

# Student Speak Out



Victor Ward



Vanessa Goodwin



Cleveland K. Johnson



Samaria Hill



Cheryl White

By Ralph McKnight

**How have the financial aid cutbacks affected your matriculation this year?**

Victor Ward, a senior Charlotte native, states, "I have depended on financial assistance very heavily my previous three years. President Reagan's budget cuts, in my opinion, have drastically affected my financial status. Not only did I have to pay more to continue my education this semester, but I can also envision myself paying more next semester."

"On the tenth of September, Congress overrode the President's veto of a bill that would have hurt my financial status further. This in laymen's terms means at least some of the pressure has been alleviated!"

"One way or another, I plan to finish my college education in May 1983! I say this because I did receive a minimal amount of aid and I will work from there. Furthermore, I hope the President soon finds out what he really wants to do with our economic future."

Vanessa Goodwin, a New York City native states "Reagan-nomics appears to be the topic of discussion in every society. The most recent setback he's placed forth on me began with tying all Social Security benefits together with the financial aid assets for college students. I feel as though as long as I have to pay my tuition with my government checks, the government shouldn't be so flippant with college students who are trying to create a better status for themselves because this is a serious matter that may affect my graduation. My feelings are unsettled these days. We are in the time of survival of the fittest."

"This upsets me to know that the government is tampering with the money that our parents work so hard to gain. It is truly discriminating to the hard working American citizens. I feel as though as long as we the taxpayers are paying the President, Senate, and the Congress' salaries, we should have some righteous say so in this democratic land of so called free!"

Cleveland K. Johnson, a sophomore majoring in computer science expresses his view. "Financial aid has affected my education because over half of my tuition is being paid out of my pocket."

This may cause me to leave school at the end of the semester to seek work. With only one parent trying to put two children through college is too much when the salary received in the household is under \$10,000 a year.

Cheryl White, a computer science major and Charlotte native, discusses the subject. "There is a tremendous decline in attendance at Black universities this year. This is a result of your President's drastic budget cuts. Most students paid their tuition by means of loans, grants and work-study. Many out-of-state students depended on loans because the tuition is so high they are hardly ever awarded enough grant money. The loans were the most reliable source of aid and now they will be demolished in some universities because of failure to pay them back after graduation."

"I have never accepted a loan. If I'm not awarded enough BEOG or SEOG I'd rather pay cash. I don't think that the budget cuts affected by means of aid as some others. Since I had already planned to live off-campus the cuts weren't a big let down for me."

Samaria Hill, a junior shares her view on the subject. "I was not eligible to receive any type of financial aid this year. I really don't know nor understand why. When I found out I was not going to receive any aid I thought my education would go down the drain. I thought that there would be no way possible that my mother nor I could come up with the money for registration and I knew for sure I was not going to return."

"I had decided to go to UNCC, but all the time I knew I wanted to come back to WSSU. So I said to myself, 'Samaria you are going back to school. Someway somehow you're going back.'"

"The money I had saved I used to find off-campus housing. I figured if I was coming back, why stay on campus. The living conditions aren't worth the money to stay on campus. My father is totally disabled and my mother is working as hard as she can to help not only me, but my brother as well, who is also in college. Therefore, I knew not to expect too much support from my parents. This has really placed a burden on me. I really don't have any financial support but who cares? Does Reagan care? He's the one sitting on the money but does he care?"

"I feel if anybody wants to continue his education he should be able to receive some type of financial assistance. I didn't receive anything not even a loan."

"I'm back and I am going to make it some way. I take each day as it comes pray as it goes away and trust that God will take care of me."

## College Poetry Review

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### Campus Radio Station

## WSNC-FM In Stereo

By Abby Melvin

It looks as if the university may soon have a radio station. It recently received a construction permit from the FCC for the purpose of a non-commercial radio station. The new station, whose call letters are WSNC (Winston-Salem, North Carolina) is housed in Hall-Patterson Communications Building.

The main musical format of the station will be that of progressive jazz. However, other musical types will be used. There will also be educational, news, public affairs, and interview programming. The station will broadcast on the 90.5 FM frequency. Mr. Clarence Thomas, station general manager and coordinator of the mass communications program, considers this to be an excellent frequency. He added that the station will reach a 15 to 20 mile radius and although the station will begin transmission with 100 watts, it could eventually increase to 3000 watts.

Most of the personnel of the station have been chosen. The positions are all voluntary. As this edition of the News Argus went to press, on-air personnel were in the process of being chosen. When asked if the station would run through holidays, Mr. Thomas explained that with the proper personnel, the station would run through holidays as well as the summer. The hours of the station will be from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m., six days a week. The particular days have not been decided.

Because the radio station is considered to be a mass communications laboratory, it will be funded through the university. A Radio Club is being formed to serve as an auxiliary of the radio staff. The major purpose is to allow students other than those involved in the mass communications program to work with the station. All persons who are interested should contact Mr. Thomas, Dwight Jones, or Percy Johnson.

There is no air date for the station as of yet. The mass communications department is waiting for the transmitter and antenna to arrive.

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