

Editorials

Are You Following The Dream?

by Angela Corbett
Editor-in-Chief

"I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

I have a dream today," shouted Dr. Martin Luther King years ago anticipating that one day blacks would achieve equality in white America. Despite the fact that his assassination shattered his ambitions, the dream lingered on to become a vivid reality.

The determined and non-violent King sacrificed himself for the freedom of blacks nation-wide.

As time has elapsed to 1986 many reminisce about Dr. King's struggle which has produced jobs in the field of education, science, engineering, and various other social standings as well. One of the greatest things that evolved from King is the first black national holiday.

Like many black colleges WSSU paid tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on February 15, his birthdate. While the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium echoed with the voice of Dr. King, and beamed with a slide show, the empty seats ached for an audience. Gradually enough students wandered in to fill about six rows.

With great disappointment in my eyes, I looked for familiar faces. Suddenly I realized I did not recognize a single faculty member or administrator. Anger hardened my heart as the speaker Dr. William H. Turner, SGA President Joy Bridges, Rev. Joseph Parks, Donald Saunders, Diane Spicer and Cherita Marks walked onto the stage. Surely the crowd did not meet their expectations.

Even though the commemoration for Dr. King was not well supported by the student body the worst part is that WXII came prepared to cover this spectacular event. However, I am almost positive they did not waste their film on such a menial program. Menial only in the sense that the student body did not care enough to attend.

Therefore the question that continuously haunts my thoughts is, "Are we as Black Americans following Dr. King's dream?" It is distressing to know WSSU students were given the opportunity to celebrate his memory, while A&T and UNC-G student protested the fact Greensboro did not recognize this holiday. However, nothing prevented these students from paying their respect and widely celebrating King's memory.

Maybe we've gotten so caught up in the power of success and the almighty dollar that heritage has become a thing of the past. Of course times have changed and Black Americans have come a long way, but we have yet to arrive at our destination.

It is my personal belief that the times in which Dr. King lived are coming back again. Even the evening news has been emphasizing the possibility of a racial war.

WSSU students must come together and realize that as students at a black college we should unite for the sake of our own futures. Celebrate and pay tribute to those great black Americans who made WSSU possible as well as our own lives.



Day Students Organization

The Day Student Organization has had a very successful year thus far. The officers, Regina Mack; President, Johnsie Miller; Vice President, Debra Barr; Treasurer, Lennetta Thompson; Secretary; Leslie Flowers; Assistant Secretary and Anthony Ragland; Parliamentarian.

The 85-86 Queens are Barbara Ratliff, Miss Day Student and Me'Me' Penn, Miss Twin City.

Future goals for the Day Student Organization include establishing a Student Lounge for Day Students, Black History Month activities, a trip to New York, and of course helping Day Students with any problems they may have.

All Day Students are asked to please attend the meetings and actively participate in scheduled activities. All meetings will be held on alternating Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the K.R. Williams Auditorium.

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*Happy
Valentine's
Day February 14th*

*From The
News Argus'
STAFF*

NCSU Hosted Seventh Annual Workshop For Campus Greeks

Sorority and fraternity leaders from across the state gathered at North Carolina State University's McKimmon Center Feb. 9 for the annual NCSU Greek Leadership Workshop.

About 300 members of Greek organizations from North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia attended the day-long event, held at NCSU for the seventh year.

Peter Lance, reporter for "ABC's World New Tonight" and "20/20," was the keynote speaker during lunch. Lance, winner of five news Emmy Awards and other journalism awards, talked about striving for excellence through hard work and realistic goals.

Other speakers included university administrators and national Greek system leaders, who lead presentations designed to give workshop participants opportunities for discussion and interaction.

From The SGA's President's Desk

Dear Fellow Rams,

Welcome back! This semester promises to be just as exciting as last semester. 1986 brings forth the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday and Black History Month. Also our attentions are focused on the Health Fair, the CIAA Tournament, Student Leadership Conference, Spring Elections and Graduation.

But this year we will participate in an event which will not come again during our matriculation at the University. This event is the Inauguration of Dr. Cleon Franklin Thompson, the 8th Chancellor of Winston-Salem State University. The prestigious event will be April 1-4, 1986. I hope that we will all take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity.

As we take part in every phase of campus life, we must remember what we do inside of this closed community will reflect on us when we venture out into the real world. So let's take our mission here seriously. Then we can continue to carry on the pride of the WSSU Rams.

Have a great semester.

Johanna "Joy" Bridges
SGA President
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American-European Students Union

by Victor Coffey

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What About "Orientation?"

By Carolyn B. Hooper

As a student here at WSSU, I was told I must take the "Orientation" course before I would be able to graduate.

I thought, "Orientation! Yuk! At my age! I don't believe this!" I couldn't believe it, either, especially from all I had heard from other students about the course, and considering that I am a year or so beyond 18. It was not possible for me to fit it into my schedule last semester, so I decided to go ahead and get it out of the way this semester. I registered for the course and, very reluctantly, went to class the first day.

Yes, we were told we must buy the textbook *On Becoming A Master Student*, at the ridiculous price of \$17.71. But any similarity to anything else I had heard about the class ended right there. I bought the book and started reading for the first assignment. What a very pleasant surprise! This book is a gem, and filled with practical suggestions and techniques that could be very valuable to all students—not only while you are in school, but even after you finish

here and are "turned loose into the real world."

I'm finding many interesting bits of information that I feel will be helpful to me, and I have been out in the real world for quite a while.

The point of this editorial comment is to inform some of you that you may be missing something worthwhile by having avoided taking the course so far.

Those who have taken the course and purchased the book haven't really made an effort to use it are cheating yourselves. Perhaps the teacher you had caused you to view it as a waste of time and effort—not to mention money. So what? Even when you get a less than adequate teacher, it is still up to you to get all you can from any class you take.

If you choose not to try to extract something from any course, you don't upset the teacher a bit. The one you hurt is yourself. Think about why you are here and what it is costing you (and your family) in time, effort, and money, for you to get where you want to be, then decide for yourself whether it is worth the cost.