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McCarter named interim provost at WSSU

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Dr. Merdis J. McCarter, senior associate provost for academic affairs/undergraduate programs at Winston-Salem State University, has been named interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at WSSU, effective May 10, while the national search for a permanent replacement is being conducted.

McCarter replaces Dr. Melvin N. Johnson, who was recently appointed president of Tennessee State University in Nashville.

"Because of her background, experiences and leadership capabilities, I have every confidence in her ability to provide academic leadership for the university during the transi-

tional period as we search for a permanent provost," said WSSU Chancellor Harold L. Martin, Sr.

In her position as senior associate provost, McCarter has the administrative responsibility for the Undergraduate Programs Division, which includes the Diggs Gallery; Honors College; International Programs; Pre-college,

Bridge, and Support Programs; the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Scholars program; Title III Office; and Lyceum Cultural Events Series. The office is also responsible for undergraduate academic policies and procedures; undergraduate program development; and special projects.

McCarter, who received

the Doctorate of Education and Higher Administration from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, serves as the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities (SACS) Liaison Accreditation Officer for WSSU.

Before assuming this responsibility, she served as associate vice chancellor for

Academic Affairs from 2000-2002 and as assistant vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and co-director of the SACS Self-Study from 1998-2000.

She also served as professor of mathematics and chair of the Department of Mathematics from 1992-1998 and as a member of the teaching faculty in the department from 1968-1998.

Janet Reno to speak at graduation ceremony

By Bridget Taylor
ARGUS MANAGING EDITOR

Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno is the commencement speaker for the May 2005 commencement ceremony.

The ceremony is set for Saturday, May 7, at 9:45 a.m. at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Reno was the first female Attorney General of the U.S. She served during the administration of President Bill Clinton from March 1993 until January 2001.

Her initiatives include reducing the crime and violence by incarcerating repeat offenders and enforcing alternative forms of punishment for first time offenders, focusing on prevention and early intervention efforts to keep children away from gangs, drugs and violence, enforcing civil rights laws to ensure equal opportunity for all Americans, and ensuring that the Department of Justice reflects a diverse government.

Reno received her bachelor's degree from Cornell University. She attended law school at Harvard University. In 1971 Reno was named staff director of the Judiciary Committee of the Florida House of Representatives. She was appointed State Attorney General for Dade County in 1978.

Reno is also the keynote speaker for WSSU's Center for Community Safety Awards on Friday, May 6 at 4 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center. The Center for Community Safety is part of an initiative that began during Reno's tenure.



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Gone, but Never Forgotten



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Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines was synonymous with WSSU and its basketball program. Read more about Coach Gaines on pages 3 and 5.

Open House brings many to campus

By Kelechi Anyanwu
ARGUS REPORTER

When Jessica Day, a 17-year-old high school student from Durham, began considering which university she might want to enroll in, only one came to mind: "WSSU is the only school that I have ever wanted to attend."

Day is one of the dozens of high school students who visited the campus April 8 as part of WSSU's annual spring open house. The day included tours of the campus, as well as academic, organizational, admission and financial aid sessions.

Day said she wants to major in biology and one day becomes an orthodon-

tist. She also is interested in the WSSU band and cheerleading.

By enrolling at WSSU, Day is following in the footsteps of her parents, both of whom graduated from the university. She attended open house with her mother, Theresa Day.

As part of the activities, all prospective students and their families were welcomed during a session in the Kenneth R. Williams auditorium by Maurice Allen, director of admissions, and Lee Richardson, interim vice chancellor for university advancement and Daniel J. Lovett, the associate vice chan-



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Jessica Day, 17, will attend WSSU in the fall.

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