

# We Do Need Help

Dormitory grapevine tells the News Argus that some aspects of the paper are too "staff oriented". Sometimes, they say, the only views exposed are those of the Argus editor and staff. Well, folks, we try to prevent that by allowing anyone with anything to say eight pages to say it in! When outside sources don't submit material for Publication, who else can we turn to besides the staff?

One student said that students who do have articles for the paper don't know who to turn them in to or where to turn them in. Starting soon, the News Argus plans to place boxes in strategic locations such as the union and dorms which will serve multiple purposes. We want to utilize them as sources for suggestions, bits of news, letters to the editor, student editorials, poems, — Yes, the list is endless.

If it sounds like we're desperate, then you're right. We desperately want to be representative of WSSU and you, the students and your contributions can help us.

Since you won't come to us, we'll try our best to come to you!

Mickey Flowers  
Editor

# Student Editorial

"A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

Some people, like myself, have heard this statement countless numbers of times, over radio, from school counselors, through television or advertising. People begin to wonder if the mainland (students of WSSU) are knowledgeable about its many significances.

As an interested concerned black student, one could say that today's world is a demanding world and above all, it demands quality and competency. If you are one who is content with just getting by and not acquiring the best possible education during your four years, I suggest that you tighten your belt...before it's too late. Some have stated their reasons for attending colleges and universities as "partyology, drinkology, student unionology and cardology."

Grant you, these things are fine in their proper perspectives, but for some it may or may not be a "priority" for attending college.

Many say that the above is brought on by the social conditions that exist, they are responsible for the decline in educational concern at all universities. Let's look at this area, examine it and see if this is the reason, then try to resolve these differences.

Fayetteville State University (staggered by sweltering accommodations such as three to a room) is doing something to resolve a situation which has been a pain in the neck to all dormitory students that are plagued with these problems. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held January 23 for a new 1.5 million dollar dormitory and a 260,000 dollar Continuing Education Building.

The new dormitory is styled like an apartment complex in which basic units will accommodate ten students in four bedrooms. Each student will have a separate closet, chest and desk. Each unit will have two complete baths and a separate counter lavatory; a linen closet; a general storage closet; a living room - dining room sized study;

and a storage space for trunks. The first floor will include a lounge of approximately 1100 square feet facing outdoor terraces on two sides. In addition, a meeting room, student laundry and other impressive facilities will be provided on the first floor.

The dormitory will be a three-story building while the Continuing Education Building will be one story. The Continuing Education Building will consist of numerous multi-purpose rooms. The 2.5 million dollar classroom building already under construction on the campus is scheduled to be completed in September 1975.

If social conditions in which one lives are restraining the adaptability of consciousness at an institution of higher learning, then I think that steps taken such as these will not solve the problem but begin an attempt to do away with congested living.

But problems will still exist even after the resolution of this issue. Some would like to proselytize that the problems that are concrete issues are not to be mentioned.

One might even respond to the last semester registration period engaged by the University family for the 1974-75 school year with the query, "What can be done collectively to omit such hectic registration periods?"

The long waiting lines are over for one more semester but still they leave evidence of mocked exhaustion. But, the mockery has brought about one worthwhile product. The students here have not frequently enough been kicking around the idea of registration by mail. Nothing has come of it so far, but at least we as students have been looking for a solution.

The question is still hanging. Fingers are not being pointed to any one department concerning the registration period.

Machiavelli states in *The Prince*:

"There are three classes of intellect; one which comprehends by itself; another which appreciates what others comprehend; and a third which

## Letters To The Editor

# SGA President Responds

Editor:

The past weeks have been quite hectic and trying, to say the least. Many of us will disagree as to the necessity for such incidents and events. None of us however, can disregard the underlying significance. And although all is cool, all is not well at Winston-Salem State University. The basic problems are still with us. Even if co-ed visitation had started yesterday and the people acting foolishly and unprofessionally reprimanded, we would face the same problems. The lack of communications, lack of regard for students as adults knowledgeable of and entitled to full rights, and the "parents in locus" idea would still exist. These are philosophical problems not created recently that won't disappear too quickly. Consequently, future students will be forced to deal with the matter further.

However something very positive did form the events - something that I hope has left a permanent impression on everyone; and that is the spirit of unity. Never have I seen the student body act so effectively and wisely. This is important if we are to be heard and felt. And believe me, you were heard loudly.

May the spirit of unity be with us always.

Ray Williams  
President of S.G.A.

## In Reply

—to Barbara O'Neal  
Aside from admiring your

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neither comprehends by itself nor by the showing of others."

The first is most excellent, the second is good and we would like to think of WSSU as a combination of the first and second for this is the year of the mighty RAM. The third is useless.

One would most likely question the solving of some of the problems that have existed here for years; if not corrected they could continue to exist as if they were "stone-walling". Resolution of these problems at WSSU must be at their very core as their inadequate resolution could give rise to larger problems.

Johnny Wilson

dedication and courage, and you as a beautiful sister, I deeply appreciate your letter to the editor. It was right on time. I particularly dug your fourth paragraph concerning the responsibility of the S.G.A. president. To appease the administration is not my job nor is it to say all the things they feel appropriate. I have been a source of much controversy because I feel as you do that "my chief responsibility is to the student body." One member of the Board of Trustees has accused me of being negative and even suggested that I was not the real choice of the students as I represented only the minority. Yet, who is he to judge me, I owe him nothing. I think this is something that all future presidents must keep in mind—if they are to be true representatives.

—Nathaniel Barber

I respect your views on co-ed visitation and the "strife" on our campus. Remember though that our goal is to grow in all aspects, including the intellectual and the social. Not only should we become functioning members of society but instruments to change that which needs changing as well. Also is our role in society to begin after we leave here?—or while we're here? And what would be so wrong with going home and telling someone you marched for co-ed visitation — if that's what you wanted? It is no crime. It should cause you no shame rather those who refuse to recognize your desire and the right to desire such, should be quite ashamed. Granted all change is not progress, but neither is all change necessarily permanent.

Again, I respect your opinion and ask that you always voice it.

Ray Williams

# RAMS RAP

These are just a few of the comments made by concerned students: George "Monk" Patterson, a Senior from Farmville, Virginia:

"Being a student here for the past 3½ years, I feel the protest Monday, to help speed up the issue of co-ed visitation, was a unique step toward student participation in governing our own social lives. In the past the issue has often been spoken about but never reacted to. I feel that co-ed visitation will be a big step toward allowing students to present themselves as adults, the manner in which we often hear members of the faculty and administration speak so fluently about here on the campus of WSSU."

Wardell Alexander, a Sophomore from Charlotte, N.C. "I feel that the protest could be carried on in a more orderly fashion, but it is something that should have been done long ago."

Unidentified Student in Library: "We're old enough to vote, to go to war, to go to jail, to get married, yet we're not old enough to have Co-ed Visitation!"

Alvin Queen, a Freshman from Washington, D.C.: "I think that the administration is old and out of date. They're living in the twilight zone when it comes to

student concerns."

Keith Taylor, a Junior from Philadelphia, Pa.: "As long as there are oldie-but-goodie dudes, we'll never get what we want. We may as well stay in here tonight, tomorrow night, the next night, Thursday night. (referring to campout in the library) These people from the old school are keeping us from getting what we want."

Phyllis Totten, a Senior from Yanceyville, N.C.: "I don't feel anything has been accomplished. It's not going to affect me that much, but I think that the students are grown enough to take on the responsibility."

Clarissa Windley, a Sophomore from Wilmington, N.C.: "I just hope that through this the campus will really wake up. We have to have a say if we're to live here, to eat this slop, to work here."

Kevin "K.G." Griffin, a Freshman from Wilson, N.C.: "You're trying to get rid of all the problems in the co-ed visitation plan. Everything has problems. Look at registration— you been working on it all these years and it's still doesn't work right, it still has its' problems. So you can't expect this co-ed visitation thing not to have ANY problems. Just give it a chance to work."

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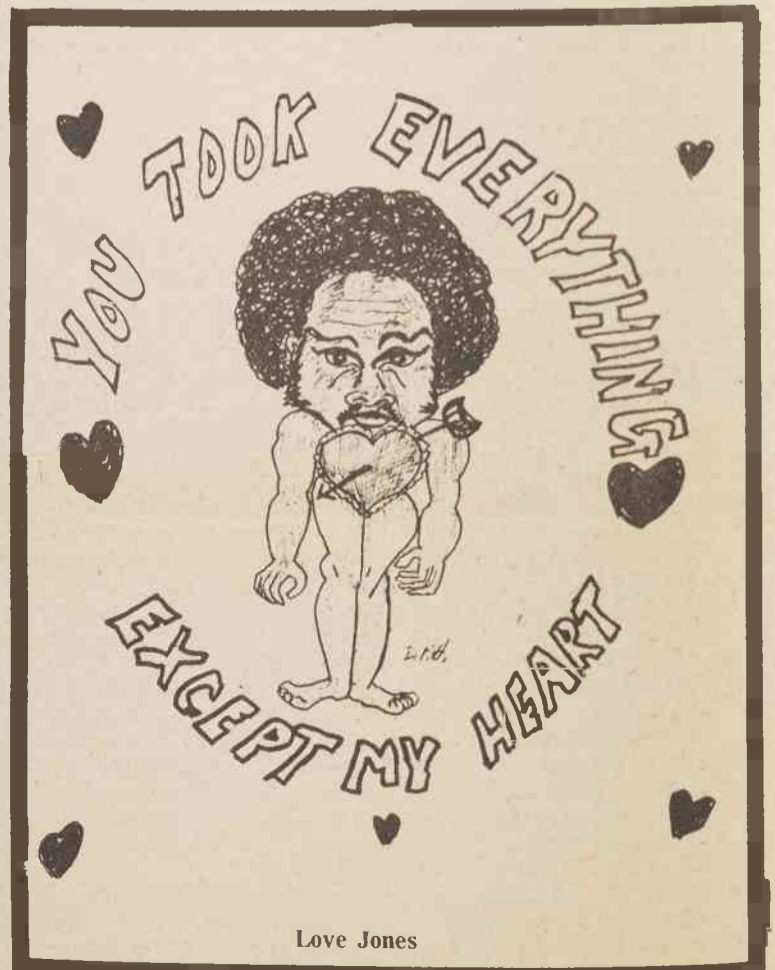
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