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Recently the noise condition in the library has become a problem of grave concern. Some students have stated "The library is the last place I go to try and study." Such a statement shouldn't have any grounds of validity whatsoever. Unfortunately a few visits for observation will definitely support a statement of this nature.

It is not up to Mrs. Lanier, Mrs. Bradshaw or the other staff workers in the library to keep mature soul sisters and brothers quiet! The students on this campus should have enough maturity and respect for their fellow students to adhere to the silence policy of the library.

The library is not the place to discuss the latest gossip or recent pro football games. The university is equipped with over 70 acres of sprawling gossip territory. Why not try the tennis court (when not in use) for your daily meeting of gossip review? It is unfair for your fellow students to have to listen to "Who was with whom" and "What she said." It is unfair mainly because this is not the reason they come to the library.

There are students on this campus who need a quiet atmosphere in order to study. This atmosphere does not exist in the dormitories (although it should) but it's supposed to exist in the library. It seems that the stoop outside the library window is an ideal place to review the latest gossip. Now sisters and brothers of the struggle, let us all be realistic. The library and its immediate surroundings should be places of extreme silence. Because you are fortunate enough to be able to study in a noisy atmosphere does not mean others are equally blessed.

In the future let us all try to be respectful of the silence policy of the library. This respect will surely be appreciated by the library staff and your fellow students. Until the next issue—

Quiet Please.
Mum's the word.
Shh—

Joseph Johnson
Managing Editor

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The News Argus has made space available in this issue for opposing views on the editorials which appeared in its November issue. All letters to the editors are unedited.

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Representatives from various campus organizations participated in "Operation Involvement" to give students some idea of their origins and purposes. The gathering, sponsored by the Day Student Association, was open to all members of the student body.

Each club and organization had a table set up with information about its activities and eligibility requirements. With the microphone and lectern at hand, each club's representative informed the audience of some points of interest concerning his organization.

The requirement for most academic organizations is association with the departments they represent; for example, the Student Nurses Association for nursing majors and the SNAE for teaching majors. Other groups require that you merely be interested, i.e. the Student Religious Council. Still others require only that you be willing to work, like *The News Argus*.

The success of the project can only be ascertained through increased involvement in the organizational activities available to all WSSU students.

By Shelia Bailey
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Marie Denning, Advisor

SNA NEWS

One of the organizations seldom talked about around campus this year is the Student Nurses Association. This organization is composed of young women majoring in nursing. New officers for this year have been elected. They are:

- President Linda Francis
- V. Pres. Rosalyn Rivers
- Secretary Edna Brown
- Asst. Sec. Beverly Baker
- Treasurer Bertha Russell

The SNA has planned a number of activities for this semester. The first, which was recently completed, was the sending of "Love Packs" to the men in Vietnam for Christmas. This project was a co-ordinated effort between the three schools presently in the District Five Student Nurses Association (Forsyth Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, and WSSU School of Nursing). Recently also the Winston-Salem State University SNA hosted the entire district in Hill Hall lecture room.

Winston-Salem State's SNA is sponsoring a contestant in the State Student Nurse of the Year contest. She is coed Virginia Tyson, a native of Laurinburg, N. C. Virginia will be competing against student nurses from all over the state, but she must first win the District contest.

Finally, the SNA is planning a number of money-making projects. Within the next few weeks cakes will be raffled off. Tickets will be ten cents a piece. Also look for signs concerning the SNA catering service—get a chicken sandwich without walking a mile!

YWCA GETS "INVOLVED"

The Young Women Committed to Action organization participated in "Operation Involvement" which was recently held in Coltrane Hall. Club members informed interested persons of the club's purpose and activities. The purpose of the YWCA is "to dissolve or minimize the effects of racism by supporting public figures or candidates in positions to relieve the pressures of racism."

The YWCA is currently involved in Christmas season activities. The group presented a Christmas program to the children in Reynolds Memorial Hospital December 12th. A second Christmas program was given December 13th with the YWCA on Patterson Avenue.

On the national level, the Young Women Committed to Action are involved in a project to support Rep. Shirley Chisholm with her campaign for the presidency of the United States.

In a fund-raising effort, the group has been sponsoring a babysitting service for the faculty, staff, and any persons in the area who respond to their advertisements. This project has been in progress for more than a month and the group members are still eager to be of service to anyone who needs babysitters.

Watch for a fashion show and dance in the new union with live music which will be sponsored by Mrs. Ricky Williams and the Young Women Committed to Action!!

Letters To The Editors . . .

At this time I would like to clear up a few misconceptions in your editorial. In your editorial you stated that many of the students have questioned the initial purpose of Chairman Bobby Seale's appearance. Some of the students have argued that if Seale is so much in favor of "uplifting his brothers" then why such an enormous fee for his appearance. Why not donate the money directly to the programs of which he spoke. In answer to these questions try reading the December 4, 1971 edition of the Black Panther which contains Chairman Seale's speech. I would like to point out at this time that he stated specifically that the honorarium that he was receiving the night he spoke on Winston-Salem State University campus would go back to those survival programs of which he talked about.

You stated that the pros and cons of Seale's appearance have been greatly voiced and that it appears his visit to WSSU failed to have that "great meaning" which the SGA had undoubtedly hoped for. Having listened to many students here on campus voice their opinion, I have found that many of the people were able to understand where the chairman was coming from and that he did enlighten those who were in the dark and had misconceptions of the Black Panther Party. Many of the students and I who understood the Chairman's speech do not feel that it was of revolutionary rhetoric. Simply by your using the term rhetoric reveals to many and myself that you are unaware, uninformed, and misunderstood the Chairman's speech entirely. His speech was not that of rhetoric. The Chairman was talking not about abstract ideas but concrete conditions. Conditions that the people can relate to because they can see that through the 10 point platform and program their level of living will be uplifted and their awareness will move to a higher level of understanding.

You said that you are positive that there are programs on this campus that could have made better use of \$1500.00. To this I say that it is according to how you define the term better. I'm sure that if you mean using the money for cabarets and such to provide maybe a basket of food for a needy family while at the same time remaining in your escapism bag then it would be better for you. But look at all of the families who need food everyday and are going to be helped with the money received by the chairman.

You stated that you personally feel that the Chairman's appearance on the campus was meaningless and that his speech added no more to "the cause" than the latest edition of the Black Panther paper. At this time I would like to pose a question. How can you say that Chairman Seale's speech was meaningless when you don't know and understand the Philosophy of the Party which is Dialectical Materialism. I'm saying that his speech was perhaps meaningless to you because you did not understand these terms, therefore you couldn't possibly understand what the Party is about and what the chairman was talking about. As far as the statement is concerned about the speech not adding anymore to "the cause" than the latest edition of the Black Panther paper again I find that you are entirely unaware. There are numerous unfamiliar words in the theory section of The Black Panther. There are large words that mean simple things, but you must understand that the world is in a continuous transformation, therefore we must create new words to define new and changing situations. In Chairman's Seale's speech he analyzed the entire situation, moving from the simple to the complex in an effort to relate to the people on their level of consciousness.

You also stated that the only ones who benefited from the appearance was the local chapter of the Black Panther Party. I agree with you partly in that the local chapter benefited because they were recognized as never before. But you must view the situation in this manner, which is at one time there were rumors circulating that the local Black Panther Party was not a branch of the National Chapter. I'm sure that this rumor has been proven to be a lie, simply by the Chairman's appearance here. As you may note, I said partly because the local chapter was not the only ones who benefited from Chairman Seale's appearance. I would go so far as to say that the majority of the people here in Winston-Salem who attended the program and understood the Chairman benefited from his appearance. There has been a change in the people's attitude in general and the students' attitude in particular. The people here in Winston-Salem know how the conditions are and when they see someone who is out there trying to close the gap between the have and the have nots, they are not going to knock this individual or group. It will undoubtedly leave a pondering question in their minds as to what they can do to help those who need help (and we as oppressed people definitely need it), or how to pull another brother out of the rut.

So from now on before you go, try knocking or trying to distort the people's opinion of a servant of the people who is out there with them everyday and not sitting back viewing the situation in a passive manner and throwing out not revolutionary but reactionary, confused and distorted rhetoric (in the sense that you don't know what you are talking about) try getting involved with the people and not divorcing yourselves from the people.

All Power To The People

By Donna R. Ingram

WSSU Will Host CIAA Division Meet

In a meeting of the CIAA held in Raleigh this week, it was decided that Winston-Salem State University will be host to the Southern division CIAA track meet on May third of next year.

The CIAA championship meet will be held at Virginia State (Petersburg, Virginia) on May fifth and sixth in 1972. The conference tennis tournament will be held at Hampton Institute, April 28-30.