

# The News Argus

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## Winston-Salem State University



Photo by Corderius Cowans

The decorated tree in Kennedy Dining Hall signifies the holiday spirit has arrived.

## Yearbook to remain with Student Activities

*The mission of Winston-Salem State's yearbook is to provide memories of campus life at WSSU for students, faculty, staff, and alumni via words and pictures.*

**Corderius Cowans**  
REPORTER

The yearbook's presence was almost a memory to Student Activities.

There had been discussions of relocating the yearbook to an academic department.

"We wanted to move them to an academic area to provide the students with more experience in that capacity...preferably the Department of Mass Communications," said Theo Howard, assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs-Campus Life.

Dr. Phillip Jeter, chair of the DMC, said the faculty voted to decline Howard's offer of accepting the transfer of the yearbook, for a number of reasons including timing and the lack of department faculty and staff to take on the project.

Administrative Assistant of Student Affairs and Yearbook Adviser Linda Scott Cole said the students on the yearbook staff do not receive any course credit for their work.

"Extracurricular/co-curricular activities are not tied into coursework," Scott Cole said.

The responsibility of the staff is to take pictures of University events, layout pages and write copy.

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## 525 graduates expected to participate in fall commencement exercises

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Dec. 18, at 4 p.m. Winston-Salem State will say goodbye to its 525 graduating seniors.

Andrea Thompson, senior class adviser, said graduation rates increase by approximately 20 percent during the spring.

"Spring graduations are generally a few hundred more in size," said Registrar Sharon Hush.

"They [fall and spring Commencement] exercises are pretty much the same. The only difference is the weather,"

Thompson said.

The fall commencement will be in the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem.

"There is an anticipation of a large crowd because of the number of projected graduates," Thompson said.

Along with completed credit hours, the graduating seniors also had to meet several other requirements.

Thompson said seniors must complete the "Graduating Senior Survey," register as alumni, satisfy all financial aid requirements, and complete

their senior exit interviews.

The Graduating Senior Survey, a requirement for all schools in the UNC system, is overseen by the Institutional Planning and Assessment Department.

As a part of meeting financial aid requirements, students must also complete an online exit questionnaire counseling form.

This is for students who borrow money to pay for their education and is a way to

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## New Provost Allen discusses her goals

**Tiffany Gibson**  
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The new provost, Dr. Brenda Allen, has been getting acquainted with Winston-Salem State for about 150 days and counting. But during her brief tenure, she has had "a productive six months."

Allen has more than 20 years experience in higher education, making her move to WSSU a natural progression.

When she was at Smith College, she was a professor in the psychology department for 14 years, and she was the special the assistant to the provost

for one year.

For five years, Allen was the associate provost at Brown University.

"I have spent 20 plus years at institutions different from where I got my own education. [Allen is a graduate of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and Howard University.]

"I always knew I wanted to come back to an HBCU.

"I have had an opportunity to learn some great things from some of the best people in

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### Support WSSU with a test drive

Show your Ram school spirit! Join Ford and the Tom Joyner Foundation in support of HBCUs. Through Jan. 4 visit a Ford or Lincoln Mercury dealer and take a test drive. For each test drive, Ford will donate \$25 to the Joyner Foundation on behalf of your favorite HBCU, up to \$250,000. As of Dec. 10 a total of 12 test drives were on record for WSSU.

Source: blackamericaweb.com

### No more texting while driving

Dec. 1 the ban of texting while driving became N.C. state law.

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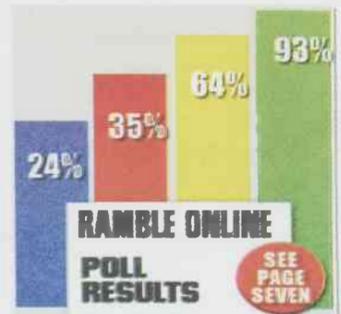
Those caught sending or reading texts while driving can be fined up to \$100 plus court costs. The law only applies to moving vehicles. North Carolina joins more than a dozen states with similar laws against texting.

Source: drivinglaws.org

### Lose the frame, or pay \$100

The Greek and WSSU frames have to go. License plate frames that cover state name and expiration date are now against N.C. state law. The new regulation makes it easier for law enforcement officers to read license plates. For the first year, drivers will be warned if caught with an illegal frame. December 2010 drivers will be fined \$100 plus court costs.

Source: news14.com



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