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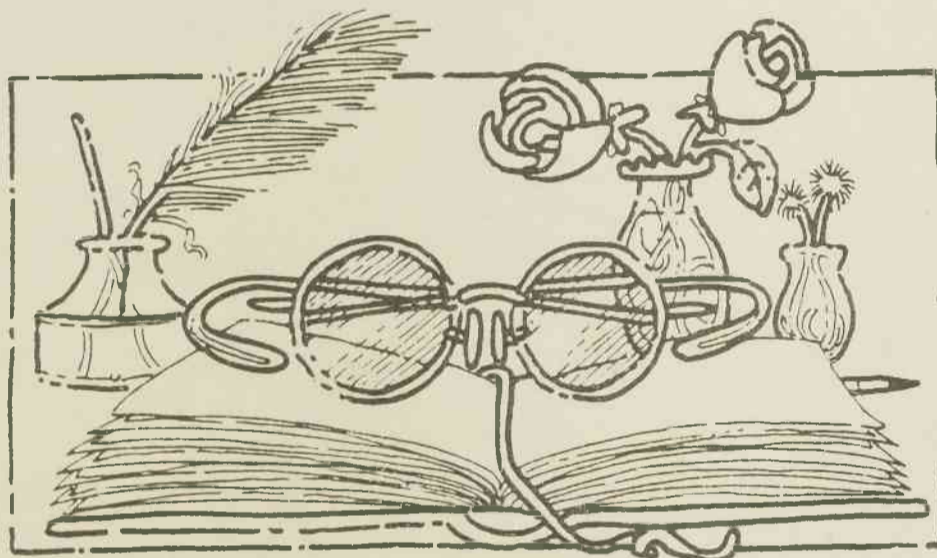
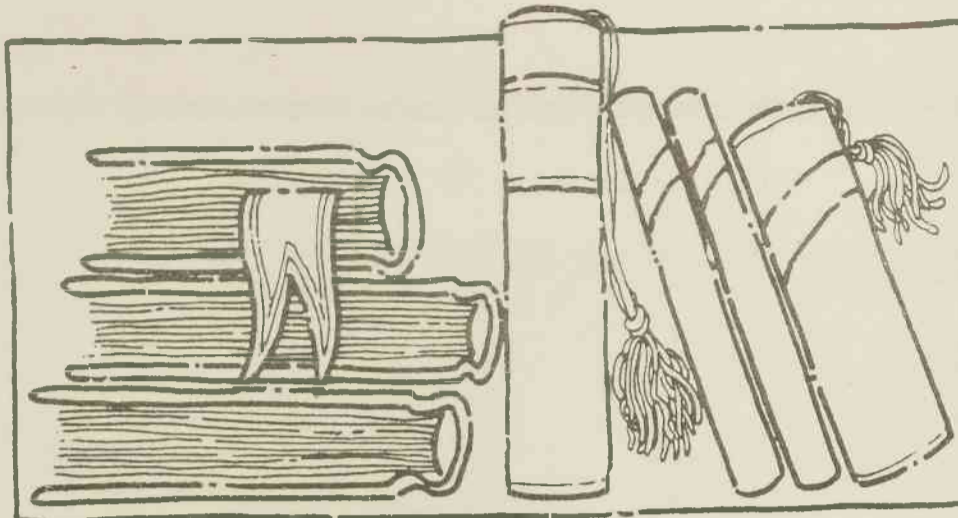
'You must use your knowledge ... to advance your people'

By Todd McIntosh
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"You must use your knowledge not to advance yourself, but to advance your people." After leaving a lecture by Stokely Carmichael, a prominent civil rights leader in the '60s, here at WSSU, these words rang in my ears. What depth the statement possessed! There I sat amongst my peers listening to this brilliant black man speak and for the very first time, because of this one sentence I realized the true importance of education. I realized that my education was not some precious possession solely for my use, but it was community property. This one sentence has made a very drastic change in my life. I know now that I cannot achieve success -- true success -- until I have used my knowledge and my college education to help my brothers and sisters of color who may not have had the opportunities that I have had. When you see that brother or sister you went to school with 10 years ago living in poverty, unable to feed or clothe his family properly, how can you enjoy your so-called success?

We, the black community, must unite, or we will perish. We must help each other in every possible way, especially in education.

Education and organization are the keys to a strong black community. Conventional education is not enough, the public school system will not and cannot teach the black child everything



that he or she must know to reach his or her fullest potential in a predominately white society. The black child is deprived of his heritage and culture in

the public school system, he is deprived of any knowledge of his noble ancestry before slavery. Our children are taught how the black man has struggled here in America and how he has ruled in Africa, his homeland. This instills a low self-image that some black people don't overcome in a lifetime.

If you could teach our children who are our future, to be very proud of who they are and teach them about their true heritage, we would create a future not afflicted by apprehensions about who we are.

The best way to educate ourselves is very simple: We must read. One of the biggest problems I see among our youth is the unwillingness to pick up a book. We don't read enough! This problem holds us back as much as did the shackles of slavery. Reading is the purest form of education. It allows you to come to a conclusion about what you have read without the interpretation of a system that sometimes does not personal interest in mind.

What we must do to use our knowledge to advance our people is very simple: Go back and talk to the youth of your community. Show them some positive things about growing up black, to counteract all the negative things that they are exposed to. Become a positive peer guide for the youth of your community. You would be surprised how much help you could do for a young mind with just a little time and effort.

Words of Wisdom

Senior shares advice with freshmen

By Mia Wilson
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First time away from home? Living in a dorm for the very first time in your life? Tired of hearing all of the upperclassmen say you have no hours?

Well, you are in luck, Class of 1992! Let me tell you how to survive Winston-Salem State University.

First of all, you must realize by now that this is a small, family-like campus. I'm sure you knew your way around campus by the second or third week you were here. Right now you can probably get around campus in about 10 minutes flat walking slow. And

on a campus this size, gossip can also walk just as fast or even faster.

My advice? Try and stay out of gossip's way. Let gossip go and keep stepping.

Another thing to remember is that you must have at least a 2.2 grade point average to graduate. Even though graduation is three years and one semester away, good study habits start now! Once your grade point average slips, it is hard to pull it back up. Once you get good study habits, you will find that there is time for everything you want to do, including going to the Kappa's Jam or Club Celebration every Saturday night. So you can have your cake

and eat it too.

The most important thing to remember is to stay in school and to enjoy it. These are suppose to be the best years of your life. And if you think it is hard in school, just imagine how it is in the real world! If you begin falling down academically, let someone help you up. That's why we provide counseling and tutors on campus for free.

Get involved! Just because you are freshmen doesn't mean you can't belong to the organizations on campus.

As far as the upperclassmen teasing you about your hours -- well, you can't change tradition!

Change is inevitable

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As time passes on, changes takes place. This is certainly true when it comes to the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

This fall we not only have new students (ok freshmen), but we are also expanding, renovating, computerizing and renewing all around us.

As we approach our campus, we can see the expansion of the library. On the inside of the library we notice the new computer card catalog. So now we can find a book in a matter of minutes. Checking out a book? No problem. All you need now is your I.D. card and a few seconds for the scanner to go through the series of numbers on the back of the card.

The registrar's office caught on to this computer craze, and now we can go through registration more easily and quickly than in the past. In other words no more running around campus to each building trying to get registered or in order to go through drop and add.

Even the canteen in the Student Union has a new look with its new tables and chairs, and the new caterers in the cafeteria are starting the new year off right.

It seems to be a good start. We should be happy about the changes that have taken place, but I hope that someone in the Administration Office rides through the parking lot in front of Brown Hall or pays a visit to some of the older dorms and add those items to the list of changes.

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