

## WSSU NEWS

### Chancellor, mayor, school superintendent to participate in National TRIO Day

Winston-Salem Mayor Martha Wood and School Superintendent Donald Martin will join Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Alvin J. Schexnider, as the community celebrates National TRIO Day, 1 p.m., Feb. 15 in room 136 of WSSU's R.J. Reynolds Center.

The highlight of the ceremony will be the recognition of five Winston-Salem State University who will "share their story" on the impact of the Upward Bound program on their lives. In addition, current Upward Bound students who have successfully completed their first year will be presented with official Upward Bound sweatshirts.

The program is to celebrate National TRIO Day. National TRIO Day was established in 1986 by the U.S. Congress to focus the nation's attention on the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives, to the necessary investment if they are to become contributing citizens of the nation and to the talent that will be wasted if that investment is not made.

Students enrolled in TRIO programs mirror the nation's multi-cultural and multi-ethnic society. Nationwide, 42 percent of TRIO students are white, 35 percent are African-American, 15 percent are Hispanic, 4 percent are Native-American, and 4 percent are Asian-American. Approximately 16,000 TRIO participants are students with disabilities. More than 25,000 U.S. veterans are currently enrolled in TRIO programs.

TRIO programs were established in 1965 with Upward Bound, a college preparatory program for urban high school

students; Talent Search, college preparatory for rural students in grades 6-12; and Student Support Services, a college admissions and support system for promising students with marginal SAT scores. Programs initiated since TRIO's establishment include Equal Opportunity, a job training center network, and the Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate program, designed to encourage low income individuals and minorities to pursue college teaching and doctoral study programs.

#### WSSU names interim director of security

Vernon L. Thompson has been named Winston-Salem State University interim director of security, effective Feb. 10.

Thompson, who most recently served as second shift captain of WSSU security, has been a member of the university's security force for 12 years. In his new position, he will be responsible for providing a safe campus environment for university students, faculty and staff. Thompson will replace James Lewis, who was terminated effective Feb. 7, according to his supervisor, Fred Burke, vice chancellor for business affairs.

Thompson has a number of years of experience in security. Prior to joining WSSU, he served as a security officer at North State Security.

Lewis served in WSSU security for 17 years.

Thompson is a graduate of Forsyth Technical College. He holds a number of certifications in security, law enforcement, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and criminal investigation.

## 'Golden Bulls' Alumni Extravaganza set for CIAA week

The local chapter of the John C. Smith University General Alumni Association is set to host the 4th Annual "Golden Bulls" extravaganza at the 52nd CIAA Basketball Tournament, Feb. 24 through March 1.

When the Tournament tip-off commences, the blue-and-gold-clad "Alums" will be in full force to greet hundreds of former students and friends from around the country and abroad.

The small, private, liberal arts university in Charlotte, N.C., has always been encouraged by its Presbyterian Church U.S.A. founders to teach family values and Christian fellowship.

JCSU is known around the CIAA as "Little Duke," because of their academic excellence and spirited "Bull-Pen" behavior at athletic events.

The 1997 CIAA "Bull-Pen" will be at the Ramada Limited on Cherry Street downtown, across from the Sawtooth building.

The university has assured the local CIAA Steering Committee that the hotel will be

filled with the Smith family. Joy and "Bull Shenanigans" will reign evermore!

The president of the university and her staff will be accessible to the Bulls and lend their support to all the festive events.

Included among the gala affairs will be a Friday night Disco (from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.) featuring Artie Gray on the turntable and a Saturday Nite Fellowship Dance (also 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.), featuring Marie and Felix with the renowned Optimism Band of Fayetteville, N.C. The public is invited to share the fun, light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Contributions will be distributed to JCSU student and athletic funds.

The local chapter is collaborating with the Greensboro Smithites to increase the scope of their pastures. The Greensboro leader is Elijah Washington.

The Winston-Salem Chapter, which boasts 88 rostered members, is led by Amos "Veep" Harper, a retired Air Force major.

The Steering Committee and capital sponsors include Marty Penn, public affairs coordinator;

Paul Ledbetter, vice president; Audrey Brown, recorder; John Foxworth, resource director; and the Rev. Kevin Ingram, site coordinator and chaplain.

Selected sponsors and donors include Dr. Charlie Kennedy, the Honorable Richard Erwin, Dr. H. Rembert Malloy, Dr. Ernie Wade, Dr. Denise Penn-Powell, Carl and Edward Russell, Billie and Clifton Matthews, Raphael Black, Nicole Transou, Cheryl Carpenter, Lisa Lamont, Kenny Faulkner, and Gregory Burrell, for the deceased "Golden Bull" and former treasurer Tom H. "Boss" Hooper.

Various Smithites may be

contacted through their information network regarding all festivities: James Blaylock, James and Margaret Brandon, Mary Ann, Susan Ingram, Thomas "Pete" Jefferson, Wilton Mitchell, Evelyn Terry, Carl Matthews, Alonzo Lighty, Doug Young Jr., Sandra Lawrence, Christopher Ingram, Willette Howard, Verdell Hayes, Alvarez Abernathy, Olivia Neely, Willie "Popcorn" Sutton, Mrs. Kevin (Susan) Ingram, Gloria Alston, Lee Alma Vaughn, Vance and Marie Cabiness, Aldrenia Gaiter, and Carl Russell.

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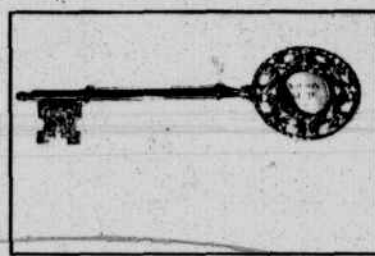
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Ricky Wilson receives congratulations from Maj. Gen. Dave Robinson.



### Community activist gets Gold Key

A Gold Key was presented to Ricky Fair Wilson Jan. 29 at the Grand Opening of Comfort Inn on Coliseum for her service and dedication to the Winston-Salem community and sur-

rounding areas. The new Comfort Inn will also recognize Wilson's service with a suite named in her honor. The Gold Key was presented to Wilson by Maj. Gen. Dave Robinson.



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