the soap' phrase is funny, but it's reality in prison, not just because someone might try to rape you, but they might try to kill you," Hunt said.

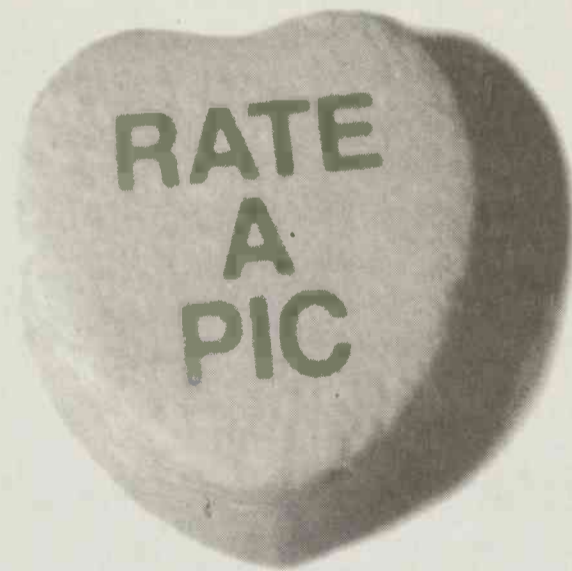
Now that he's home, Hunt says it's still difficult to erase prison routines from his mind.

"I just stood there [at the front door] because I'm so used to the door opening automatically," Hunt said. "In prison you can't just reach out and open any door. It's always opened for you."

Hunt says his wife, April, has been his rock through his trials and tribulations. The two met while Hunt attended WSSU during his first release in 1989. They married in 2000 on a day that the Supreme Court determined that there would be no reversal in Hunt's conviction decision.

"I fell in love with her mind," said Hunt as his wife was invited to join him at the podium.

Now, Hunt studies at WSSU, saying he was always motivated by the thought of young, black students walking to class to get an education. For those who don't recognize their freedom and purpose, Hunt would say one thing to them -- "I'd probably remind them of my last 19 years because if that's the road they're traveling [towards destruction], they're just gonna end up where I left."



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