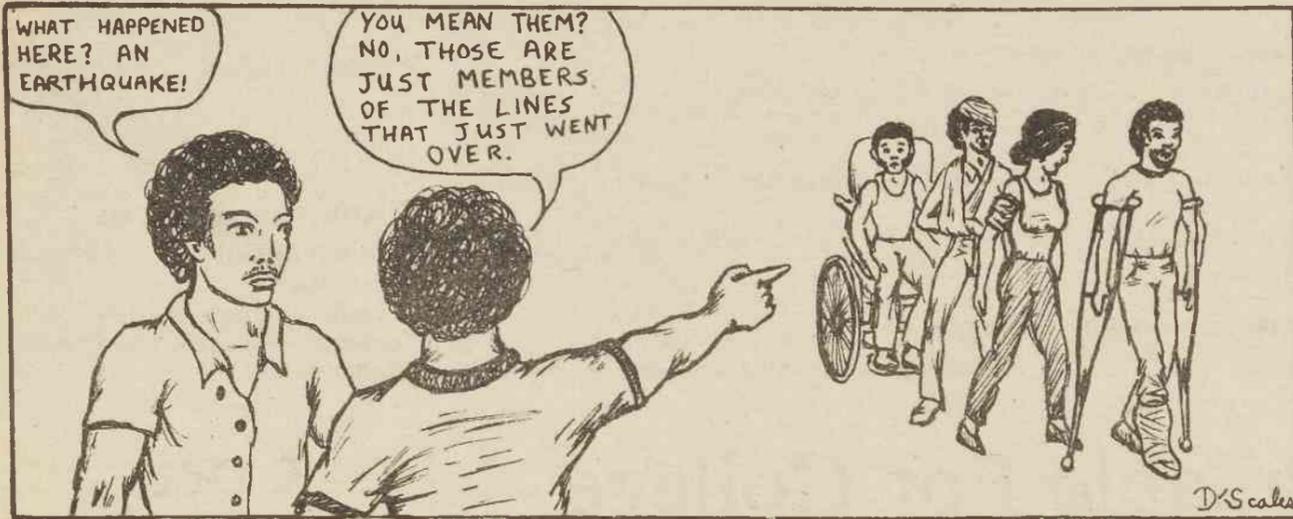


EDITORIAL PAGE



Message From Your Editor

To The Readers:

Obviously **The News Argus** needs to grow as a newspaper. The only people who can make this happen are we the students. The responsibility should not be placed entirely on **The News Argus** staff.

First of all, there should be more student participation. Not only in the newspaper staff but also in other ways. Ideas and concerns should be presented to the newspaper staff from students. The newspaper is one of the most effective ways if not the best way for students to voice their concerns on the many problems here at Winston-Salem State University. **The News Argus** is not only read by students, but by the faculty, staff, and campus community.

Winston-Salem State University is not only a college but also a business. WSSU survives on your money. Therefore students have a right to complain, praise, reject, or accept school policies. The newspaper is totally controlled by students, therefore you can virtually print anything you want to say.

Journalism Lab is available to all WSSU students for one hour credit each semester. Students may also join **The News Argus** staff without credit. Students can also submit stories and letters to the editor which will in turn be published after being approved by the editor. The offices of Ms. Felecia Jones and Ms. Marilyn Roseboro, the advisors of **The News Argus** staff, are located in the Alumni Building.

The News Argus can contain more content, be issued more often, and serve as a working tool for students if the student body participates.

Percy Johnson
Editor-in-Chief

Currently one of the most talked about issues on campus is the 1981-83 Winston-Salem State University Catalog. The catalog makes WSSU appear as a white institution in some instances. Obviously the consent decree has gone into effect at WSSU. It wouldn't be very surprising if the next catalog is titled "The University of North Carolina at Winston-Salem."

A purpose of the consent decree is to increase the percentage of professors with terminal or first professional degrees teaching at the black institutions in the UNC system. Another condition of the decree is the recruitment of more whites by the black institutions and vice versa. Currently 15 percent of the students enrolled here are white. The decree suggests that black institutions reach 17 percent enrollment of whites.

The far terminal implications of the consent decree could possibly change Winston-Salem State University. Considering the current traditions found at WSSU, how would a graduate feel upon returning here in the future to "The University of North Carolina at Winston-Salem?" There might not be any homecoming and the Marching Rams would be playing the latest Broadway hits in a court style manner. Black fraternities and sororities would scarcely exist and the slam dunk would be nearly extinct on the basketball court.

Students must keep this university as it is. The effects of the consent decree might not bother current students much now, but it's our duty to keep it from affecting those coming here in the future. We must start using WSSU as a learning institution first and a place to have fun second.

Participation and unity are also very important. When an important guest speaker takes the time to speak here on campus, he or she should be received by a large portion of the student body. T.O.C. and Illusions seem to attract students quite easily, even at a \$3.00 price.

Students should improve their study habits and grades. The list of students on academic probation is entirely too long. Students should not ignore the problems WSSU is having. Do something about them. Respect our institution and let's work together to keep our heritage and tradition alive.

1981-83 WSSU CATALOG

"The University Of North Carolina At Winston-Salem?"

Letters To Editor

Retain Old 'SU Heritage

Dear Editor:

The WSSU 81-83 Catalog seems to be an interesting conversation piece for several students and faculty members. I feel that this edition may have included some "false pretenses" as far as advertising student life here at WSSU.

Upon flipping through the pages, I was amazed to find out that the majority of the dominant and less dominant pictures were of white people. Sure, we may be "committed to equality of educational opportunity," but I feel that by filling our pages with whites when we are a predominantly black institution may lead our

readers to assume misleading information.

I feel that we should have put more time into our catalog trying to show our readers the true Winston-Salem State University. Let us show them the true unity, student life, and happiness that we students here at Old S.U. have. We, as Rams, are proud of our history and have great plans for an even better future. In the 83-85 edition of our catalog, let us become more realistic about our great institution, WSSU.

Anthony Ragland
Freshman Class Vice President

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