

# Everything You Wanted To Know About WSSU

... but Didn't Know Who to Ask

## COUNSELING

Counseling is an integral aspect of any viable educational institution. Through the counseling process individuals, and groups of individuals are helped to solve problems which may have an adverse affect upon their academic production, social interaction, vocational aspirations and mental well-being.

It is important to note that the Counseling Center is not an "answer all" Center; however the personnel have established good working relationships with agencies which are located in the Winston-Salem community. These agencies are commonly called referral agencies (e.g. Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Vocational Rehabilitation, Family Planning, and Pastoral Counseling Services).

The counseling and referral system works primarily on a voluntary basis. Students are not forced to seek the services of any outside agency unless they express a need to do themselves. The concept of voluntarily

coming to the Counseling Center implies that you really want some constructive help in achieving a better understanding of yourself, and your environment - real or imaged.

The services which each student receives are confidential. (The things which occur between a student and counselor are private).

All students who receive more than two (2) failing grades after mid-semester examinations will receive a letter from the Center requesting that they come to Counseling offices for a conference in order to deal with the academic problems and to correct them as soon as possible. All students who fail to accumulate the necessary grade point average are sent letters (academic probation students). We then attempt to isolate the cause or causes for academic difficulty, and assist in its solution. The student is then made aware of the requirements which must be met in order to be taken off academic probation and

to remain in the University.

Vocational confusion is also dealt with in the Center. (e.g. What do you want to do for the best forty years of your life?)

Beginning in the fall there will be group sessions held in order to assist some freshman students to adjust and produce in an academic environment.

The Counseling Center is located on the third floor of Blair Hall (Administration Building), and it is staffed by its Director, C.H. Johnson, and three counselors S.P. Amos, J.N. Kornegay, and C.W. Williams.

## PROJECT STRENGTHEN

Dear Students (old and new),

On behalf of Project Strengthen, I should like to welcome you to (or back to) the Winston-Salem State University community. Project Strengthen is a University organization designed to provide biomedical research and advanced academic opportunities for those students interested in preparing for entrance into a health or health-related profession. We predominantly serve students who major in biology, nursing, health education, psychology, and art (medical illustration). However, if you are interested in preparing for medical or dental school and your major is not included in the above list, you are still eligible to participate in the activities of Project Strengthen.

Notices of our initial Fall meeting will be posted in the Student Union building, dining hall, library, dormitories, Nursing School building, and Hill Hall. If you are interested in joining us, please come to our Fall meeting.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,  
Wilverla B. Atkinson, Ph.D.  
Director, Project Strengthen

## PLACEMENT CENTER

Greetings and welcome to the beginning of the rest of your life. Whatever that life is to be depends on what you do NOW about planning your future and your career.

Have you ever given any serious consideration to what kinds of jobs you can find with your major? How much money can you realistically expect with your degree? Where are you going when you leave here?

To the Freshmen, this may seem far fetched. We are tempted to say that we have lots of time for that kind of thing, but do you know that whatever you do this first year here at WSSU will have an affect on the rest of your life and career? The grades you make, the organizations or clubs you join, even your seriousness about an education--all will determine your future.

The Career Planning and Placement Center is designed to help you answer some of the questions raised above. Located

on the Third Floor of Blair Hall, the Center provides group and individual career counseling, career information, job placement assistance, and graduate-professional studies admissions assistance.

Another segment of the services offered by the Center is the Career Library. This contains filmstrips & cassettes on most jobs and job seeking skills, booklets, magazines, newspapers, directories and the like.

We eagerly anticipate seeing you in the Center exploring for yourself all of the possible roads that are available. We will render whatever assistance we can to your search for meaning in a career and your life. No one holds all the answers, but we try very hard to have most of them.

Good luck in your endeavors here at WSSU. We trust that the time spent here will be rewarded with a most prosperous and economically sound career.

## U-RC

The U-RC welcomes students to a new good year at WSSU. We want very much for your year to be filled with educational benefits and are convinced we can help.

The Urban-Rural Cooperative is a federally funded project designed to make your college education more meaningful and you more saleable on the job market. One of the ways we propose to accomplish this is through a well structured internship program. This internship program offers students the opportunity to: Work with an agency or organization outside the normal university context and in many cases outside the student's normal cultural geographical setting. Earn academic credit, gain significant understanding about the operation of the intern agency and the clientele it serves. Actual on-the-job training and

experience which should provide better understanding of the job and its ramifications. Employment and graduate school opportunities.

Another way is offering students the opportunity to visit and take courses at another university (ASU) thus broadening your academic experiences and providing opportunities to exchange ideas, thoughts, concerns, programs, etc. with students from another campus and geographical area.

We currently have over twenty agencies wanting to work with interns and feel we can find an intern site to fill most any request a student may have.

Come by our office in the Health Center and we will help you doctor up your educational experiences to make you more healthful for the job market, ask for Tol Parkman.

## FINANCIAL AID

Eligible students are not making demands on the Funds Available in the Student Aid Office, because they are not completing the necessary documents required to obtain these funds. The documents that are required in order to demonstrate a financial need are as follows: (1) A standardized Needs Analysis Form; (2) The Basic Educational Opportunity Grant; and (3) Institutional Application Form.

**A STANDARDIZED NEEDS ANALYSIS FORM** - The family Financial Statement of the American College Testing Program or the Parents Confidential Statement of the College Scholarship Service.

In many instances these documents are improperly and incompletely filled out, consequently the form is rejected by the processing agency. The student will then have to make the necessary corrections or reapply before he can be considered for assistance.

**THE BASIC EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT** - Any student who did not enter a Post Secondary institution before April 1, 1973 is eligible and must complete this document in order to receive this grant. The grants range from \$226 to \$1,400. If the student needs assistance over and above what he gets in a BEOG grant, he must have submitted a needs analysis and an institutional application form.

**INSTITUTIONAL APPLICATION FORM** - All Students receiving any kind of Institutional Based financial aid must submit the institutional application form and the needs analysis and where eligible, the BEOG grant also. Where a student is applying for assistance from an outside source such as the Federally Insured

Guaranteed Loan he must have submitted to the Student Aid Office a needs analysis form and the guaranteed loan application.

In many instances a student may have qualified for assistance because he submitted the BEOG grant and did not submit any other document. The only assistance he is offered is the Grant. The grant may not meet his financial need in full. Or in some instances a student submitted a needs analysis form which demonstrated a financial need and he was eligible for a BEOG grant but did not submit the grant application. He may or may not have been given partial assistance to get in school but his full need was not met.

In some instances a student submitted an institutional application and not a needs analysis or BEOG grant form. In this situation we were not able to make any kind of award to the student.

The necessary forms are available in the Student Aid Office in order for a student to complete his financial aid file. Where insufficient or no aid was awarded, once the file is complete in the Student Aid Office consideration can be given towards meeting the financial need of the student.

In all instances where a student's financial aid file is not complete and some type of partial award was made to the student, and the student has demonstrated need over and above the aid offered him, we made attempts to offer the student sufficient aid to get him registered.

The Director of Student Affairs will be asked to assist the Student Aid Office in getting these students in to complete their files.

Willard C. Jordan  
Director Student Aid

## ENRICHMENT CENTER

So you're a college student now! You've established some exciting goals. For you, the goal may be to get ahead as rapidly as possible...for another the aim might be to work diligently on that subject which gave so much difficulty in high school...still another will need assistance just to keep in step academically.

If your needs fall into either of these categories, then you will find the Enrichment Center exciting, rewarding and satisfying, because the emphasis is on "studying your way."

This learning laboratory located on the ground floor of Carolina Hall houses material to supplement the regular college course textbooks. Not just another textbook, but audiovisual material--silent and sound filmstrips, slides, records, audio tapes, video tapes, games, simulation hits and programmed texts. Items like these serve to motivate, clarify and supplement the classroom content. You may not want to study subjects which you can not fit into your regular schedule. It is possible to receive

college credit by passing proficiency examinations. If this sounds like something you would like to do, ask about the details.

If you need assistance in that subject which gave you difficulty in high school, or one of your basic skills keeps you from progressing smoothly, ask about this too. The material and the friendly staff in the Enrichment Center are there to meet your needs. If it's personal or individualized assistance, a tutor might prove beneficial. The center will attempt to arrange

tutoring services also.

You are sure to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere found in the center; for some students the area will be their study nook away from home or the dorm.

We extend a warm welcome to each student to fine our early what the center has to offer. You may find just the thing to help you over a hump, to help you pace your studying or to send you surging ahead. Whatever the case, someone is always there to lend a helping hand to enrich your days at WSSU.

The Registrar's Office joins the WSSU family in welcoming new and returning students to campus.

In addition to maintaining your academic records, our office provides assistance to students who are receiving benefits from the following sources:

- 1) Social Security
- 2) Railroad Retirement Annuity Benefits
- 3) Vocational Rehabilitation
- 4) Veterans' Benefits
- 5) Veterans' Dependents' Benefits
- 6) Private Donors

You are invited to come by at anytime and discuss any of the above services.

The Registrar's Office is located at 124 Blair Hall and the phone number is 761-2061.