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Chancellor Thompson Goes To South Africa

by Debbie Harryman

Chancellor Thompson left WSSU February 9 as part of a group of fourteen other college presidents and chancellors who will be visiting South Africa on a fact-finding mission sponsored by the U.S. State Department. The group, which is known as the South Africa Working Group, will be studying the educational conditions of blacks in South Africa and will make recommendations to the State Department as to things the government can do to support or improve educational opportunities for blacks.

In an interview before he left, Chancellor Thompson outlined the main goals of the trip:

"We will be talking with the Minister of Education of South Africa and local ministers in three or four of the towns in South Africa. We will also be talking to school principals, students, faculty and of course they (governmental officials) have included to so-called radical groups, to get their reactions as to what they see as the improper educational programs provided for them in South Africa."

In addition to these goals, Chancellor Thompson said that SAWG will also be looking "for ways that we can use some of our school people to assist them in redesigning their programs. (We will) look at the

possibility of some of their students coming to some of our institutions."

When asked if the group would make any statement concerning the apartheid situation while in South Africa, Chancellor Thompson responded that "We are strictly going for research into the educational problems of blacks and will not make any statement while in South Africa on apartheid."

However, the Chancellor did say that SAWG had been invited to meet with Prime Minister Thatcher at Number 10 Downing Street on February 22 during which they plan to release a brief statement on human rights. Upon their return to the U.S. on February 24, the group will present a similar statement to the State Department.

The Chancellor was asked in what way would he like to see students on campus become involved in the issue of apartheid.

"I feel that no man is free until all men are free and as long as there is segregation in South Africa, we have a world problem. I think students should be aware of this and I suggest they write a letter expressing their feelings to their congressmen from their home district. I would like to see more seminars on campus ... to enlighten students about what is going on in South Africa, I hope I am invited to give a seminar when I come back."

Pre-advisement and Registration: Excedrin Headache No. 1

By Melanie Beatly
and
Greg Strong

When most college students think of pre-registration, they think they will get most of the classes that they have signed up for.

The students at Winston-Salem State University feel a little different about pre-advisement. They feel that it is a hassle, a waste of time, and some changes need to be made. Students at WSSU participate in pre-advisement and don't actually register for classes until the beginning of the semester, after paying their financial assessments.

Registration and pre-advisement time at WSSU is a big headache for everyone. Especially for the General Studies faculty advisors who have to give 15 hours of their already packed schedule during pre-advisement. Also other faculty members have to spend two to four hours manning course card stations during the actual registration process. Other faculty members give time working as departmental advisors during these periods.

Often when students go to get course cards classes are closed, and some classes aren't offered causing projected graduation student to be postponed for a semester(s).

What kinds of changes need to be made to help the pre-advisement and registration process flow more smoothly here at WSSU? These and other questions will be answered in a special series of reports that will be featured in the New Argus this semester.

Chancellor Thompson, faculty, staff and students will be asked about what type of changes might be made to the present registrations process to make it flow smoothly.

In this edition of the paper, WSSU

students were asked how they felt about registration, pre-advisement and the changes they felt needed to be made.

Debbie Smith, a senior, "feel the system should be computerized."

Cubie T. Sanford, a sophomore says, "Mr. Odom should clarify the difference between pre-registration and pre-advisement because these events seem to cause a great deal of confusion."

Students still in General Studies sign up for classes in the Communication Building assuming that they are pre-registering but they are only being pre-advised to be pre-advised, you can set up an appointment with your advisor. With pre-advisement we, as students, are guaranteed no classes.

"I feel that if the system was computerized it would be most rewarding to the students and faculty. It's quicker and easier. No one is wasting their valuable time. Students must also remember that their fees must be paid before they can register for classes," continued Sanford.

David Austin, a senior, "feels that pre-advisement does not accomplish the purpose it was supposed to, which is to give the students a chance to get the classes they signed up for. Many other colleges are using computerized systems and this should be added into WSSU's registration process. The process as it is now, is repetitious and a waste of time."

These are just a few opinions of many on the changes that should be made at registration. Hopefully, this series of reports will help and inform you more about registration.

Co-ed Visitation Begins At WSSU

By Pamela Murrell

The students of WSSU are now looking forward to a new proposal in the dormitories, co-ed visitation. This new venture will give male and female students a chance to study and interact with one another on a private basis.

In past years co-ed was established, but due to the lack of students making an effort to keep the program going and students not abiding by the rules it fell through.

"When students put forth an effort they can make things happen said, Cheryl Troutman, director of Student Life, "It will depend on the students, if co-ed is successful or unsuccessful."

The tentative starting date for co-ed visitation was set for February 1, but due to

last minute preparation, it was postponed until February 3.

The visitation hours are Monday-Thursday, 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. and Friday-Sunday, 5:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight. All visitors must use front entrance of each approved building and exit the same way. All persons must be properly dressed during visiting hours and leave their valid ID's at the desk as they sign in and out. Each host or hostess will be called to escort his or her guest to and from the lobby. Room door may be closed, but not locked and each resident is responsible for their guest actions.

Due to the physical arrangement of the residence halls, no bathroom privileges can be granted.

If any roommate objects to visitation, it shall not occur on that day. There will be absolutely no visiting in the hallway. Any student failing to maintain reasonable and improper behavior in the residence hall is subject to disciplinary action. Any infraction of these rules may result in suspension from the university.

Happy Valentine's Day