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Rams high-stepping into Homecoming '07

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Winston-Salem State will take on Delaware State in the annual Homecoming game at Bowman Gray Stadium at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3. The Homecoming parade will also take place on Saturday at approximately 10 a.m.

"The parade route will start on the corner of Fourth Street and Poplar and will end at the university on MLK and Cromartie," said Theo Howard, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. The city of Winston-Salem will team up with WSSU for this event.

In the Homecoming parade, there will be 130 groups, including some local and school organizations such as SGA, CAB, fraternities and sororities, WSSU and high-school cheerleaders and local churches. The city of Winston-Salem will also be able to enjoy the sounds of WSSU's "Red Sea of Sound" marching band, which has about 100 members.

Thirty floats will be on parade, and the crowd will see more than 100 groups walking from Fourth Street to campus. Clowns and local vendors will give away treats and other surprises to spectators.

"Three of the floats that will be represented will be that of the Grand Marshals, including the 1967 NCAA Division II basketball championship team featuring Earl the "Pearl" Monroe, and the 1977-78 CIAA football championship teams featuring Timmy Newsome and Kermit Blount," Howard said.

Photo by Garrett Garms
The drum majors will lead the Homecoming parade on Saturday in downtown Winston-Salem.

Three levels of entertainment: Hollywood in Winston-Salem

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This year, Winston-Salem State has added some new elements to the Homecoming Concert. In addition to the music artists, there will be modeling as well as a party. This year's show and afterparty will take place Friday, 9 p.m., at the Millennium Center in downtown Winston-Salem, and features Huey, Rich Boy and The Backyard Band.

There are ticket packages for multiple events for \$22 for WSSU students. Advance concert tickets without the package are \$20 and \$25 at the door. For the general public, it is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Tickets are being sold at the Anderson Center ticket office, and there will even be a few events in the breezeway where tickets will be sold and given away.

"I think once the students get there, they will enjoy it," said Alonzo Roberts, SGA Secretary of Commuter Students.

There will be three floors, one including a neo-soul band, and overall three levels of entertainment. With a variety of events going on in one night, students are excited about various aspects.

Marsalis James, a junior, says he is most excited about Rip the Runway event and the after party as well.

"The lineup has a good variety of music, such as go-go, and rap," James said.

Jennifer Patterson, a junior, said she is looking forward to seeing her friends perform.

"I am excited about Epiphany [modeling troupe] walking because I know them," she said.



Photo by Lee Adams

Students say they are excited about homecoming events like "Rip the Runway."

Announcer: 'Big Mo' let go

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When listeners tuned in to 90.5 (WSNC-FM) on Oct. 20, they may have noticed something missing from the Rams' sports broadcast.

Maurice "Big Mo" Stanfield, Winston-Salem State's play-by-play announcer since the 2006 season, was recently dismissed.

Sources speculate that Stanfield's firing stemmed from on-air comments made during the broadcast of the Oct. 6 Circle City Classic. During the broadcast, Stanfield said he felt "unappreciated," and that he was uncertain of his future at the station.

"This might be my last game," Stanfield said on-air during the game.

Elvin Jenkins, WSNC station manager, confirmed today that Stanfield has been let go. He said Stanfield's comments played a role in his dismissal, but they were not the sole reason he was let go.

"That did come into play, but there were some other things that came into play, as well," Jenkins said. He declined to elaborate, simply saying, "We've decided to go in another direction."

Ben Donnelly, WSNC station operations manager, joined Ted Fichialos in the broadcast booth for the game against Bethune Cookman. The station is in the process of searching for a permanent replacement, Jenkins said.

Fichialos, who had done color commentary for the

previous six games, has been doing play-by-play commentary since Stanfield's departure.

Donnelly will temporarily serve as color commentator.

"We feel real good with Ted and Ben," Jenkins said.

Stanfield began working at WSSU in 2006, working with L.A. Batchelor last season and Fichialos this year.

Stanfield, who said he has sought legal counsel in the matter, said he is limited in what he can say about the situation. He did tell The News Argus, however, that he is disappointed about how his tenure ended at the station.

"The one thing I enjoyed was the rapport I had with the athletic department," Stanfield said. "I just wish I had that same rapport at the radio station."

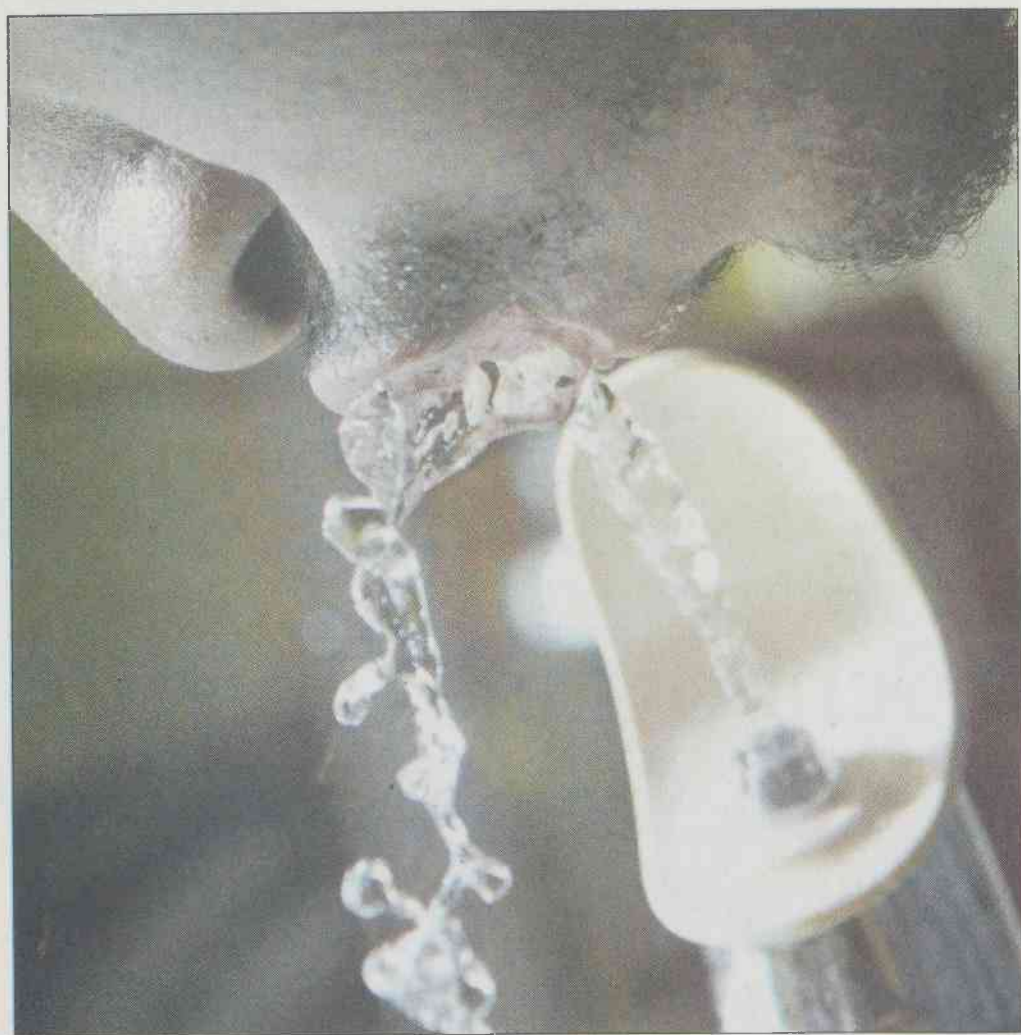


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Thirsty? Water restrictions continue

Gov. Mike Easley has asked everyone to conserve water due to the current drought.

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