

Why Is Parking Such a Problem at WSSU?

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Everyone has a pet peeve but many are not similar. Well at Winston-Salem State University there is one in particular that everyone is agreeing with and that is parking.

Many students and faculty members that drive on WSSU campus feel that parking is at its worst during the day. They think parking is limited and terrible.

But according to Avon Harding, Coordinator of campus police, there is adequate parking on the campus. Harding said the only problem is that students do not want to walk to class, they prefer to park as close as possible to the building to avoid walking.

Unfortunately all students can

not park in front of the building they use because there is not enough parking spaces for all day student drivers who want to get a close park.

The real problem with parking comes when students park anywhere they want whenever they get ready.

When it comes to parking students show absolutely no respect. Students do not care if the parking space is reserved for faculty members or the handicapped.

Without second thoughts, many students will park wherever a parking space is available.

Faculty members often get upset when students park in their designated areas.

Many feel that they pay too much money for a parking decal and have to walk across campus to

their classes.

In many cases whenever a parking space is available many students use the old cliché "first come, first served" and park their automobile.

But Harding does not agree with this cliché when it comes to parking; neither do the faculty members.

Harding added that when students park in areas not designated for them they will be penalized. Students who purchased decals are aware of what parking areas they are supposed park in.

So if student drivers and faculty members followed the rules and regulations set by the coordinator of campus police, there should be no conflicts in parking.

The worst and most congested areas to park during the day are

Hall-Patterson Building, Reynolds Building, and the C.E. Gaines Center. Automobiles are parked in front of the entrance or in the driveways which is not cautious parking because an accident can easily occur.

"The students at WSSU have a great advantage in parking over other universities in this area," explained Harding. "WSSU is the only university in this area that allows students to park all day for 25 cents." Also compared to other universities, parking decals are less expensive.

Harding invites anyone who has any questions or problems with parking to talk with him. He also warns all campus student drivers to use caution because using the old cliché "first come first serve" may lead to a parking penalty.

A Centennial Celebration: Why Wait Now to Celebrate?

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This year we are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of this institution. There are numerous activities planned for the students, faculty and staff, as well as the community. There will be workshops, celebrations, luncheons, etc.

However when all the hype is over and the last red and white banner is lowered, will everyone still be excited over WSSU's, its history, and what it has to offer? Or will the small flickering light of WSSU still be shining somewhere in the distance for someone to see?

In my opinion, all the "hype" is great for creating a picture perfect image of the university, but why wait until we have a major university event to make this campus more appealing.

Nevertheless, improvements and restructuring should have taken place much earlier. The dorms need renovation, more washers and driers, and bathrooms. Students as well as faculty and staff need more parking spaces. The library is short of funds and materials. Organizations (Greeks, majors clubs, and other social clubs) can not have dances as fundraisers because our "beloved" Student Government Association basically is the only organization that has this privilege. Students need more social activities instead of just having them hang out on the corner. Resources for improved academic excellence needs to be publicized more with more service hours

Classes should be offered every semester and advisors should be more helpful. Maybe this will allow students to graduate within a four year period.

WSSU should have started years ago with these badly needed improvements. Students are discouraged and the administration wonders why student participation and student concern is low. The administration needs to make a right turn: a turn toward the students.

Is it true that without us (the students), the university would be less than what it is right now?

I love WSSU and I take an active part in university activities and functions. Yet, for every person that loves the school, there is someone that does not.

Let's continue to improve this outstanding historically black university and let's not wait until our 200th Anniversary for major improvements.

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