

SPORTS

Rec' in Shop: Campus recreation is a hit with students

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Although official sporting events are no longer held in Whitaker Gymnasium, the fires of competition still burn bright within its walls.

The gym is home to open recreation from 7 to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless a class or special event is in session. Open Rec is also available Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The winners of the Winston-Salem State spring basketball league will play in a tournament at the University of Georgia tournament. Recreation basketball teams play in the gym on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.; and Tuesdays at 8:15 p.m.

Intramural sports is just one of the areas that comprise the campus recreation department.

The department comprises six areas: Intramural Sports, Adventure Recreation, Club Sports, Open Recreation, The RAM Zone and Special Events.

"I look forward to taking students to the recreational tournaments. You have students representing your school at different places," said Quintan Robertson, assistant director of campus recreation.

The Adventure Recreation portion of Campus Recreation is a growing entity on campus. It consists of activities such as white-water rafting, fishing and skiing. Students go on these trips at a surprising discount.

"Most of the expenses are covered out of the recreation budget, which is \$45,000 a year," said Dash McNeal, director of campus recreation.

Club Sports is the newest addition to Campus Recreation. A Club Sport is a campus group activity that provides recreation, competition and/or instruction. All clubs are student-run and are a part of the Recognized Organization Council (R.O.C.).

The Ram Zone in Thompson Center offers a variety of recreational activities for students. Ram Zone is equipped with two pool tables, a ping-pong table, air hockey table, game tables, dart boards, seven X-Boxes with a variety of games, and a new 50-inch plasma TV. Ram Cards must be shown to the attendant to enter.

Campus Recreation also sponsors special events throughout the year such as Bowling Nights, Special Student/Staff games throughout the year, National Fitness and Recreation Day (Feb. 22), and Freshman/Sophomore Challenges.

The Intramural Sports program is one of the most

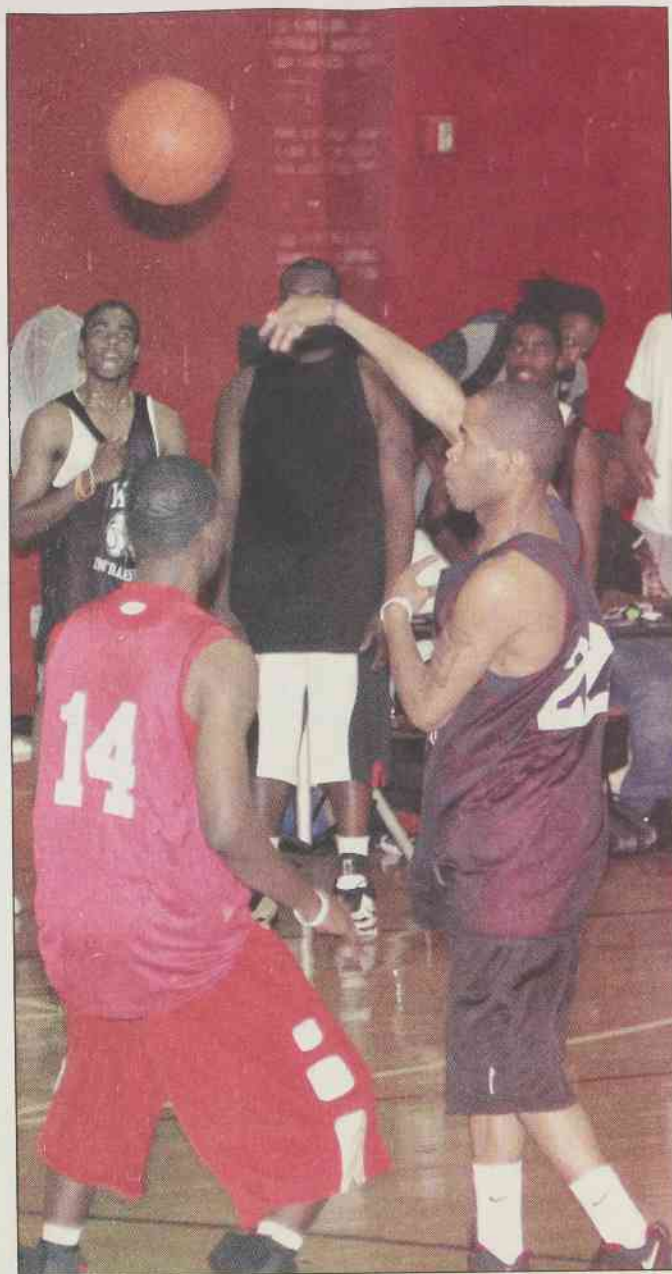


Photo courtesy of Campus Recreation

Winners of the spring basketball league will play in a tournament at the Unit. of Georgia.



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Students compete in a spring basketball league game in Whitaker Gymnasium.

popular activities on campus. Intramural Sports offers team, dual and individual sports leagues where participants compete for the coveted "Intramural Champion T-Shirt." Students can organize their own teams or utilize the free-agent list. The Intramural Sports staff organizes the leagues, supervises play, monitors

and tracks league standings and organized the tournaments.

"We do most of our planning session during the summer and bring students into it to see what we can improve on or if they have any ideas," McNeal said.

For more information about campus recreation, contact the office at (336) 750-3384.

"Black Magic" screening Feb. 22

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They were among the most prolific scores and top defensive players in college basketball. But in the 1950s and 1960s, most people had never heard of them and had no idea of the impact African-American basketball players from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) would ultimately have on the game or in the area of civil rights until now, thanks to an exciting and informative documentary film, *Black Magic*. A special pre-screening of the film will be shown at Winston-Salem State University's K.R. Williams Auditorium on Friday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m.

The 90-minute preview screening of the film is free and open to the public. What will be shown at WSSU is a modified version of the actual four-hour documentary that will air in two parts on ESPN. The telecast of *Black Magic* on ESPN at 9 p.m. on Sunday, March 16 and Monday, March 17 is brought to you the way a film of this importance should be presented. Through the sponsorship of the Russell Athletic Group and State Farm, *Black Magic* will be broadcast without commercial interruption. The first time that ESPN has ever presented a broadcast in this manner.

Part One will air immediately following ESPN's Bracketology show and Part Two will be televised after the network's exclusive live announcement of the NCAA Women's Tournament on Selection Monday. Actor, Samuel L. Jackson and jazz great, Wynton Marsalis narrate the film. NBA great, Julius "Dr. J" Erving will introduce part one of the film on March 16. New Orleans Hornets star point guard, Chris Paul will introduce part two on March 17.

Directed by award-winning filmmaker Dan Klores and co-produced by Klores and NBA legend and WSSU graduate, Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, who also appears in the film, *Black Magic* tells the story of the injustice which characterized the Civil Rights Movement in America, as told through the lives of the coaches and play-

ers who attended HBCUs.

"The university community is quite honored to have an event of such importance brought to our campus, where much of the history captured in the documentary occurred," said WSSU Chancellor Donald J. Reaves. "We are appreciative to Mr. Monroe, Mr. Klores, other producers of the film and to Chris Paul and the CP3 Foundation for helping to make this possible."

Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines called the event historic. "Winston-Salem is very honored to be one of only a few sites in the country to have a preview screening of *Black Magic*," Joines said. "I believe this reflects the recognition and respect that the national sports community has for WSSU and our city."

The film contains excerpts from more than 200 hours of interviews and footage. It illustrates the socio-political backdrop of the times from separate leagues and facilities, to championship games and titles that never qualified for the history books. *Black Magic* also documents the secret games played between blacks and whites in defiance of the law, the players and programs at HBCUs that not only thrived, but laid the groundwork for the proliferation of the modern athlete.

Those interviewed for the film include some of the biggest names in professional and black college basketball including Ben Wallace, Cleo Hill, Bobby Cremins and Monroe.

Historians Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Dr. Cleveland Sellers, Dr. Milton Katz and the widows of Clarence "Big House" Gaines and John McLendon are also among those interviewed for the film.

Klores says the film is about injustice, refuge and joy. "It's a story of exclusion and therefore invention. The film reveals the blacklisting of players, the murder of innocent children, the pride of attending an HBCU, the psychological effects of desegregation and the long-term debates surrounding integration," explains Klores.

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