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**Needed: Strong Singer/Actors**

**Prepare: One Ballad**

**Rehearsals: January & February of 1989**

**Performances: February 17 & 18, 1989**

**Auditions To be Held:**

**Date: Saturday, December 10, 1988**

**Time: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Place: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**

**2575 Parkway Drive, Winston-Salem**

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# Homecoming;

*Year 'Round Affair For Marshall*

By Sam Davis

In life, there are leaders and followers.

Paulette Marshall belongs in the first category. Working through the Winston-Salem State Alumni Association as its president, Marshall is responsible for steering the association in the right direction. A take charge person, she has charted the course for the organization.

"We've gone through a very difficult time and now its time to really make things happen," said Marshall, who took on the president's role in May. "Our alumni association had been in disarray for four or five years and during that period it had began to stagnate. Our goal has always been to increase our membership, but for some reason our alumni failed to respond."

Last month's successful Homecoming weekend provided a glimpse of the loyalty that WSSU's alumni has toward the school. However, Marshall doesn't feel that enough of the energy is channelled in the right direction. And that's the main reason she wanted to head up the alumni association.

"I believe the alumni association is there for the purpose of promoting the students and the school," she said. "It could be supporting the financially, physically or emotionally."

Although she's been involved in the alumni association for about 10 years, she has held a position on the board for only three years. Two years before accepting the top post, she ran a successful campaign for First Vice-President and after two years ascended to the presidency, succeeding Clarence "Jeep" Jones.

Marshall says her biggest accomplishment to date has been setting a clear path for the future of the alumni association.

"We've ratified a new constitution and developed a policies and procedures handbook," said Marshall. "I think we have more order in the organization. In the past, a lot of things were left to question. I think we have structured the organization so that some of the things that happened in the past can't happen again."

The alumni association is a separate, incorporated body from the university. However, the university has a liaison person who serves as the Alumni Affairs

Director, a position funded by the state. Prior to the departure of Dr. H. Douglas Covington, the Alumni Affairs Director's position was funded by the alumni association. Dr. Cleon Thompson, the current WSSU chancellor named Cheryl Harrison to head the post and Marshall said that moved helped turn the tide in a positive direction.

"I work very closely with Ms. Harrison and she is a very intelligent, enthusiastic, hard-work person," said Marshall. "If I have a directive, her office carries it out. She is an ex-officio member of the alumni association's board of directors. Cheryl makes sure everything is done to serve the board while they're here."

Marshall's top priority after establishing a new constitution for the group has been increasing its membership.

"Our biggest goal is to increase our membership," she said. "We have to build the organization up to make it what it can be. Strength comes with numbers. In order to be an effective organization we have to be a strong unit and have ample support."

She would like to see the membership roll increase to 1,000 before the school year ends in May. After all, she said, it takes very little to join the organization.

"All one has to do is pay his or her yearly contribution," she said. "There are two types of membership categories. We consider you an alumnus if you attended the school and didn't finish. (Of course all individuals who have graduated automatically qualify). You can also join the alumni association if you didn't attend WSSU but would like to make a financial contribution to the alumni association."

Recently the association received a boost when it was given the old chancellor's residence on the WSSU campus. Marshall said that was a step in the right direction for the organization. She said it also showed that the school's administration was committed to having a strong, viable alumni association.

"I think that has been one of our biggest accomplishments," Marshall said. "It's very convenient for me to have an office on campus."

Serving as president of the Alumni Association places huge

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