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Cluster Plans Career Week

By Shara Burt

Winston-Salem State University Business/Industry cluster and the Career Planning and Placement Office will sponsor their annual Career Exploration Day, Wednesday, March 18.

Ms. Gwen Hill, Director of Career Planning and Placement, and Mrs. Hellen Tidwell, University Chairperson of Business/Industry Cluster, along with students on the Committee for Personnel of Cluster, are the coordinators for this event.

The day will provide an opportunity for students to meet and talk with representatives from government agencies, businesses, school systems and graduate schools. There will be approximately 100 representatives. Booths for each representative will be set up in the C.E. Gaines Center's gymnasium. Students can meet with consultants from 9 a.m. - 12, and from 2-4:30 p.m.

Career Exploration Day is part of Career Week which is March 15-19. During the week, there will be a Youth Motivation Task Force. Its purpose is to inform minority and financially

disadvantaged students of job opportunities in the private sector. The

minority personnels are alumni of WSSU. There will be three days of classroom visitation.

The last day of Career Week will consist of a Spring Cluster Meeting.

Mr. Jack Childs, of Western Electric will speak on "The Corporate Role In Higher Education." A workshop overview, question and answer period, and a closing session will end this week.

Mrs. Tidwell urges all students to participate in the weeks' events. Fifty or more national and local businesses are active members of the Cluster.



Looking Toward The Future

Students will have an opportunity to prepare for the future when numerous representatives from various businesses come to campus for Career Exploration Day. This activity is part of Career Week which is March 15-19.

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Students Complain About Dorms

By Tracy Hicks

A common topic of discussion among dormitory residents is the unsafe, unsanitary condition of the dormitories. Many students have chosen to live off campus rather than to live in the dormitories because of conditions.

Male and female students alike are making complaints. Many of the male residents are very concerned about the lack of heat, hot water, and sanitary conditions, but most of all they are concerned about the overcrowding of the rooms particularly in Bickett Hall. Eric Pearson stated that "the overcrowding not only poses a fire and safety hazard but also there is an extreme lack of privacy. Everett Jackson, a sophomore, said "the living conditions are absolutely disgusting; now that the weather is in the 60's I'm finally getting some heat. The building is even deteriorating."

The female residents are also concerned about the lack of hot water in Atkins Hall, overheating in Colson and Pegram Halls and building conditions in general. Many female students are complaining about the overcrowded rooms. They cited that the rooms need painting, holes were in the walls, and poor ventilation. Etta Sutton of Pegram Hall said, "I almost lost my meal card in a hole in the wall." Cal Newton complained about inadequate storage space and poor lighting.

According to Mr. Joe Daniels, manager of student housing, students who wish to make formal complaints must first file a written report with a dormitory supervisor, and the report should be then sent to the housing manager. The report is written up as a requisition and sent to Mr. Donald Benson, director of student life who will forward it to Mr. Michael Fulton, director of auxiliary services. Once the requisition is accepted, it is sent to the Maintenance Department, through which many of the repairs are made.

Daniels also said renovations totaling \$737,000 are planned for the campus dorms. Major renovations are in store for Bickett, Brown, and Pegram Halls. Renovations for Pegram and Bickett will include new windows, new ceilings light fixtures, new doors, and fire exits which comply with fire codes.

Window and room repairs will also be done in Brown Hall...Renovations will also include making all buildings accessible to the handicapped. Brown, Bickett, and Pegram will also be painted.

Mr. Daniels stated that "it's important for students to know that the housing department is aware of problems and complaints and that it is taking steps to rectify the situations as soon as possible. Also students must realize that certain maintenance problems require more time than others to be completed because of limited funds and availability of personnel. Student abuse of the dormitories is becoming a very costly expense, and money needed for major repairs is having to be spent for minor ones.

Daniels added that money for repairs must come from the same university budget. However, students are seldom charged for damages and in cases of dormitory vandalism, students are never charged.

Students who plan to live on campus next year will have the consolation of new and better living conditions said Daniels, because of the renovations planned for this summer. The Housing Department hopes that this will somehow lead to better study habits and academic achievement by the resident students.

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