

# Slapped Woman Plans Suit

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 Kinsley didn't stop talking, Martin "came over to me and stuck his finger in my face. I told him that he couldn't put his hands in my face because I had my constitutional rights, too. That's when he slapped me. I saw then that this man was mean and decided not to

push for my rights." Attorney Baker said that following the courtroom scene bailiff Martin took Ms. Diggs out of the courtroom "and used some profanity." Baker said he felt that Martin had exceeded his authority and often is "a little hot headed."

Martin, questioned about the slapping, refused to comment.

Mattie Diggs, a resident of Connecticut since 1967 when she left North Carolina and thus violated the terms of her parole, was being tried on that offense when slapped. She was under 18 months' suspended sentence for assault when she left. She was being tried for

another offense in February of this year in Connecticut when officials there yielded to extradition procedures from North Carolina. She is now serving the 18 month sentence in Women's Prison (also known as the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women).

Recalling the courtroom scene, Ms. Diggs said that one thing surprised her more than anything else. "I just can't understand how a courtroom full of black people could watch a big deputy like him (Gerald Martin) and not say a word," she said.

Mattie is now looking for a lawyer to sue Gerald Martin. Attorney Baker said that as a local attorney he could not handle "that kind of case." Baker said it would affect his other cases in the town. But he said he did show Ms. Diggs how to prepare the necessary legal papers for the suit so she could file them as a pauper when she got to prison. The papers yet unfiled, Ms. Diggs hopes she will find "a lawyer who is not afraid to tackle Gerald Martin."

# Conscience

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 ment honestly proclaim support for human rights as a matter of foreign policy while allowing domestic violations of human rights to continue under the guise of the administration of an unfair criminal justice system?

Yes, my conscience also compels me to speak out for I am a Christian minister and I have the faith that you, Mr. President, will not allow this repressive hypocrisy to continue.

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as well "prisoners of conscience."

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For the Wilmington 10 and all U.S. Political Prisoners,

In Christ name,  
 Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.

McCain Prison

# WSSU Rams Honored

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 played more minutes in the tournament than previously in his entire college career.

The Rams employed only seven players in the three games while opposing coaches used as many as twelve players to no avail.

In addition to the other awards the Ram cagers were named the "Best dressed team" and WSSU football and wrestling star Reginald Sherard received the John S. Chase award as the CIAA's outstanding scholar athlete.

For leading his team to a record eighth CIAA crown and increasing their record number of tourney victories to 43 against 20 losses Gaines received his fifth tournament outstanding coach award.

Gaines a 1945 graduate of Morgan State College where he starred in football, basketball, and track, has been the Rams basketball coach for 31 years and is the

nations winningest active coach with 593 victories during his illustrious coaching career.

He has led the Rams to three NCAA Division II playoff berths and captured the national title in 1967 with Earl "the Pearl" Monroe and Bill English leading the way.

In accepting the award Gaines gave credit to the institution, his team, and the community for making it possible. "I only hope that we can continue to win in the future," he said.

# PUSH

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