

Seeking Amenities, Students Choose Off-Campus Living

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amenities of off-campus living. Mary Young, housing coordinator at WSSU, said the university has noticed a decline in housing applications for at least two years. "Students like having the freedom of doing what they want to do when they live off campus," Young said. "They can have visitation whenever they want it, and they can have air conditioning. They live two to a room (on campus) and they have your basic dresser and bed. Off campus, they can enjoy other things that they can't bring on campus." When completed by next January, the new co-ed dormitory will be comprised of suites and apartments and will house 400 students. It will provide air conditioning, cable television and a telephone connection in each room. The apartments will also have a kitchen. Young said currently, the university does not attempt to woo students into campus life, although they do guarantee a room to incoming freshmen. When the dormitory

is nearer completion, the university will try to attract more on-campus students, she said. "The older dorms will be cheaper for room and board than the newer ones," Young said. "When the new dorm is finished, we'll be closing Colson and Bickett (halls) and later Pegram (Hall). They'll be torn down and the 400 students housed in the new building will balance those closures." With a decrease in housing requests and the construction of a new dormitory, there will be an increase in housing fees this fall, she said. Room and board fees in the existing residence halls are now \$1,381 a year. This fall, that figure will jump to \$1,450. When the new dormitory opens, the fee for suites will be \$1,625. Students who live in on-campus apartments will pay \$1,050 a year for room and board. Young said that is a less-expensive rate because those students will have an optional

meal plan, since their apartments will include a kitchen, which will allow them to cook their own meals. But not all students want to live off campus. Irvin L. Payne, a WSSU senior, at 34 is a little older than the traditional college student. He lives off, but said if he had a choice, he would rather live on campus. "I would love to have the memory of living on campus if I were a younger student," Payne said. "My advice to those who live on campus is to stay on campus to avoid paying bills. As long as mom and dad are paying your tuition and room and board, you might as well suck it up and enjoy it." Lisa Sales, who is also older than most traditional students and who is raising a family, agreed. "Students who live on campus think living off campus is glamorous for some strange reason, but they should be glad to be here," Sales said. "They're near the library and they have everything they need right here. They ought to enjoy cam-

pus life before they get out in the real world. They just don't know it, but this is their last vacation before they enter the real world." But students who live on campus said they have mixed feelings about being there. Toshia Gibson, a junior, said along with the academics, campus life gives her an opportunity to bond socially with other on-campus students. "I like being able to get to actually see activities that go on on campus and not having to wait and hear about them later," Gibson said. "I have a lot of friends on campus and I get to see everybody." But she said campus life does have its drawbacks. "Sometimes I feel closed in and secluded from the world," Gibson said. "I mean, all I see every day is this campus." But students who live on campus said the worst part about campus life is a lack of privacy because

of what they call "cramped" living conditions. Guy Parks, a senior from New York, offered the most graphic explanation. "Even in the bathroom, you can't have your privacy," Parks said. "You feel self-conscious about somebody hearing something that should be natural. But the good thing about living on campus is that you know you're not in it by yourself. There are other people on campus you can share stories with and complain about how bad the breakfast was this morning." Parks said he also realizes that he wouldn't be able to afford living off campus. "It's easier to live on campus because my parents pay for it," Parks said. "If I moved off campus, I would be expected to work and pay all my bills myself." But Patterson, who is majoring



Takesha Patterson in mass communications, said if nothing else, campus life has improved her communication skills. "Living on campus teaches you how to relate to other people," she said. "And it requires great patience because you know you have to get along with people, especially if it's your roommate."

Minority Business Owners told to Anticipate Success

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Caldwell stressed that there are many similarities in coaching a football team and having a successful business. He said recruitment is necessary and both professions must be prepared to sell their product. "I've got to sell Wake Forest University to bring players and staff to the team," Caldwell said. "I've got to make it look like the greatest thing on earth. And that's what business owners need to do. If you've got mediocre players, you'll have a mediocre team. As business owners, you've got to have quality players to have a quality business." Kermit Blount, the new head football coach at Winston-Salem

State University also pointed out similarities in coaching football and running a business during his speech. "In business as well as sports, you organize a staff that sets up a structure base to perform specific duties for your group," Blount said. "In the business world, you use business managers, supervisors and vice presidents. In football, we use offensive coordinators, defensive coordinators and a special teams coach." Blount said the quality of the product, whether in business or football, must be better than any other competing product. He said

both must have a game plan in order to have a successful business. "You have to have the right people in the right place in order to make the transition take place smoothly and uninterrupted," Blount said. "That's what you need as business owners to prepare business deals." During the gala, the East Area

Council named Classic Cadillac/GMC Truck Inc., owned by Chandler Lee, as the 1992 Minority Business of the Year. Lee was selected among four other nominees, which were S. Eli Bradley of the Packaging Store, Clarence Dalton III of Dalton Realty Inc., David C. Hinton of David C. Hinton CPA, and W. Ray Kelly of Winston-

Salem Bible College. Lee, who has only been in the city for two years, has managed to turn two previously bankrupt businesses into profitable and successful companies. Lee said he was honored to be recognized by his peers. "It's always been a personal mission of mine to be a leader and a role model to help others go into

business for themselves," Lee said. "I really feel like it's a tribute to me and I appreciate it. I hope I can be catalyst to take the business to greater heights. I'm proud of my employees and especially my wife and family who have stuck by me and helped me make a positive contribution."



Photo by Preston Wyles
Chandler Lee (far right) of Classic Cadillac/GMC Inc. was named 1992 Minority Business of the year by the East Area Council of the Chamber of Commerce. Also pictured are (l to r): Al Spain, Cynthia Cheek and Harriet Beckham-Lee.

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As one of nine children of a mother on welfare, the Boston native said he has witnessed much racism in his lifetime. But he said one way to erase biased attitudes is for churches, universities and communities to come together to address the changing demographics of society. Felder said Afrocentricism, what he defines as the idea that African Americans must be seen as active persons in history without demeaning the value of other cultures, must be taken seriously. "Many of us fail to understand there is another story to 'his-story,'" Felder said. "Our history as African Americans did not begin with the slave trade. We have been stereotyped on T.V., and some of us have even begun to believe the hype and focused our energy on hate, which we act out in our hostilities." Felder graduated from Boston Latin School, where he was the only black in his class. He holds a B.A. from Howard University and advanced degrees from Union Theological Seminary, Oxford University and Columbia University. But he said the number of degrees a person has does not make society treat him any different. He said America has a different value system for blacks. "African-American sisters and brothers have lived in a society that is hostile to them, irrespective of

what may have been done to them," Felder said. "It's a tragedy when a story has been told but is taken away. What do you expect? It's amazing we don't have riots every day. We see repression, police totalitarianism and things that happen just because of our skin color." Felder, who appeared on the "Donahue" show last week, said that during the show Phil Donahue said he understood why it is important to emphasize a multicultural society: so that black children can have positive role models and have high self-esteem. "I had to correct him," Felder said. "I said white children need it, too. If they're not informed about the other story, white children will develop from little racists into big racists." But Felder did not bash a particular race for the nation's problems of dealing with cultural diversity. He said the key to better relations is to learn how to develop a partnership across racial lines to achieve success constructively. Felder is the author of "Troubling Biblical Waters: Race, Class and Family" and "Stony the Road We Trod: African-American Biblical Interpretation." He is the editor of "The Journal of Religious Thought" and an African-American study Bible to be on the market in July.

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