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Final exam blues

All students suffer at this time of year

By Janet Pierce

There's a very popular disease on every college campus. Students usually catch it in December or May. It's not contagious, and there are several cures.

What is this disease?

The Final Exam Blues.

You may agree that the only cure for the final exam blues is a potion called "study," but, according to Tonya Green, a junior majoring in nursing, there are three formulas for this sickness.

Ms. Green said, "Studying is not merely enough." Students should prepare for finals the first day they attend classes. This means coming to class on time, asking questions, listening and taking good notes.

Ms. Green also emphasized the importance of reviewing materials before and after class.

"Students must prepare all semester for finals," she said. "You can't wait until the night before to begin studying."

Maurice Johnson, the director of the WSSU Enrichment Center, suggested reading the book "Writing Better: Techniques for Taking Essay Exams" when preparing for finals. The book emphasizes the importance of reasoning, writing legibly, watching grammar and proofreading when taking an examination.

The book also stresses the importance of using time wisely when taking an exam.

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Dr. Nat Irvin II



Dr. James David Branch, chairman of the board of trustees, and Irene Hairston, secretary for the board, cut the ribbon at the ceremony opening the center.

Microelectronics Center comes to Triad

The Microelectronics Center of North Carolina, or MCNC, has completed the expansion of its communications system to Winston-Salem. On Nov. 17, a teleconference linking the new sites at Winston-Salem State University and Wake Forest University's Bowman Gray School of Medicine with North Carolina State University and MCNC's Central Laboratory

demonstrated how the system can be used.

"This system connects Winston-Salem State University with some of the best engineers and technical scientists in the country," said Dr. Cleon Thompson, chancellor of WSSU. "Our students will have the benefit of the best instruction available in microelectronics and computer science."

"The applications for medical technology are truly unique," said Dr. Doug Maynard, chairman of the department of radiology at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. "Our cooperative programs with industry, medical research and technology development will be greatly enhanced."

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Chief development officer appointed

WSSU PUBLIC RELATIONS

Dr. Nat Irvin II has been appointed vice chancellor for development and university relations at Winston-Salem State University. The appointment, which became effective Dec. 1, was announced by Chancellor Cleon F. Thompson.

Irvin will replace Perry R. Leazer who will return to his position as the university's internal auditor.

A 1973 graduate of the University of South Carolina, Irvin earned a bachelor of arts and letters degree in philosophy with a minor in political science and history. He earned a master of media arts degree at USC in 1976 and a doctorate of musical arts (music composition) degree in 1987 at North Texas State University.

Irvin is currently director of corporate and foundation relations at the University of North Texas (Denton). Other professional experience includes being a writer/producer for the Center

for Instructional Services at North Texas State and service as instructor and chairman of the Program for Artistically talented and Gifted students in the Richland County (South Carolina) School District.

A community-conscious person, Irvin has served on the Board of Directors of the Fort Worth Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation; as project director of a four-year effort to build a \$1 million worship and educational facility and on the Board of Directors of Columbia's Kitani Foundation, the state's largest cultural arts organization. His honors and awards include the NAACP Community Service Award, the Golden Reel of Outstanding Young Man of the Year Award in 1981.

As vice chancellor for development and university relations, Irvin will coordinate the activities of the development office, alumni affairs and public relations. He will also work with the WSSU Foundation.