

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

NOISA Informs WSSU Students

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When most people think of members of the Nation of Islam, they probably assume they're a group of bow-tie wearing, non-pork eating, Elijah Muhammad loving people who often try to persuade you to come to meetings with long winded lectures or to buy a copy of The Final Call newspaper.

Here at WSSU, the Nation of Islam Student Association (NOISA) uplifts the black woman and the role of the black man. These topics are always discussed and practiced not only within NOISA, but within the teachings of the Nation of Islam itself.

If you've ever attended one of their meetings, you would definitely get a gist

of the magnitude of respect that is given and expected from the organization's members. NOISA's members are WSSU students and some of them are members of the Nation of Islam.

The organization's officers are: Sister Kathy Johnson - president; Lance Rucks and Eric Graham, co-vice presidents; Derrick Davis- secretary and minister of Information; and Guam X - spokesperson.

If you are interested in becoming a member or want information about NOISA, contact Kathy Johnson or Kathy Stover in the Student Activities Office or call 750-3350. NOISA meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m., on the third floor in Wilson Hall's TV room.

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director.

Student volunteers with help from security currently staff and run the service. "We have basketball and football players and students volunteering their time. I encourage students to take advantage of the service," said Harpe.

The volunteer wear safety vests and carry flashlights. The SGA is currently working on getting whistles for the volunteers.

"Whether I am here or not, in ten years I envision this program as being very successful. I really feel the students that volunteer need to be rewarded. My goal is to see this program having vans, golf carts, computers, everything that other escort services have," said Harpe. The Ram Watch can actually make our campus safer for the students." If you feel you need the service of a Ram Watch volunteer call 750-3206.

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12 hours.

Members of the media and the audience were very impressed when Joelle Davis, WSSU's SGA president, eloquently expressed her feelings about the surcharge. "What happened to a Dream Deferred? What happened to an opportunity given to us? What happens when there's not a college or university? What happens when there are no more HBCU's? Ladies and gentlemen, we have been behind the eight-ball in this country for as long as we've been here but I thought now in the 90s that we were here to progress, not regress," said Davis. mind to do so," said Davis.


This surcharge would affect every student on financial aid, including work

study and loans. Davis feels that with the state's increase of tuition, financial aid would jeopardized for many students attending HBCUs.

"Over 90 percent of students (at HBCU's) use financial aid, the work study program and the loans," she said.

As the students left the state's capitol building, they came out with a better understanding of how law works.

Winston-Salem State University's SGA along with other North Carolina Colleges and Universities are going to start letter campaigns, phonathons and literature drops in the community to spread the word about the proposed surcharge.



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