

## Editorial

# Freedom of The Mind

Once again the fact that the News Argus is considered to be the voice of the entire Winston-Salem State University should be reiterated. Totally realizing that the student body and administrative units constitute a variety of individuals with diverse attitudes and opinions, we reserve space in every edition on our editorial page for those who wish to be heard. As with other universities and colleges, every aspect of WSSU campus life is not ideal. In an enrollment of 1962 students, conflicting views in many matters are quite naturally expected.

In all fairness, we cannot be discriminatory as to what we will or will not print in our letters to the Editor section. To determine whether an individual opinion is valid or in agreement with the majority is not the immediate responsibility of the News Argus. We believe criticism is a very constructive tool when presented in an objective manner. When it is libelous and slanderous to the point that it lacks objectivity, it loses its effectiveness.

However, it is the obligation of the individual to determine what he or she is trying to accomplish by criticism. And in addition, it is up to that individual to determine in what manner the argument is to be presented.

Let us focus in particular on the last edition of the Argus. It has come to our attention that certain individuals felt that we should not have printed the letter to the Editor concerning the football team. First of all the letter was derogatory to our head football coach and secondly, the writers' full signatures were not used.

We cannot justify the contents of the letter because we are not in total agreement and besides we have no proof of its truth. However, we can readily offer the reasons why the decision not to prevent its publication was made. In the past, our policies concerning letters to the editor have not been printed. Therefore, many students were not aware of the fact that material submitted to the News Argus must bear the writer's full signature. To disregard R.B. and C.P.'s letter because they were ignorant of this fact would not be in keeping of our claim of total representation of the entire university.

Now that our policy has been acknowledged in the form of an Editor's note in the October issue, in the future initialed letters will be considered inadmissible for publication. It is evident that R.B. and C.P. were terribly discontent with a situation. They choose to air their views in writing instead of verbally attacking it within the safe confines of the dormitory. We printed the letter in order to encourage other students to do the same. As editor, I have received many comments and questions concerning that particular letter but only one chose to put his comments in writing.

Many students openly express dissatisfaction with social life at WSSU. The complaints about lack of school spirit are profuse. Disagreement with certain university policies is not uncommon. But how can any of these situations be remedied if no one calls them to the attention of those concerned? It is my personal hope that we are all open-minded and mature enough to allow for opinions which are different from our own. Any acceptance of them is an individual decision. We often editorialize about freedom of the press when what we should emphasize is freedom of the mind. Students, as well as faculty and staff, utilize the News Argus for such freedom by considering it your personal voice. Don't be afraid to criticize - just keep in mind the responsibility and the power criticism carries.

Mickey Flowers  
Editor-in-chief

## Student Editorializes

The Black people of Winston-Salem and surrounding areas should take a serious look at the coverage of the WSSU football team by the local newspaper. The students of WSSU are to say the least disturbed at the coverage that our football team on campus is receiving in the Winston-Salem Journal.

After three games, the Rams were assigned a cub reporter, a young man right out of high school. We do not object to his being assigned to our games but we are very perturbed by the way he reported our Fayetteville State game which the Rams won by the convincing score of 41-21. This reporter stated that the game was marked by dropped passes, mistakes, and penalties.

I covered the game for the Winston-Salem Chronicle and I felt that it was one of the most exciting games played in a long time. It was marked by speedy and powerful backs running behind strong and tough blocking. It was also marked by some of the best passing you will find in college football.

Londell McClary, the Rams quarterback, coming off a shoulder injury, threw for 233 yards and two touchdowns in his first action in four weeks. If an ACC quarterback was able to accomplish this, he would most

assuredly make headlines in the Winston-Salem paper.

And if a Wake Forest Quarterback did it he would be heralded as the new Norman Snead. But since McClary plays for WSSU he only gets a byline plus a picture in Sunday's paper stating "WSSU Quarterback scrambles looking for a receiver he never found." What the writer neglected to note was that after McClary failed to find a receiver he ran for a touchdown.

WSSU is not asking for the whole sports page but I do feel a 41-24 victory by The RAMS deserves at least as much space as a 73-0 loss by the DEAMON DEACONS. If the young writer fails to see anything but dropped passes, mistakes, and fumbles in a game where 8 touchdowns are scored and both teams show some skill please don't send him to cover a Wake Forest game.

He'll probably see 8 T.D.s scored but they'll all be scored by the same team. Then what would he write? I hope he would appreciate the game more than he does our games or he'll be without a job. People want to know the facts about the game not a rank amateurs personal opinion.

Thank You.  
Robert Eller

**Congratulations  
To  
Mr. Beaufort Bailey**



Is this the order of things?

## Letters To The Editor

# Student Answers Biased Letter

Dear Editor:

It has come to my attention, in the form of a biased letter to the Editor that we need a new Head Coach. Not necessarily true. There are other variables involved in the construction of a championship football team other than the Head Coach.

A football team consists of (1) a Head Coach, (2) Assistant Coaches, (3) The Players, (4) Fan Support. It is the duty of the head coach and assistant coaches to develop a strategy that is in harmony with the athletic program, the coach's philosophies and the coaching staff philosophy. It is also their job to recruit players who will fit right into the program.

Just as every play is designed for a touchdown, every program is designed to create a championship team.

I would suggest before we "Fly off the handle", and offer simply answers, that we make an extensive analysis of the program, strategy, coaches, players, and personalities to determine the exact cause.

Remember "There are no simple solutions, only intelligent choices".

Willie A. Cumbo

## Some Student Requests

Dear Editor

We, the students of Winston-

Salem State University, feel that the campus library is not functioning to its fullest potential, and does not fully meet the needs of the on-campus students. This is especially true in light of the present overcrowded dormitory situation. As the situation now stands, there is absolutely not one single place of quiet refuge on campus where the student may pursue his academic endeavors in earnest. The present library hours do not give the average student enough time to do even the minimal work required in most college classes.

The noise level in the library during the present hours is also a problem to be reckoned with. This is mentioned here because many times the noise reaches ridiculous proportions and is not checked by the professional librarians on duty. Indeed, in some cases, the professional librarians are the main contributing factors to the noise level in the library on any given night.

With these things in mind, we the concerned students of Winston-Salem State University would like to make the following requests:

(1) The Library, or an adequate portion thereof, remain open until 12:00 or 1:00 a.m. to serve primarily as a study hall, and to facilitate the perpetuation of an academic atmosphere on campus.

(2) The present noise level be reduced considerably.

William M. Ardrey

## Library Backtalk

Dear Editor,

I would like to offer my opinion of O'Kelly Library's staff. They are a competent highly efficient group of ladies that do their job well. Many students use the library for purposes other than study. They consider the library a meeting place for other than scholastic purposes. I don't consider them to be babbling, unaware workers. They efficiently run one of the best libraries in the state. I think that maybe we as a student body should look for the good in our campus set-up, and quit trying to take it apart.

Laura Livermon

## (EDITOR'S NOTE)

Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Editor nor the News Argus staff. The Editor welcomes students as well as faculty and staff to dispute, comment on or answer the articles and letters appearing in the News Argus. In the future, material, especially letters must bear the writer's full signature or they will not be printed.

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