

Letter From The Editor

Dear Ram Family-

As the Editor-in-Chief of this years News Argus I would like to wish a hearty welcome to all Alumni students, and, faculty here at WSSU.

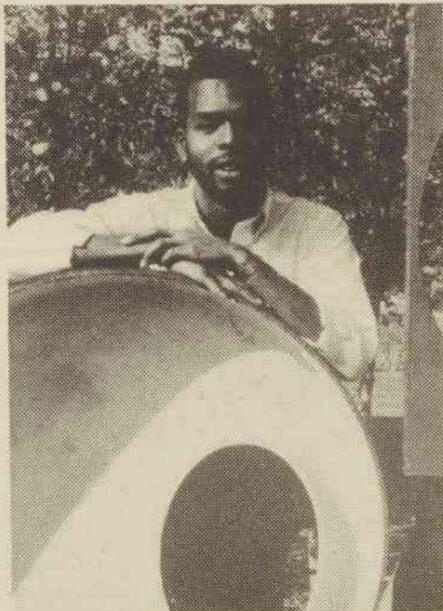
As we all gather here at Homecoming to be reacquainted with family, old friends, and former classmates, we here at the News Argus appreciate the chance to inform you of campus events. The fact that this is my first semester as Editor makes it an added challenge as well.

Our entire staff has worked diligently and long hours to be able to give everyone the newspaper that we feel our school deserves.

I truly hope that you find this issue interesting as well as informative as we gather at Homecoming to fellowship with friends and keep that Ram Spirit going. From the entire News Argus staff I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Homecoming.

Yours truly,
Terry Dunnings

Editor-in-Chief



Dr. Valerie Saddler

News Argus' Advisor

by Cheryl Lide and
Constant Lowery

The introduction of a Mass Communication's curriculum at Winston-Salem State University brought a new faculty member, and advisor to the News Argus Staff, this person is. Dr. Valerie S. Saddler.

"My interest was peaked when I learned that WSSU was in the process of introducing a Mass Communication program," explained Dr. Saddler. "I was excited about being able to do ground work and have input on the program's development," Saddler continued.

Dr. Saddler obtained a bachelor degree in Mass Media Arts from Hampton Institute; a master degree in Information Sciences;

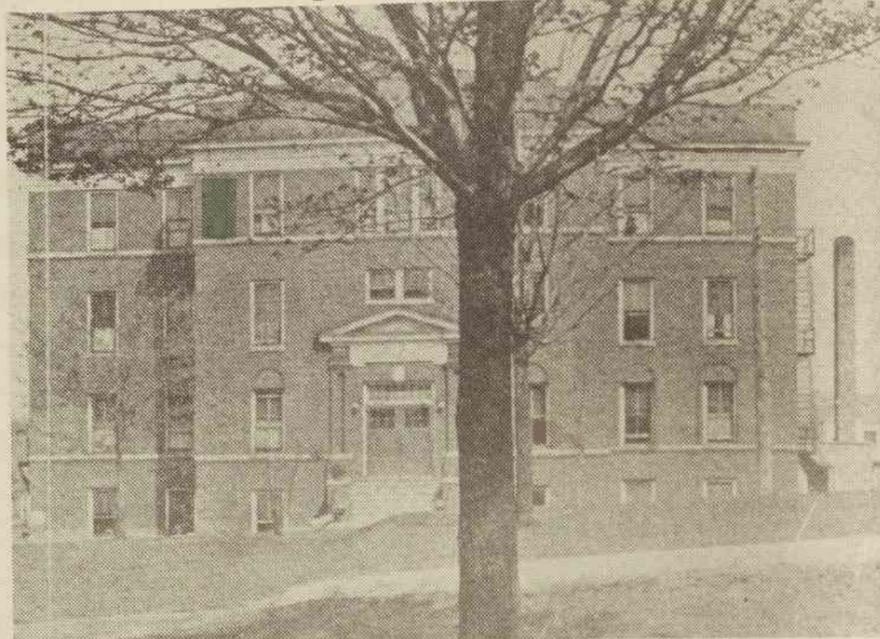
journalism from Illinois State and a Ph.D. in mass communications, journalism from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

Saddler was Mass Media instructor at Hampton Institute from 1975-79. Her main interest lies in the print media having worked for "The Times Herald" in New Port News, Va. and "The Charlotte Observer" in Charlotte N.C.. She was also instrumental in getting a newsletter started for the Southeastern Tidewater Opportunity Project where she worked in public relations.

"I enjoy teaching on the college level. There are trying moments but the rewards are great," she remarked.

Saddler has predicted a successful year for the News Argus and hopes the paper will be able to compete in collegiate newspapers contests within the next two years.

The Tearing Down of Atkins Hall



By Mark Sadler

Old Atkins Hall, a dormitory on campus, was built in 1915, but it was torn down during the latter part of the summer.

The hall was named after the founder, of the university, Dr. S.G. Atkins. WSSU was first called "Slater Industrial Academy."

Old Atkins Hall was a monument to the man who has sacrificed so much of his life, without any regrets to the work of uplifting and upbuilding his race.

In an interview with Robert Fenning, vice chancellor for business affairs, he explained why this building was torn down and not renovated. The decision was made based upon the need for a new dorm. In 1973 plans were being made to build a new dorm. In the fall of 1979, Old Atkins closed, New Atkins was used until 1983 for storing surplus property.

In 1983, it was decided that Old Atkins should be torn down. This caused major concern from alumni and members of the community. The alumni and community

wanted the building to stay and serve as a historical building. To refurbish the building inside and leave the original brick, would cost \$2 million.

Since, the state does not pay for the renovation of buildings, except academic buildings, the fight was lost. The main reason for tearing the building down was that it was unsafe. As years past it became more hazardous.

"I hated to see it come down myself as well as alumni and the community. We have saved 2,000 of the original brick when it was first built, also the corner stone and lime stone was kept," said Fenning.

What will be erected on the now barren site? No one is quite sure.

Currently, the site is now being worked on so that Colson Hall, which was once connected to Old Atkins can be served with the proper utilities.

The lot will stay as it is until the plans have been confirmed concerning what type of memorial will be place on the site.

Darrel Jeffries: Outstanding Employee

Tijuanna Evans

Darrell Jeffries was selected to receive the 1984 Outstanding Employee Award by the Human Services Department of the City of Winston-Salem.

Jeffries participated in the Summer Youth Employment Program. Part of the programmatic thrust was to award a \$25 US Savings Bond to the outstanding participant within each of the programs operated.

Jeffries was judged on punctuality, attendance, initiative, attitude, understanding and accepting directions and responsibilities and many other duties.

Hats off to Darrell Jeffries for a job well done!!!!!!

Congratulations!!!!
The News Argus Staff

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