

# Editorials

## Letter From The Editor

I would first like to state, it is both an honor and a privilege to serve as Editor-in-Chief of our News Argus for the remainder of this year.

Considering organizational changes and an exceptional staff, I feel certain the award winning collegiate newspaper, we're all been waiting for; is currently in the making.

In the past, the News Argus has found our readers have not responded to articles or editorials as we had hoped.

Therefore, in order to increase response we found it necessary to define the purpose of our editorials as follows:

The purpose of the News Argus editorial page is to allow the public to state their view and opinions on certain issues, whether these issues involve campus, community, national or international affairs.

It must be understood however, these views and opinions are not necessarily ones held by the Winston-Salem State News Argus.

I'd like to encourage not only students, but faculty and staff to submit editorials to the campus newspaper.

Also, to the campus faculty. It has been brought to my attention that the News Argus readership is unusually low among faculty members. One of the reasons given, was the paper was not substantive or dealt with your basic Dick and Jane topics.

The News Argus staff has decided to make a concerted effort to bring more newsworthy information to its readers. However, please keep in mind that a campus newspaper does not function as a daily newspaper.

Please submit all editorials to the News Argus office, Suite 103 Eller Hall.

Again, I look forward to serving you.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl A. Lide  
Editor-in-Chief

## Is This You?

Yes, I am doing what other students just talk about! I am tired of the way things are going on this campus. I feel something should be done about the things I have listed below before we loose any more students.

Sometimes in December before students left for Christmas break, we found out that the day we were suppose to return had been changed and we lost three days of our vacation. If this had to be done why weren't students notified in November. This could be the reason why some students didn't return. And, considering they did require us to return early, why were the rooms in Brown Hall and other dorms so cold. What were they trying to do freeze us?

Registration is one of the biggest problems at WSSU. At the beginning of registration they handed out cards with numbers on them, but this got out of hand so people started breaking in line and getting packets earlier than they were suppose to. Later they resorted to a color code and ignored the numbers which covered times allotted to register.

Their is nothing worse than a student looking forward to a class and then finding it isn't open. What is the purpose of Preadvisement? Is it something to keep us busy?

When I finally got into the gym, I had to stand and wait in another long line while standing, I noticed people in the gym were in there at the wrong designated time.

When I finally got in line to pay my money

## What's The Purpose Of Pre-registering?

By Angela C. Boone

The most complicated procedure for any student in college is registering for a new semester.

Many students wonder why registration is so complicated when they pre-register. Prior to upcoming semesters pre-registration was established to make registration easier; But students at W.S.S.U. know registration is the worst part of college life.

During registration, students are faced with a long hard day of turn arounds and schedule changes. The reason being, that schedules prepared during pre-registration are of no use. When the time comes to gather course cards, students realize the time spent pre-registering was a waste.

Now students are asking what is the purpose of pre-registration? When students spend two or three hours being advised and only to find out later their classes are closed, it can be very upsetting. Now the students are faced with the biggest problem of registration and that is selecting other courses and hoping that they're open, hoping that they're open.

Students are finding pre-registration not to their advantage. As being pre-registering only aids those students who come back to campus for the first day of registration. Hopefully in the years to come pre-registering will be what students desire and expect, and the students will get what they paid for.



for the Spring semester (\$1,185 it went up \$20.00), I noticed some students, who obviously had a very nice Christmas, did not have money to pay their tuition. Some of these students are the sons and daughters of prominent and well to do people yet they are receiving financial aid.

After I finished registration next came another headache. When I went to pick up my books, I had to stand in another long line for 1 hour. Only to find they were going to close for lunch with about fifty people still waiting. So, we all had to come back after lunch.

I am glad to see that the Cafeteria is improving, by staying open later at night. However, something should be done about longlines at breakfast, lunch and dinner. Only one side serves. Why not serve on both sides.

Another problem in the cafeteria that should be resolved is running out of food and having to wait to long to get whatever we want. It is awful for some of us who stay on campus.

The washers in Brown Hall broke down in November and haven't been repaired yet. Why not invest in some "HEAVY DUTY WASHERS" and solve the problem.

The student body complains there is nothing to do on campus, but when we have special events on the campus where is the student body somewhere complaining about nothing to do. The attendance of "A Salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," was low, only 60 students. Where were the rest of the students? Complaining!!!

## The Origin Of Black Greeks

Where did the term "Black Greek" come from? Why do the predominantly black fraternities and sororities choose to attribute their origin to the so called founders of civilization. Through reading our history books, we find that the Greeks were a violent people-savage by nature. Their culture is nothing but a borrowed worn out boot that was new in design only when it was in Africa. The original boot was stolen from the foot of our ancestors who inhabited North Africa. You mean to tell me that you didn't learn this in your organization's history book or during your pledge period. If you did, why do you (Greeks) lie to your pledges every fall or spring?

The only significant contribution the Greeks made to our fraternities and sororities is the excessive use of violence and physical punishment inflicted on the neophyte. Yes, I mention neophyte because the word is older than Greece itself. The early secret organizations required that the aspirants know the disciplines of astronomy, astrology, mathematics, science, architecture, medicine, music, philosophy, etc. These disciplines were used by the neophytes to help their fellow man. As a matter of fact, the so called father of philosophy Aristotle, learned the disciplines of the Mystery System, the forerunner of our fraternities, sororities and masonic lodges in North Africa (Egypt and Nubia). Plato the teacher of Aristotle, had come in contact with the Mystery System also. How is Plato going to teach Aristotle something he himself has no knowledge of? So there goes the myth of Greek philosophy. The Greek culture came from the libraries of Alexandria including everything from the first calendar, the pythagorean theorem and the numbers one through eight. If you don't believe me ask Alexander the Great. He will tell you how he invaded the libraries of the land, later called Alexandria, and forced the black intellectuals to teach a relatively uncivilized people its own culture. This is not new information, you should have learned this during your pledge period.

If we as Black Greeks (supposedly) took time out from slandering one another, trying to outpledge our outstep each other we would know a few things concerning our common heritage. If the pledge period consisted of some history lessons aspiring brothers and sisters would know that the concepts of brotherhood, sisterhood and principles thereof originated in North Africa.

I had the opportunity to have an informed pledgee of a Greek fraternity tell me that a particular fraternity doesn't pledge hard enough. After he went into detail on what pledging meant according to that particular organization, I asked him where he got his fabrications. It wasn't his fault he was ignorant of that fraternities history. He was only repeating the myths that have been repeated by the ignorant membership of our

fraternities and sororities for many years. I always hear individuals make reference to "the burning sands and how hot they are." These burning sands make no reference to the pledgship endurance by the pledgee. This term may very well have been coined by the Greeks because I am sure that they were extremely hot and tired from stealing all of this knowledge and crossing the burning desert sands of Egypt back into Greece with an entire culture in the back packs. Therefore, in actuality, burning sands must make reference to the Greeks and their stolen secrets. Is this new to you? It should not be. You learned these facts in your pledge period. Remember?

These organizations (early fraternities) were composed of people with a common interest who felt a need to collectively attack the problems of their day. The foundation of the North African Fraternal System was the uplift and advancement of its people. Today's fraternities and sororities may have common interests and aspirations, but their aims and goals are not in accordance with the principles of the first secret organizations.

How many times have you heard a Greek use the expression "so and so ain't gonna walk into the frat if I can help it." (This applies to sororities as well). After a "Greek" pledge period it's a miracle that pallbearers are not carrying new members into their organizations.

The black fraternities and sororities on the undergraduate level have strayed from the path of advancing our people through education and love of self. We have instead remained on the crooked path of humiliation. Brotherhood and sisterhood in conjunction with unity is preached to the pledgee but as soon as these words have passed through our lips, we have the innocent pledgees doing headstands in the middle of campus.

After four-hundred years of mental and physical slavery in America (and this slavery still exist in America) plus the humiliation that goes with it, there isn't any way brotherhood can evolve from pledging. I would want a true brother or sister, not a lifetime enemy.

I am always amazed to hear fraternity and sorority members who lay claim to the premise that the totally ridiculous humiliation sometimes seen in the pledge period made them more confident and self assured. This can be accomplished by reading a good book or making good grades. If all it took for the people making this ridiculous statement was silly stunts in order for them to gain confidence, it should be apparent that these qualities must have existed all along. If all a pledgee can gain from the pledge period is confidence through acting out asinine stunts then he or she is wasting his or her time.

I believe prolonged periods of debasing oneself can be detrimental because if one doesn't respect himself or herself, he or she surely won't his or her fellow human being. Instead of gaining self confidence, the pledge picks up many insecure feelings. Anyway, confidence is a state of mind.

Our fraternities and sororities are supposed to be a family unit. Therefore, let us behave as one big happy family and not as one big Greek organizations.

In writing this, it is not my wish to bring forth our shortcomings as black men and women. This editorial is food for thought so that we may become enlightened fraternity and sorority members. Thus, we will bring ourselves and our respective fraternities, sororities to plateaus of success never before ascended.

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