



NEWS BRIEFS

Media Conference

The Speech Communication and Theatre Department at NC A&T will hold its annual Mass Media Conference on Friday, April 8, 1994.

This year's conference theme is "Getting A Grip On The Communication Market."

The keynote speaker is Lorey Hayes, former talk show host on WCPO-TV in Cincinnati, Ohio.

News, Broadcast Production, Print Journalism and Public Relations will be held.

For more information concerning the conference, contact The Department of Mass Communications, 318 Hall-Patterson Building.

Paramedics Program

Winston-Salem State University's degree program for paramedics who want to earn a bachelor of science in nursing has received the 1994 Innovative Adult and Continuing Education Program Award.

The award, presented March 18 in Virginia Beach, Virginia, by the Association for continuing higher education, Region V, recognizes institutions that have increased adult access to degree opportunities through program innovation. The "Paramedic to BSN Initiative" program began in 1990. So far, 23 students have graduated and 19 are currently enrolled. For more information call Sylvia Flack, director of the Division of Nursing and Allied Health, at 750-2560.

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NEW COED RESIDENCE HALL FINALLY OPENS

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On March 11, 1994, WSSU students began to live their worst nightmare—so they thought.

It was time for many to pack all of their belongings the new dorm.

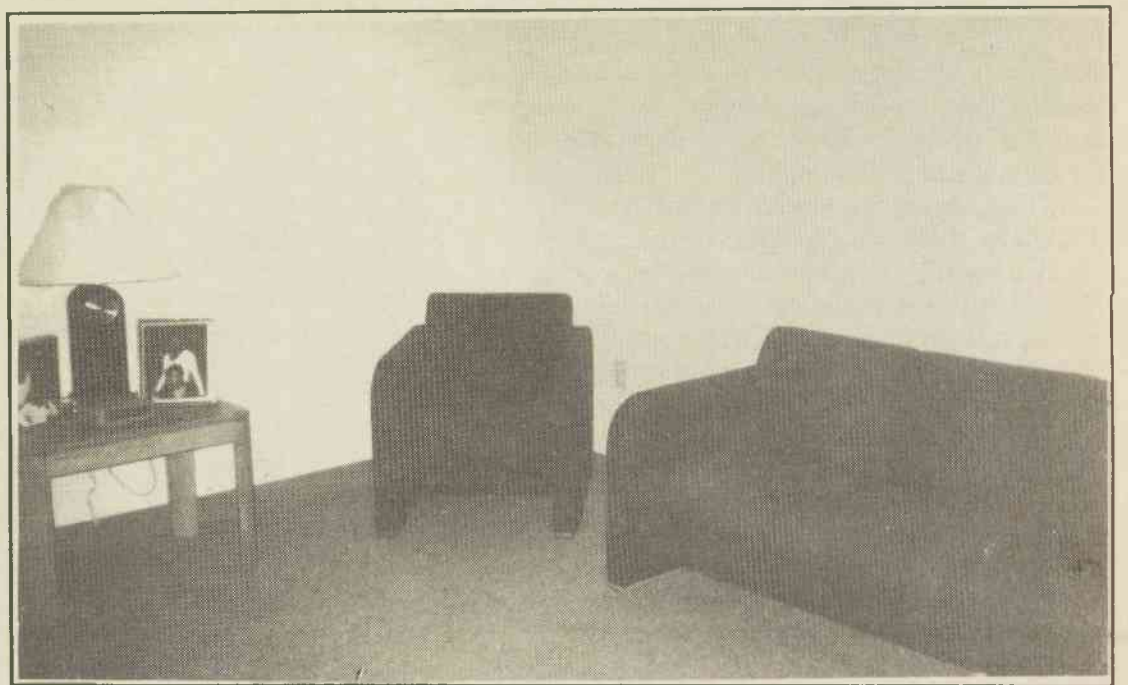
For weeks, students have been complaining about how ridiculous it was to move in the middle of the semester. Many students were concerned about moving during the mid-term examinations period.

Many of the graduating seniors complained about the move also. They felt it was ridiculous to move with less than five weeks left in their undergraduate careers.

Altonya Washington, a senior Mass Communications major, said, "I feel very inconvenienced about the move to the new dorm. I had too many things to do (studying for mid-terms) to take everything from my room in the middle of the semester to move."

Brian Bowles, also a senior Mass Communications major, felt the same way. "I feel that moving during mid-term time was very stressful. It took vital time away from my studies. This was added and unnecessary stress that I didn't need."

"I'm a graduating senior with only one month left in school, therefore I think it was an inconvenience for me to move all of my things to the new dorm," said Monica Jenkins.



Living room area in one of the third floor suites

Conversely, other seniors did not mind the seventh week into the semester move to the new dorm.

Victoria Schnyder, senior, Physical Education major said, "When they finally made the decision, it didn't make a difference to me. I feel that there is still a lot of things that need to be done. I'm glad I got to see it before leaving. It's a nice dorm."

Many students who had expected to make the move to the new dorm earlier in the semester were so upset they took their complaints to Donald Benson, vice chancellor of Student Affairs.

"We are trying to provide a comfortable living place that is conducive to studying," said Benson. "This new setting will enhance socialization among students, as it

compliments the academic environment."

According to Benson, the new residence "coed" hall is a non-traditional dorm. It's different from the regular "boxes in boxes."

It has suites which contain two bedrooms, living rooms and large bathrooms. Apartments are also available. The apartments contain four single bedrooms, a large living room, a kitchen and a dining area.

The dorm, can house 400 students. It is air conditioned, and it has cable and phone lines in each suite or apartment. Other added features are study rooms, meeting rooms, and a large laundry facility.

Now that students have actually made the move and settled into the new dormitory,

their attitudes have changed. The new residents are very impressed with the new dorm.

Mia Peterson, a junior Nursing major, has changed her tune. "I didn't want to move before because it was so late in the semester. Now that I'm here, I like it."

Many students who now live off campus are even talking about the new residence hall and considering a move back to "the yard."

Angela Jett said, "It looks so comfortable and neat. I'm graduating in May, but if I weren't, I would definitely try to move into the new dorm next semester."

There is still one question on everyone's mind. Whose name will grace this new edifice?