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WSSU uses classy hat affair to celebrate girls and women in sports, raise funds

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The Grand Pavilion Ball Room of the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Winston-Salem was filled with vibrant colored hats of all shapes and sizes last Saturday morning as more than 300 women, and other supporters gathered for Winston-Salem State University's third annual She's Got It Covered Classy Hat Affair.

Since 2014, WSSU has

invited women to don their best Sunday hats and celebrate National Girls & Women in Sports Day with the Lady Rams. NGWSD is designed to shine a light on the extraordinary achievements by women in sports and the signing of the Title IX which, outlawed exclusion from participation on the basis of sex.

While fan favorites like the parade of hats and presentation of awards for largest, smallest, and most

unique hat were still included, this year instead of a keynote speaker WSSU invited a panel of speakers to share their stories. To open the discussion, Valonda Calloway, moderator and co-owner of 360 Elite Entertainment, asked the panel of dynamic women to discuss how being an athlete helped shape them into the people they are today.

WSSU athletic director Tonia Walker said she learned the value of team-



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Porsche Jones, right, and Vanity Oakes, left, took part in a panel discussion how sports shape them into the people they are today during the third annual She's Got It Covered Classy Hat Affair.

work and how to become a leader.

"I really believe playing softball and basketball at Hampton University really cultivated my leadership skills," continued

Walker. "The whole aspect of teamwork and learning how to surround myself with the right people really helped me to become the leader I am today."

Vanity Oakes, a 2014

graduate of WSSU and four-year letter winner in cheerleading said, she learned how to manage her time and how to be flexible. Oakes, who now serves as

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Photo by Timothy Ramsey

Starting point guard Devin Ingram defends against the Mt. Tabor player in their game earlier this year.

Reynolds' boys JV basketball team wins conference

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After a long and grueling JV basketball season, the R.J. Reynolds Demons were crowned conference champions of the Central Piedmont Conference. With the conference championship still up in the air, going into the last game of the year, favor was on the side of the Demons, who took home the title by just one game.

The Demons actually lost their final game of the year and thought they had lost the conference lead in the process. But following losses by the other teams at the top of the conference, the Demons found out they were the champs.

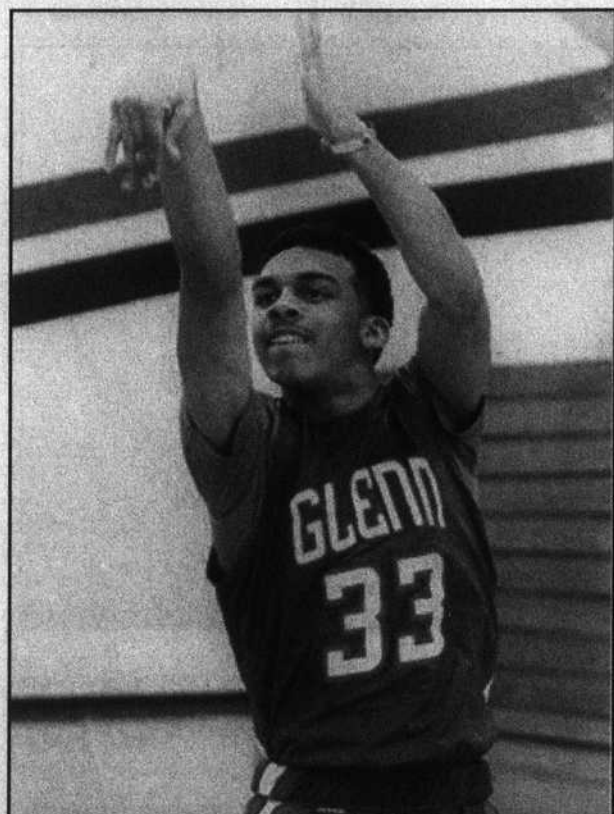
"At the end of the game on Friday, everyone was mad," said Devin Ingram, Demon starting point guard. "After my friend sent a message in a group chat saying we had won the conference everyone just totally forgot we had just lost. It was probably the best thing that happened to me that whole day."

Reynolds guard John Powers added, "When I found out we were champs, I was just really happy because we worked really hard throughout the year. It's good to finally be rewarded in the end with that."

Head Coach Mike McCulloch said after his team started the year at 4-3, he thought his team might just have an average year. He said once he had all the kinks

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Glenn Bobcats guards speak about season



Chance Carter is the sharpshooting freshman for the Glenn JV basketball team.

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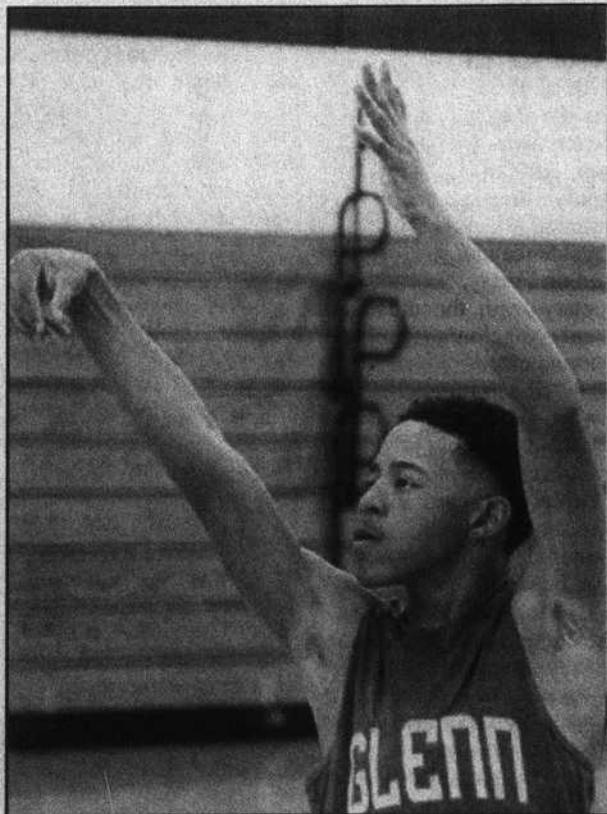
The Glenn JV basketball team had somewhat of an up and down season. With their final overall record at 9-15, their record is not one that is impressive by the numbers, but the Bobcats have had some memorable moments they won't soon forget.

For some reason this team seemed to play some of their best basketball when they had their backs against the wall or the deficit looked insurmountable. Their two 20-point comebacks during the Lash/Chronicle tournament were two of the most unforgettable memories from the entire three-week event.

"I think the whole season was a learning process for some because we had a lot of freshmen and only three sophomores," said JV Head Coach Chris Geter. "We knew we were going to go through those growing pains and we had our ups and downs with the wins and losses but I think our kids learned a lot throughout the whole season."

Geter said that Benjamin Williams and Chance Carter were two players that brought a lot to the team this season. He says Benjamin provided much needed leadership on the floor for his young team. Chance on the other hand was a "standout scorer" for the Bobcats, says Geter.

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Sophomore Benjamin Williams was the floor general for the Bobcats this season.