

# Budget Cuts Hit WSSU Hard

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Each year North Carolina works to improve its educational status through promises of additional funding to the system's universities. In previous years the promised funds have been cut due to imbalances in the state's final budget.

This year has not been any different. The state initially allotted funds and later found the funds were not available. The O'Kelly Library and the business department are two areas of Winston-Salem State University affected by the deficiency of funds.

The O'Kelly Library lost approximately \$7,000 from their proposed '90-'91 budget. This is not a drastic decrease, although it will subdue the library's progress.

"We rely heavily on state money,"

said Dr. Mae Rodney, director of O'Kelly Library. "The cut hurts us forever because we cannot buy certain books published in 1990. We are fortunate because we did not use temporary money to keep hours as neighboring universities did."

Since the funding from the state is a major source of the library's revenues, the budget's administrators are protective of the allotment the library receives. They realize the intense impact the cuts place on the library. This is a plus, but it does not make up for the losses year after year.

Regardless of having less money to work with, Dr. Rodney is confident that the library can continue to successfully serve the students.

The loss of the business department has also been an intense loss. The

shortage of funds has resulted in a limited faculty. The business department represents approximately 35 percent of the student body, but only about 12 percent of the faculty. Without an adequate staff to instruct larger classes are formed. This affects the quality of the education because larger classes detract from the effectiveness of the teacher-student relationship.

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Dr. Bailey has constructive ideas to take the place of the shortage in faculty.

Bailey said, "Do to the shortage of faculty I would like to have a program for enhancing professors. I would like to recruit (students) from 10 surrounding counties with scholarships. I would also like to start a student enrichment center (for business), but the budget loss stops this." Bailey also stated, "This years

cut has been worse than previous."

Bailey examines grants and other aid as supplements, but this is not always successful. Bailey explained that the business department does the best possible, with the money they have.

## The Never Ending Search for Grants

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Many faculty and Alumni members of Winston-Salem State University are external funding WSSU has received in the past few years. But also responsible for the progressive growth of this institution is the Grants and Proposals office.

Formerly known as the office of Sponsored Research, the Grants and Proposals office responsibilities include: identifying funding sources whether it be Private Foundations, Corporations, etc., notifying faculty members of these sources and contributing to the development and distribution of the proposals. "This department has made great efforts in informing faculty of all the opportunities

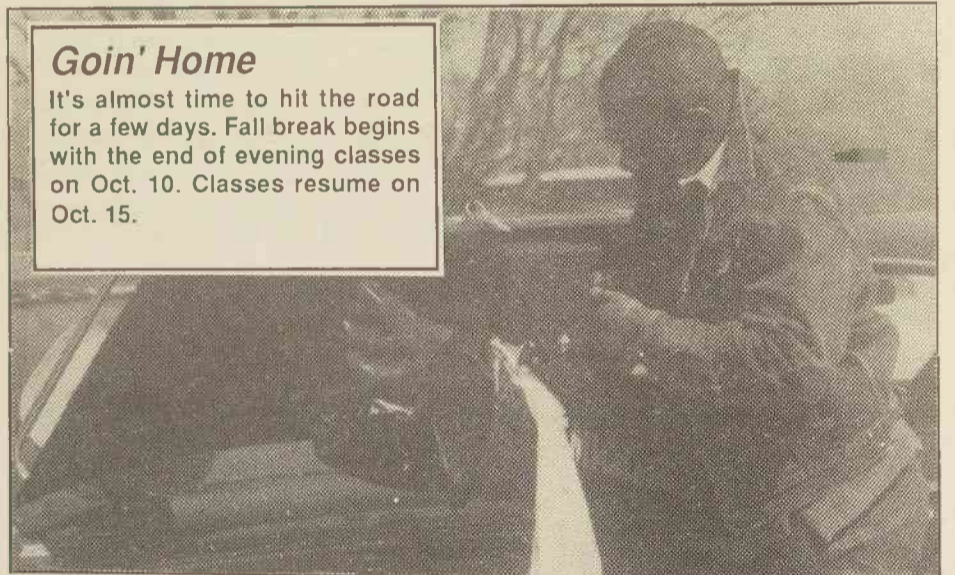
available to them. I'd like to add that of conceptualizing projects beneficial to the enhancement of our student body" stated Mrs. Armstrong. It's hard to argue considering the facts.

WSSU has received major government grants written by faculty members in the past. Some include: Project Strengthening-for the Life Science Dept. written by Mrs. Wilveria Atkinson and the Health Career Opportunity Program (H-COP)-for the Medical Research Dept. written by Dr. Betty Alexander. These are just a few of the many proposals written by faculty

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