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## WSSU NEWS & INFORMATION

### Former WSSU Ram Goes Undercover for ESPN Feature

Two members of the NFL's St. Louis Rams will be featured on the Sunday, May 31, editions of ESPN SportsCenter as they immerse themselves in the homeless community of their city.

In an effort to get a closer look at the hardships homeless people in America endure every day, Rams defensive ends William Hayes and Chris Long took to the streets for 24 hours with no place to sleep or eat, no connection to the outside world and only \$4 each. ESPN's SC Featured followed their story.

Hayes and Long wore second-hand clothing and makeup was used to help conceal their identities. They were outfitted with small cameras and microphones, and an ESPN crew observed them.

"Life on the Streets" will debut in the 10 a.m. ET edition of SportsCenter and will re-air in other editions of the program throughout the day. An accompanying feature on ESPN.com will be posted Sunday afternoon.

Quotes from the feature:

"It was the worst night I've ever had in my life for sure .... My body hurts so bad right now." – William Hayes.

"It's amazing though when that cop went to talk to me, just how unsettled that felt, compared to like if a cop normally talks to me walking down the street." – Chris Long.

(www.wssu.edu)

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### UNC Board of Governors Approves Cuts to Academic Programs

When students at local UNC schools look through course catalog this summer and fall, they will find fewer offerings.

The UNC board of governors voted Friday to discontinue 46 academic degree programs and consolidate 10 others across the UNC system. The vote affects programs at Winston-Salem State University, UNC School of the Arts and Appalachian State University and will start with the 2015-16 academic year.

A statement released Tuesday by the UNC system's General Administration explained the process of degree discontinuation.

The system periodically reviews programs that have awarded fewer than 20 degrees in the past two years at the undergraduate level or fewer than 11 degrees in the most recent year. This year, the system reviewed 221 degree programs across the state.

The News & Observer reports similar discontinuations have occurred every two years since 1995.

WSSU will discontinue its master's degree program in elementary education, and its bachelor's degree program in music, the university said. Students will still be able to minor in music.

The school is also restructuring its master's degree program in teaching English as a second language and applied linguistics, combining it the master's program in teaching.

WSSU had an average of eight students in its master's degree program in elementary education, said Nancy Young, a university spokeswoman.

"We decided to place a moratorium on admissions to this program that began with no new students being enrolled in fall 2013," Young said in an email. "There had been a dramatic drop in enrollment, which we know was impacted by such things as stagnant teacher salaries."

The school also will restructure its bachelor's degree program in biotechnology, combining it with the bachelor's degree program in biology, WSSU said.

The school's average enrollment in biotechnology program was 13 students a semester, Young wrote in her email.

UNCSA will restructure its master's degree in film music composition, combining it with the master's degree program in filmmaking, the university said.

Last year, 11 students were enrolled in the school's film music composition program, said Lauren Whitaker, a university spokeswoman.

Susan Ruskin, dean of the school of filmmaking, praised the composition program.

The board of governors' action last Friday "was simply good housekeeping, tying up loose ends," Ruskin said.

ASU will discontinue its bachelor's degree program in family and consumer sciences (secondary education) and a bachelor's degree program in technology education, according to a university document.

The average semester enrollment for the family and consumer science program was 14 students, ASU said. The technology education program had 17 students and the master's degree program in Math education had 12 students.

The school will restructure its master's degree program in mathematics education and combine it with the master's degree program in math, said Hank Foreman, ASU's senior associate vice chancellor for advancement.

Foreman said in an email that the school's changes to its academic programs are necessary.

The consolidated master's degree in math "provides a rigorous graduate education in mathematics with the added benefit of gaining hands-on training and experience with teaching," Foreman said.

"It can qualify students for advanced teacher licensure in high school mathematics, prepare students for community college teaching positions, or serve as excellent preparation for doctoral programs in mathematics or mathematics education," he said.

(Winston-Salem Journal, May 28, 2015)

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## **WSSU SPORTS NEWS & INFORMATION**

### **Several WSSU Student-Athletes Named to 2015 USTFCCA All-American Team**

After a great outdoor track & field season, several members of the Winston-Salem State University track & field team were honored as members of the United States Track & Field/Cross

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Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field teams. The WSSU student-athletes were honored after their strong performances at the 2015 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field National Championship Meet in Allendale, Michigan this weekend.

Individually, four members of the team took honors with senior Tajanel McNeill and sophomore Tametris Morrison being named USTFCCCA First-Team All-Americans. McNeill earned the honor for the second straight season after placing seventh in the women's triple jump at 40' 3.5" (12.28m) while Morrison placed fifth in the women's 400m hurdles with a 59.22. Earning a spot on the 2015 USTFCCCA Second-Team were senior sprinter Nya Michaux after placing 12<sup>th</sup> in the women's 200m dash with a 24.32 and junior sprinter Raven Covington who placed ninth in the women's 100m dash with an 11.82.

It was in the relay events that WSSU really stood out when both the women's 4x100m relay and the women's 4x400m relay team were both named 2015 USTFCCCA NCAA Division II First Team All-Americans. The 4x100m relay team finished second in the nation with a 45.50 while the 4x400m relay placed fifth with a 3:43.64.

The honors cap a great outdoor track & field season for the WSSU track & field program that finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the nation, the highest team finish in school history.

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### WSSU 4x100m Relay Places Second at 2015 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships

The Winston-Salem State University women's track & field team closed out the season in grand fashion when they totaled 18 points at the 2015 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field National Championship Meet to tie for 12<sup>th</sup> at the meet. With scoring finishes in the 4x100m relay, the 4x400m relay, the women's 400m hurdle, and the triple

jump, the team had its best national performance in school history.

The WSSU relay teams stole the show at the meet with a pair of top five finishes against the top competition in the nation. The highlight of the day came in the women's 4x100m relay when the Lady Rams repeated as the national runners-up with a second place finish in the event. The unit ran a 45.50 to place second in the event behind national champion Lincoln (Mo.). The WSSU 4x400m relay team followed up the effort with a fifth-place finish in the event with a 3:43.64.

Individually, sophomore Tametris Morrison was one of several Lady Rams to have stellar performances on the day. Before running the anchor leg of the 4x400m relay, she placed fifth in the women's 400m hurdles with a 59.22. Joining her with a scoring performance of her own was senior Tajanel McNeill. After running the lead leg in the women's 4x100m relay that placed second in the national finals, she wrapped up her career with a seventh-place finish in the women's triple jump. She leapt a 40'3.5" (12.28m) to place seventh. Junior Raven Covington also placed ninth in the women's 100m dash finals with an 11.82.

With the effort, the WSSU track & field team caps an extremely successful season.

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OCT 10	J.C. SMITH
OCT 31	SHAW
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**WSSU Athletics Summer Camps and Clinics**

**Camps and Clinics Registration**

**WSSU ALUMNI NEWS & INFORMATION**

**Bus to the WSSU vs Tuskegee Football Game in Tuskegee, Alabama**



**Trip Specifics**

Game Date and Time:  
Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 2:00 PM

Departing from: Walmart, 1525 Glenn School Road, Durham NC 27704

Friday, September 18 at 12:00 Noon  
(Arrive promptly by 11:00 AM to assemble for departure at noon)

Return: Leave hotel at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, September 20, 2015

Arrive back in Durham at approximately 8:00 PM

A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 is due by July 31 to secure your place on the bus. This fee does NOT include the game ticket. The fee does include gratuity for the driver, snacks, and beverages for the entire trip. Please send payments to:

**Patricia Wynn**  
**707 Glade Aster Drive**  
**Durham NC 27704.**

Accommodations are at the Wingate by Wyndham in Lagrange, Ga. Individuals must make reservation for WSSU ALUMNI BLOCKED ROOMS directly to the hotel by calling **866-415-0401** on or before August 28, 2015. Rooms will be released to the general public if reservations are not made by the deadline. The blocks of rooms are for two night accommodations, which included free breakfast.

Room rates are \$69.00 per night plus 15% tax. Rooms include a King or two queen beds. Request your room type when you make reservations. Only 56 seats are available on the bus, so book early!

If you have questions, please contact me by e-mail or phone listed below.

Thanks,  
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WSSU Class of '80 Pre-Reunion  
Cook-Out

# June 20, 2015

Begins at 12 noon

Reynolds Park

Shelter #1

2450 Reynolds Park Road

Winston-Salem, NC 27107

Food, Fun, Fellowship

For further information please contact

Craig Umstead at

[craigumst1@yahoo.com](mailto:craigumst1@yahoo.com) or simply by

calling (910) 332-8577

ASAP!!!

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Hello members of the Class of 1975. In case you did not know..... our class reunion is being planned right under your noses.

**Facebook Page:** WSSU Class of 1975 - All the information is there.

**Conference Calls:** Yes there have been 3 so far. Contact Joyce Leake ([jla71@hotmail.com](mailto:jla71@hotmail.com)) if you would like to listen in.

**Information:** We are looking for all kinds of information. Many have not updated their information since graduation. We are in pursuit of 100% contact. So make sure all your Class of 1975 are a least getting the information.

**Memorials - Fallen Rams:** We are trying not to miss anyone. I can email the list or you can contact Fred Whitted at [blackheritagereview@yahoo.com](mailto:blackheritagereview@yahoo.com) or Michelle Blackwell at ([shallbee376@hotmail.com](mailto:shallbee376@hotmail.com)).

**Money:** Almost Forgot; our goal is to give the school a check for \$40K. Ollie B has spelled this out and I will forward next. But basically go to School donations website and specify it is for the Class of 1975.

**Athletics:** The Athletic Director want to recognize the members of WSSU's first basketball team (1974). We know; Believe it or not I was on the team. Don't laugh. Coach was Eddie Gregg and Assistant Coach Raymond Cobb; team members were Mary Holden, Maurice Murphy, Phyllis Fink, and others Terrie Ward, Joli Robinson, Fredda Caldwell, Olinda Tillman. I attached a picture.

**One other item;** not sure how many of you know that WSSU has archives in O'Kelly Library. Thought it would be great to collect as many pictures of our class as we can find. Also we are designing a format to collect our life history. This would be a great tool to show how we have impacted society. Fred Whitted has volunteered to compile information and Ritchie Graham Carroll is designing the format. Some of us are long winded. Lol. And spill the beans on our off springs as well.

If I forgot anything, don't be shy... let me know so we can get it right. I will send out a list of people we have not been able to contact.

And thanks to Ollie Ballard and Sandra Lawrence for spear heading the Reunion.

The WSSU Town Cryer

- Shirley Wright

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Get Ready  
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**OCT 24 - 31  
2015**

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**INSTALLATION OF CHANCELLOR ROBINSON**  
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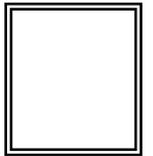
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