

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Non Traditional Students: A New College Breed

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When most people think about college age students, the ages of 18-24 years old comes to mind. Others, think of college students as young adults leaving home to be on their own for the first time.

However, there is another class of college students who exist, but are rarely mentioned, **Non-Traditional Students**.

Non-Traditional students are those who often show characteristics of being mature, married, divorced, and normally have had previous working experiences. Most non-traditional students aren't recent high school graduates. They have been in the work force and can now appreciate the value of a college education.

Sharon Allen, a senior Nursing major, admits she'd love to have a few extra hours in a day. "I get really stressed out at times, because there never seems to be enough time in a day to get everything done. I like having time to myself, but with school, work and Alisha (her daughter), it's hard to find that time."

Kelly Demps, a freshman, is a 27-year-old part-time student. She has been previously married and works full-time as an Office Manager at a local insurance company here in Winston-Salem. She is currently taking seven hours and spends approximately three to four hours a day studying.

Demps stated, "I chose to come back to further my education, because there are



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goals that I want to achieve in life. I can't achieve them without furthering my education." One of Demps' goals includes owning her own insurance company.

When asked, "How do you work full-time and go to school?" Demps replied, "It's not easy. Going to school again is a big adjustment. Most of my classmates are just out of high school. Unfortunately, I'm not. A lot of times I find myself going the extra mile because if you don't use what you have, then you will surely lose it."

People might wonder if being older than the average "college-age" student, makes for uncomfortable situations.

"No, I get along very well with my



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younger classmates. They treat me as if I'm one of them. They make me feel younger," said Pamela Baldwin, a Nursing major.

Leroy Barkley, 43, an Education major with a concentration in Social Studies and Language Arts, is a full-time student. He previously served 20 years in the military and is now retired. He chose Winston-Salem State University because it is known for having a good education department that produces quality teachers.

"School is rewarding. I have to make demands of myself and discipline myself to meet the requirements expected of me to make the grades," said Barkley. He is presently taking 12 hours and spends an

estimate of five hours a day studying.

Except for not having enough time, the biggest problem for non-traditional students was stress. Most of the people interviewed said they have very stressful days.

Stress is something Aaron Stimpson 47, an Education major, has learned to deal with. Besides school, he takes care of his mother and works at a youth center. "It was stressful at the beginning but not now. It's just a part of my schedule."

Cassandra Froneberger, 31, a Psychology major, has to deal with a different type of stress. Being a transfer student from the University Of New Mexico, she finds it difficult to adapt to different surroundings. "In New Mexico the teachers are very different. The classes and the student body are much larger. This to me is an enormous change."

Valeree Oxendine has learned to handle stress. "I take stress vitamins everyday. I also stay organized to make sure nothing gets ahead of me. That is really all I can do to relieve a little of my stress because I work at a hospital in Yadkinville, North Carolina on the weekends."

However, Sharon Allen relieves her stress in a different manner. "When I do get some time to myself, I like to go shopping or riding. It helps relieve the tension that builds up during the week."

AKA's Are Serving Mankind

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The ladies of the Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. have been busy this year.

With "service to all mankind" as their main goal, every Saturday morning the members have been tutoring middle school children in the sciences.

Have you driven down Stratford Road by the Western Steer Restaurant recently? If so, you have traveled on the portion of highway "adopted" by Gamma Lambda through the Adopt a Highway Campaign sponsored by the state.

As ongoing projects these ladies donate monies for the homeless, do food drives for the soup kitchen and collect clothing for Goodwill.

Campus activities for the year have included a campus cleanup campaign and

an AIDS talk from a speaker with AIDS.

These ladies who wear pink and green have also been productive both in and out of the classroom. A member was inducted into the communications honor society, AERho, and several members were awarded the Pierce-Management Group Nursing Scholarship.

The ladies of Gamma Lambda would also like to welcome their 23 new sorors into their sisterhood. The new sorors are: Monica Prince, Leslie Cofield, Mignon Smith, Consuelo Crawford, Patrice Thompson, Rhonda Johnson, Teikeshia Manley, Vida Pinkney, Takeeta Tyson, Dale Nelson, Benetta Dease, Toranda McDaniel, Tameta Wilson, Tonya Wilson, Denise Lee, Jennifer Ward, Kya Lewis, Shawn Johnson, Lashele Lawson, Erica Clemmons, Tameka Franklinton, Chassity Whitaker and Kitchawa Roulac.

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