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UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Saturday, April 24
10 a.m.**

F. L. Atkins Nursing Building
Room 102
Hotel: Wingate Inn
\$89/night

SPRING COMMENCEMENTS

**Saturday, May 8
9:45 a.m. and 2 p.m.
LJVM Coliseum**

Speaker, Dr. Donald M. Stewart
Former president of Spelman College

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Rams:

On January 12th a massive earthquake and a series of very powerful aftershocks struck the nation of Haiti, causing catastrophic damage and claiming an estimated 200,000 lives, with another 300,000 injured. Since then, many of you have asked how we can help as an association. During the WSSUNAA Winter Board Meeting, the alumni agreed that we would provide assistance relief to our brothers and sisters in Haiti as they continue to struggle daily.

The Political Awareness Committee has identified the organization Yéle Haiti Foundation as a partner to channel our support. Yele Haiti is a foundation started in 2005 by Haitian born and Grammy-Award winning artist, producer and social entrepreneur Wyclef John. It is a 501(c) (3) tax exempt charitable organization and all contributions are fully tax deductible as provided in the Internal Revenue Code.

Yéle Haiti is a grassroots movement that builds awareness for Haiti while helping to transform the country through programs in education, sports, the arts and the environment. Since the earthquake, Yéle Haiti has distributed insurmountable gallons of water, food and other support. It continues to assess the needs and provide assistance to the citizens of Haiti. The Political Awareness Committee is also working to create opportunities for the association to lead the effort among HBCUs. Our goal is to target fundraising efforts in a specific project during the reconstruction phase such as the rebuilding of a local school.

The knowledge we gained at WSSU continues to allow us to serve throughout global communities. Thank you to for your willingness to help our fellow man. Please make your

contributions payable to the WSSUNAA and write Haitian Relief Fund in the memo section on your check and mail to WSSUNAA, P.O. Box 890670, Charlotte, NC 28289. For additional information, please contact Carolyn Closs-Walford at Carolyn.Closs@gmail.com or 301-807-6513.

Victor Brinton
President

INAUGURAL DR. REGINALD SHERARD ACADEMIC COOKOUT A SMASHING SUCCESS

Though he has officially been on the job less than one month, Director of Athletics William "Bill" Hayes has already made the academic success of the university's nearly 300 student-athletes a focal point of his administration. That academic priority was on full display in February at the inaugural **Dr. Reginald Sherard**



Academic Cookout presented by Time Warner Cable. Reginald K. Sherard, MD,

FACEP, was a standout two-sport athlete at WSSU who lettered in both football and wrestling. Dr. Sherard, a 2002 inductee into the WSSU Clarence E. "Big House" Gaines Athletic Hall of Fame was a member of the 1978 undefeated football CIAA champions and was a four-year letterman for the Rams. He was also a CIAA and All-NAIA selection and earned a District 26 wrestling championship for four consecutive years (1975-78) while at WSSU.

The three-hour event held in the C.E. Gaines Center was designed to get student-athletes, professors and coaches together to bridge the disconnect that sometimes comes between athletics and academics.

"The academic success of our student-athletes is our number one priority," said Hayes. "I found out early on as a student-athlete and as a coach that too many times coaches and athletic staff wait until April and May to find out about the status of student-athletes in their classes. We want to try to improve communications and this event is great way to start that.

"We want faculty and staff to know when the tennis matches are and when the track meets are because a lot of times student-athletes have to miss class and they're late getting in assignments," Hayes added, "If everyone knows early on what the schedule is, when the tests are, when the term papers are due, then we can have our academic staff do a better job overall in making sure that our student-athletes are getting their work done on time and have things in place. We want to be proactive... This event allows us that opportunity by strengthening the bond between the student-athlete, the professors and our coaches."

All 276 of the student-athletes personally invited their instructors to join them for lunch in the C.E. Gaines Center. Upon their arrival at the cookout, the student-athletes introduced their professors to their coaches and they all enjoyed lunch together while discussing the academic progress of each student-athlete.

"This is a great event and it is doing exactly what it's supposed to do. It's helped to bridge that gap [between athletics and academics]. I think it helps the faculty and the athletes better understand one another," WSSU Chancellor Donald Reaves said. "It helps the faculty come to understand that these students have a double set of responsibilities. They are students first, but they are also athletes and that's not the same as with all other students. With that understanding in mind at the outset, it is easier to work with one another around the whole set of issues that might emerge in the student-athlete/faculty relationship."

CHAPTER NEWS

ATLANTA

The Atlanta Alumni Chapter (AAC) continues to press towards the mark in 2010 with excitement and drive for their attempt to regain the title "Chapter of the Year." We are looking forward to a "New Chapter, New Year - 2010" says chapter president **Octavius Robinson**.

However, prior to closing out the year completely, we had the wonderful opportunity of attending the basketball game here in Atlanta between our very own WSSU RAMS vs GA. TECH. YELLOW JACKETS! Alumni, family and friends came out in big numbers to support the Rams who were very grateful to all of their fans! Unfortunately, while we fell short in getting the victory against the Jackets, we still rocked the house!!! After the game, several alums were fortunate enough to meet with the team and take pictures before they boarded the bus back to Winston-Salem!

The year 2010 brought about a change in meeting time, as well as location, in hopes of increasing participation and attendance of members who were not able to attend due to other obligations on the weekends. Our monthly meetings are now held at our former chapter president's café, Mike Murrell, (Murrell's Café @ Scholars, located on Morris Brown campus), second Friday of each month.

In mid-January our very own Catherine Hart traveled with the University Choir to Carnegie Hall! After the concert she joined several other members of the chapter (Octavius Robinson., Janie Hardman., Kelvin Walton., Darlene Darby., Valerie Smith., and Jeff Jones.) for the Winter Board meeting in Raleigh. Octavius made his announcement to run for Mr.. Alumni 2010, but the formal announcement was delayed pending more entries! (see picture below)



With members representing the AAC in Raleigh, there was still work to be done in Atlanta with more recruiting. Marilyn Cruter. stood alone during the College Fair for S.W. DeKalb High School. She was able to represent the university by gathering "on the spot" applications from several students who are interested in attending WSSU this fall. Thanks Marilyn!

Members of the Atlanta Chapter (Octavius Robiinson., Kristie Swink. and Kamal Oliver.) in collaboration with Undergraduate Admissions Office, (Milton Griffith), represented our alma mater at the Battle of the Bands Recruitment Fair on January 30, in Atlanta, GA. (see picture below)



If you are in the Atlanta area, but have not attended a meeting or not an active member of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter, we welcome you to join us! You can also check us out on Facebook.

BALTIMORE

The Baltimore Chapter, under the leadership of its new president, **Prince Jernigan**, experienced a very good past year and is excited about beginning a new year. During the summer we heard from several individuals who are new to the area and would like to join the chapter. We are like children *awaiting* the first day of school; excited about seeing our old members and anxious about meeting new members. The chapter is growing and we are proud to have a span of graduates from 1942 through 2006.

We welcome alumni in the area to join us. Our **usual** meeting day is the third Sunday of the month, September through July. We meet at the homes of different members and are hopeful of the time when we will be too large and will need to rent a hall, but for the time being we enjoy going from home to home.

The chapter sponsored its annual activities this past year. The Card/Game Party was a day of good fellowship and food with members and long time supporters. We traveled to Atlantic City with a group of smiling faces as they anticipated their great windfalls and returned at the end of the day with smiling faces, which was a good sign. We enjoyed our December meeting with all the good food and just good old TC/ SU fellowship. Just like children again, before we thought about the food, we had to check to see what Santa had brought us. We were really excited to get that bundle of Shopping Spree raffle tickets that is delivered from Santa's sack every year. Do you remember "String" sitting on the steps of the Alumni Hut during homecoming letting everyone know what he had received from Santa? The proceeds from our activities enabled us to award financial assistance to a student attending WSSU, contribute to the Tom Joyner efforts in raising funds for WSSU and to support the Miss Alumni contestant for our region.

We plan to continue the activities that have proven to be successful for us and we are also planning some new activities that will help us to generate more funds for WSSU.

BROWN

The Brown Alumni Chapter helped to sponsor a jazz reception for the parents of the 111 scholars who attended the Scholars Day Program at the Sundance Hotel and Spa Bistro on February 13. The program included dinner and Brown Alumni Chapter president Barbara Puryear formally welcomed the scholars and their parents. The reception was a wonderful opportunity for parents and alumni to engage. Other Brown chapter members attending the event were: Marie Matthews, Jo Ann Brown, Ruby Royall, Betty Bell, Carnella Andrews, Mildred Griffin, Jeanette Lewis, Jo Ann Ariyo, Susie Nance and Clifton Bowie.

The Brown chapter and members of the Columbian Heights chapter recently honored and celebrated the life and legacy of **Mrs. Evelyn Phillips, who is 102 years old**, with a fruit basket, cards and lots of hugs and gratitude for what she has done to pave the way for future generations. Members of the Columbian Heights

chapter have now joined the Brown chapter.

Mrs. Evelyn Phillips has enjoyed living. She has traveled to many countries and has seen a lot of changes over the past 102 years. She is now enjoying her two grandchildren, nieces, nephews, special friends and her daughter Barbara Jean and son-in-law Dr. Thomas.

Mrs. Phillips entered State Normal School, now Winston-Salem State University, in 1929. According to her, during that time a student was issued a diploma after attending the school for two years. After receiving her diploma, which she showed those of us visiting with her, she taught school in Anson County for one year and returned to Winston-Salem and taught for three years in what was then known as the Reynolda School.

In 1937, Mrs. Phillips returned to then Winston-Salem Teachers College and received her college degree. Later, she entered A & T University where she received her master's degree. Currently, Mrs. Phillips enjoys attending St. Paul United Methodist Church when her health permits. Some of her past activities were: a member of the Swana Club, the Bettrune Book Club, the Ladies of Distinction, a charter member of Iota Phi Lambda Society, and two pinochle clubs. Other interests were an operator of a family care home and a salesperson at an exclusive ladies' ready-to-wear shop.

President Barbara Puryear, along with the following members, visited and made a presentation to Mrs. Phillips: Eristeen Lash, Marie Matthews, Georgiana McCoy, Martha Riley, Jacqueline Dunlap, Tanya Ford, Carnella Andrews, and Roy Phillips.

CONNECTICUT

Vouise Fonville was recently nominated for the CT State Department of Children and Families Humanitarian Award. The award was for "Outstanding Achievement" in the Black Community. Vouise is president of the Historically Black College Alumni (HBCA) and was recently featured in the *New London Day* newspaper recognizing his organization's impact in the community and the area high schools. This is the 18th year that the HBCA will be conducting college tours to HBCU's.

Congratulations to **Timothy Jennings '68** who was recently inducted into the Hillhouse Athletic Hall of Fame. James E. Hillhouse is one of the oldest and most distinguished high schools in the United States. For more details:

www.hillhouseathleticalloffame.com

He is a winner! Congratulations to **Byron Washington '05**, who was voted as a co-winner among the four finalists in the "I AM RAM" contest. The **I AM RAM** initiative is seeking to identify alumni ambassadors to represent the young alumni of classes of 2000-2009.

Congratulations to our CT Chapter president, **Veronica Carter '90**, candidate for the **2010 Miss Alumni**. Please support her campaign with your tax-deductible donations towards an ad, sponsorship or participation in a fundraiser. All monies raised in her name will support the scholarship program of the National Alumni Association!!!

Veronica.carter@hotmail.com



FAYETTEVILLE

The Greater Fayetteville Area Chapter salutes our "Queen" and the National Alumni Association "Queen"



Mrs. Barbara Brodie Williams

Barbara, we are proud of your accomplishment as "Miss Alumni 2009-2010"

GFAC has focused on the upcoming events in the area and within the function of the chapter.

■Members pledge to support the Annual Giving Campaign

■STAR program – the chapter will submit the application.

■GFAC has endorsed a contestant in the “Miss Alumni Contest 2010-2011” Ms. Corine O. B. Warren, Class of 1995

Chapter meetings are 10:00 AM monthly on the 4th Saturday at Sub’N’Such, Murchison Road, Fayetteville, NC

KIMBERLEY PARK

The Kimberley Park Alumni Chapter continues its legacy of taking action and making things happen! Over the past several months the chapter has been very active in supporting the university as well as the community. The following are just some of the highlights of what Kimberley Park has accomplished in the recent months:

■Sponsored a group of students at the Fall Open House

■Supported the Division of Enrollment Management with seven volunteers for the Fall Open House

■Held annual Christmas Celebration where Chancellor Donald and Mrs. Reaves were in attendance

■Successfully acquired over 50 sweatshirts during the Christmas Celebration to donate to one of the local community centers for the homeless, The Bethesda Center

■Held recruitment fairs at several of the local high schools and major churches

■Supported the Admissions Office at the CIAA College Fair for High School and Middle School students

■Answered the clarion call to support our fellow man in Haiti with a financial donation and cases of bottled water

■Sent two representatives to the meeting the NAA had with President Bowles in Raleigh, NC

■In observance of our Annual Founders Day we visited our sick and shut-in and presented a token of appreciation along with dinner for each of them

■Active long-term chapter member **Naomi Jones** was inducted in the 2009 Atkins High Hall of Fame

■Active long-term chapter member **DeValdean Penn** was inducted in the Big House Gaines Hall of Fame Class 2009



Pictures are from February meeting:



The Scholarship Committee has just finalized the information for its major bi-yearly fundraiser. We will be cruising the Eastern Caribbean, which includes St. Thomas (JDVI), St. Maarten and Nassau Bahamas. The scheduled date are March 26 – April 2, 2011. The cruise will be open to guests just as the 2009 cruise was. We encourage you to come join us for fun in the sun, while we raise scholarship funds for Winston-Salem State University! For further details please contact chapter president Clyde Caudle at (336) 575-2145 or cacaudle2@embarqmail.com.

KUANDELEA

Kuandealea chapter member **Cheryl Pollard-Burns '93** has been appointed Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions at Winston-Salem State University. She is responsible for the development of the S.T.A.R. Program (Specially Trained Alumni Recruiter) which is designed to train alumni to assist with the university's recruitment efforts. She assumed her new role on January 15, 2010. Cheryl can be reached at 336-750-2256 or pollardcd@wssu.edu.

Kuandealea chapter member **Andre Anthony '77** received an Associate of Arts degree in Accounting from Forsyth Technical Community College in December 2009. Andre will use this degree to complement the bachelor's degree he received from Winston-Salem State University in Business Administration.

As part of Winston Salem State University's Scholars Day, the Kuandealea Alumni Chapter (along with the Brown Chapter of Winston-Salem) hosted a jazz “mix and mingle” reception for the parents of the

scholars at the Sundance Hotel and Spa on Friday, February 12. The event was a chance for parents to unwind from the day's events and speak with alums about the university. The reception featured local cover band, “The Tonya Ross Project.” According to feedback given by the parents, they thoroughly enjoyed the event and the melodious sounds of the band.

NEW JERSEY

On Sunday, March 7, our University Choir performed a magnificent concert at Bethany Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. The choir members met fellow established alums who attended the amazing performance.

The chapter sponsored a Scholarship Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 13, to raise funds to assist New Jersey students attending Winston-Salem State University. The event took place at the Newark Sheraton Airport Hotel in Newark. Entertainment was provided by the fabulous Daryl Robinson Ensemble (alum) and DJ extraordinaire, Keith Johnson.

The distinguished honorees for the Scholarship Dinner Dance were:

Dr. Arthur Page, former Assistant Superintendent of Trenton Public Schools

Ms. Omega C. Parraway, one of the founding members of the New Jersey Chapter

Mrs. Gloria C. Goore, retired WSSU math, English and French professor plus former vice-chancellor, who is 94 years old.

Mrs. Virginia A. Perry of Perry Funeral Home in Newark, community leader and supporter of NJ chapter.

Co-Chairpersons for the event were **Beverly Evans** and **Mozelle Williams**.

NEW-PENN-DEL

2009-2010 Officers:

President - Dr. Clayton A. Scott
Vice-President - Mrs. Cheryl Akuma
Secretary - Ms. Sharon Eggleton
Treasurer - Mr. Sherwood Hawk

The New-Penn-Del Chapter is looking forward to renewing its energy in order to meet the challenges that the chapter will face in 2010. The chapter's two major areas of concentration will be membership recruitment and fundraising. We will also participate in two community service projects. one in Pennsylvania and another in New Jersey.

We meet monthly on the second Saturday at The Christian Love Worship Center from 2 PM to 4 PM in North Philadelphia.

We look forward to more WSSU alumni within our boundaries (New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware) joining in our efforts to carry out the mission and vision of our chapter and the National Alumni Association.

For further information please contact Dr. Scott at:

New-Penn-Del Alumni Chapter
WSSU National Alumni Assn.
1110 Lakeside Ave.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19126
215 548 9618 (H)
267 230 1221 (C)

PITT COUNTY

The Pitt County Chapter has participated in the following activities:

- co-sponsored a bus trip with the Rocky Mount chapter to Fall Open House
- Participated in the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Coalition of Pitt County Annual College Fair. Phillip Osborne, Admissions Counselor did an outstanding job representing the university.
- Delivered Christmas cheer to the residents of Rosa Bradley Nursing Home
- Held its annual Christmas Gathering at the home of Chapter President Dr. Patti Sanders-Smith

The Chapter completed the following events recently:

- Spring Alumni Roundup on March 16 at the Darden Alumni Center in Wilson, NC. This event was sponsored by the Chancellor's office.

■Rams on the Road, March 20, at James B. Hunt High School. This event was sponsored by the Admissions Office

Chapter Accolades
The Pitt County chapter salutes WSSU Hall of Famer **Dr. Reginald Sherard** on his upcoming induction into the CIAA Hall of Fame. Dr. Sherard was a member of the 1977 and 1978 undefeated football team as well as a member of the wrestling team. While at WSSU Dr. Sherard was also recognized as the CIAA Scholar Athlete two years in a row. He was further honored recently by the athletic department by having an academic scholarship named in his honor. Dr. Sherard and his wife **Annie (Marsh)'78** are the proud parents of three children. The Pitt County Chapter meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at Shepard Memorial Library at 6:30 p.m

RALEIGH-WAKE

Recent/Planned activities for the Raleigh-Wake Chapter

Support for Students:

Plans are on the way for the 2nd annual HBCU College Prep Workshop. This workshop is for students/parents in our community that need assistance in the following areas: financial aid preparation, SAT/ACT preparation, and tips on selecting a college. For additional information, contact **Charletta Sims-Evans** cgsevans@gmail.com.

The Scholarship Committee chair **Monica Money** coordinated the bus trip for 40 students/parents to the WSSU Fall Open House. As a token of our appreciation for attending the Open House, the chapter provided participants with a free RAM T-shirt. Plans are on the way for sponsoring a trip for the Spring Open House. The chapter awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Lauran Renee Coleman.

In the Community:

The chapter participated in the Winter Warm up Challenge sponsored by the Raleigh Rescue Mission. The chapter supported this project by collecting gently used or new blankets, coats, hats, gloves and scarves. The items donated were given to the homeless in desperate need of warm clothing in the winter. The chapter supported the Homeless Angel Christmas Project, whereas chapter members purchased gifts for selected "angel" tags,

representing homeless individuals/families. Thanks to our Social Action Committee chair **Charletta Sims-Evans** for her work on these projects.

NAA Winter Board Meeting:

Raleigh-Wake served as host chapter for the Winter Board Meeting. The events included the RAM Hospitality Suite, a Meet and Greet Reception, an Evening of Smooth "Jazz & R&B" concert and dance, and a special presentation featuring Athletic Director Bill Hayes. The meet and greet reception featured key speakers Chancellor Reaves, Senator Howard Lee, and Representative Rosa Gill. The chancellor provided a preview of the recently released "Strategic Direction" for the University. All events were standing room only and we would like to thank everyone for their support!

The chapter is seeking new members; we meet on the 3rd Sunday each month at 3:00 pm at the Lions Park Community Center in Raleigh.

Feel free to visit our website www.raleighwakewssu.org for additional information on our activities. For membership information contact LJ Yarborough at lenoris25@yahoo.com

CLASS OF 1968 REUNION

The Class of 1968 will be celebrating its 42nd reunion at Homecoming this year with the theme, "A Family Reunion." Please join us and contact one of the contact people to let them know your plans.

Contact people are:

Lewis Turner---702-838-8782 or
702-274-2044(c)
Arnesta Turner--336-924-1201
Evelyn "Rotate" Bond--248-332-6538
Jimmy Foster----845-849-2132

**Homecoming
October 22-24**

IN MEMORIAM

JOSEPH NICHOLS, JR.

Died January 27, 2010

BS Business Administration
Early on Joe developed unique people skills which led to a career in sales and later as an Environmental Control Officer for the City of Winston-Salem. At age 29, Joe was diagnosed with MS. Despite his health problems, he maintained a positive quality of life in the years ahead. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated.



NORA ELIZABETH HOLLOWAY SCALES '57

Died January 26, 2010

She was a retired first grade teacher from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Public School System. She was also a former queen in the Kimberley Park Alumni Chapter



DOUGLAS ANDREW GILLIAM, SR.

Died December 9, 2009

Received bachelor's degree in education from WSSU.

A dedicated teacher, Mr. Gilliam was

employed by Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System.

DR. HERBERT LOUIS HOPE

Died January 9, 2010

BS in Education from WSSU, Master of Education degree from North Carolina Central University; and Doctor of Education from NCCU and Wake Forest University. His professional career included elementary/junior high school teacher; basketball coach; and band director for 16 years. He retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Danville, VA in 1992, after 18 years of service.



REYNOLD ERASTUS DUNCAN

Died January 7, 2010

He was a 1972 graduate of WSSU and past president of the Davie Co. NAACP

REV. BAXTER C. HARRINGTON

Died December 14, 2009

Formerly of Goldsboro, NC, resided in Richmond, VA



Patricia Peay

Died February 27, 2010

MINISTER MARY LOIS WILLIAMS REYNOLDS '60,

affectionately known as "Mary Lois, Mother Reynolds, and Sister Pentecost," departed from this life February 28, 2010 at the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home after a brief illness. In 1960, she graduated from Winston-Salem Teachers College with a bachelor's degree in education. Mary retired from the WSFC School system in 1999 after 38 years of service.



BARBARA JEAN ENSLEY GREEN

Died March 4, 2010

While at the Palmer Memorial Institute in Sedalia, NC, she played at Carnegie Hall with the school orchestra. Upon her graduation at Palmer, she attended North Carolina Central University and Winston-Salem State University. In 1951, she united in marriage with George "Coach" Green until his death in 2002. Barbara was a retiree with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.



CONDOLENCES TO...

Benita Wimbush Bazemore, class of 1984, in the passing of her husband. Benita is a member of the Washington, DC Metro Alumni Chapter

Cheryl Akuma and her husband Dr. Ezikpe Akuma, in the loss of their son Akuma Eze Akuma. Cheryl was Miss Alumni 2008 and is Vice President of the Washington, DC Metro Alumni Chapter

BIG 4 GIVES WSSU \$10,000



The Big 4 presented WSSU with a check for \$10,000 on Monday, January 25, during half time at the WSSU vs. A&T basketball game. The Big 4 is made up of the county's four historically black high schools.

The Big 4 Scholarship Fund at WSSU was established to honor the teachers and students who attended Atkins, Anderson, Carver and Paisley high schools. The scholarship funds were raised through donations from members of the Big 4 alumni associations and via a number of fundraising events.

The 8th Annual Big 4 2K Walk will be held on Saturday, May 15, at Winston Lake Park.

For additional information about the Big 4 scholarship, contact Michael Kimbrough at 336/784-4637.

It's easier to prepare and prevent than to repair and repent.

WSSU REVIVES RED AND WHITE FUND—NEW OPPORTUNITIES

WSSU is rejuvenating its fundraising activities for the school's athletic program by bringing back the Red and White Fund and adding a new initiative called "1000 HORN\$."

"We want to create a new level of excitement surrounding our athletic program and believe that we can raise additional dollars to support that effort," said Athletic Director Bill Hayes. "Up until 2007, the Red and White Fund Club was the fundraising effort for athletics. We are reviving that fund and all donations to it will now be used for student-athlete scholarships."

"In an effort to provide as many options as possible for our alumni, supporters and fans, we've created the 1000 HORN\$ campaign that allows donors to designate their contributions to specific WSSU athletic teams, facilities enhancement or to the general operating fund for the athletic department."

The 1000 HORN\$ program is attempting to raise a minimum of \$1 million a year for the athletic program. To reach that goal, the university needs 1,000 supporters to make an annual contribution of at least \$1,000 each.

"We are structuring this fundraising program so that a contributor will be a member of the 1000 HORN\$ group as long as the contribution to either of these two fundraising efforts totals at least \$1,000," Hayes explained. "In addition to being able to split a contribution between scholarships and program support, a donor has the option of dividing any program support contribution between different teams. Again, we want our supporters to have all the flexibility possible in how they designate their financial gifts to the athletic program."

These two initiatives for athletic fundraising will replace the AMON Booster Club and membership benefits for the new programs will be comparable to the benefits previously available. Contributions will now be housed in special accounts within the WSSU Foundation.

According to Bill Hayes, "these two fundraising efforts will allow us to continue the Rams tradition."

SAVE THE DATES

October 22-24
Homecoming
WSSU vs. UNC Pembroke

Please submit articles for the
Summer issue by June 1

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ASSOCIATION LOCK BOX

Reminder...

Please mail ALL membership dues and completed documentation to the Association's lockbox. If dues are mailed to the campus address, the process of receiving, posting and receipting the information is delayed.

Dues and all other monies should be mailed to:

WSSU National Alumni Association
Post Office Box 890670
Charlotte, NC 28289-0670

HOW TO CONTACT US



Please submit articles, suggestions, or comments to:

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My Last Will and Testament

Mary McLeod Bethune

If I have a legacy to leave my people, it is my philosophy of living and serving.
Here, then, is my legacy...

I leave you love. Love builds. It is positive and helpful.

I leave you hope. Yesterday, our ancestors endured the degradation of slavery, yet they retained their dignity.

I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another.
This kind of confidence will aid the economic rise of the race by bringing together the pennies and dollars of our people, and ploughing them into useful channels.

I leave you thirst for education. Knowledge is the prime need of the hour.

I leave you a respect for the uses of power, which, intelligently directed, can lead to more freedom.

I leave you faith. Faith in God is the greatest power.

I leave you racial dignity. I want Negroes to maintain their human dignity at all costs.

I leave you a desire to live harmoniously with your fellow man.

I leave you, finally, a responsibility to our young people.
The world around us really belongs to youth, for youth will take over its future management.

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