

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Diggs Gallery Offers Fine Art to Visitors

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There are many features here on the campus of Winston-Salem State University that distinguishes this campus from other HBCU campuses. The one feature that stands out on this university is the Diggs Art Gallery.

The Diggs Art Gallery was originated in the Fall of 1990 as a dream of Dr. Cleon F. Thompson, Jr. Mitzi Shoemaker, an art professor who believed that if an university's art program is to be strong there should be a gallery so that the students could actually see the art.

The goals or the purpose of the art gallery is to be a part of academic life on campus. The gallery's artwork should reflect black history as well as to explore other cultures in art. The opening of the gallery was to persuade students to actually pursue a career in art and offer internships.

Brooke Anderson Linga is the director of the Diggs Art Gallery. According to Anderson Linga, "The Diggs Art Gallery's purpose is not only to promote art, but to enhance the relationship that the university has with the Winston-Salem community."

Later this month, The Bal Masque, a fundraiser for art, will be held at the gallery on Saturday, April 29, 1995. This event will include a Caribbean Steel Band, African drummers and dancers. There will be 40 artists to make up the masque. A silent auction and a formal dinner will also be held.

The gallery's next exhibit, "William H. Johnson: A Retrospective" will be on exhibit from June 1- September 2, 1995. Johnson, an artist from South Carolina, began studying art at the age of sixteen. The art featured will relate to his interesting life experiences.



Queyana C. Woods and Victor Jackson

Campus Pals Help New Students

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"Breaking out into a whole new era of service, determination, dedication, motivation and education," is the message that is proudly displayed on the t-shirts worn by members of The Campus Pals.

WSSU's Campus Pals organization boasts of having a membership of 30+ strong. It is designed to help motivate freshman and transfer students mentally, physically, psychologically, socially and spiritually. The "pals" are not only peer mentors, but also liaisons between the freshman\transfer students and other organizations on campus. Their motto "For The Student" says it all.

This organization has already begun planning for the upcoming 1995-96 academic year. Its mission will consist of "recognizing, respecting and uplifting the students at WSSU to help build a greater university."

Victor Jackson, a senior Mass Communications major from Kannapolis, who is also a member of the organization, made such an impression on his freshman pal that she decided to become a Campus Pal also.

Delinda Woods, his pal stated, "Vic and I became such close friends through this organization. I feel that I can go to him and talk about anything that is on my mind." Woods also feels that every freshman and transfer student should take advantage of their campus pal. "They are really there to help you

and motivate you to do well. They offer you the chance to learn from mistakes they made as a freshman."

The 1995-96 Campus Pal spring intake process has already begun and they are looking forward to inducting strong, vivacious and student-oriented people into the organization.

"The Campus Pals Organization has always been strong and full of dedicated people. Since I've taken on the duties of president, I've found the best of what Winston-Salem State University has to offer the students," said Queyana "Q" Woods, a junior Mass Communications major from Charlotte, who currently serves as president of the organization. "Our programs are designed to help create a bond between the new Rams and us so that they don't feel alienated when they arrive here. Our job is to make the transition from "their" home to "our" home less difficult."

Campus Pals not only work during the academic school year. They work a few days during the summer as well. During the two summer orientation sessions, June 22-24 and July 6-8, the members of this organization are quite active on campus. "New Rams-to-be" who attend these sessions have a chance to meet their Campus Pals and find out more about the organization and its activities.

The Pals are in the process of scheduling a "butter" orientation program for the fall so be prepared for something "real."

Music and Art Are On Exhibit Here

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Have you ever thought about where the beautiful paintings that are hanging around campus originated? Have you ever wondered about how the University Choir and Symphonic Band selects its music for your listening enjoyment and pleasure?

The answers to these, questions can be found by visiting WSSU's Fine Arts Department located in the Fine Arts Building.

The Fine Arts Building houses the Art and the Music Departments. The MARCHING Band, the university choir and the Symphonic Band fall under the auspices of this department.

This semester, members of the University Choir and the Symphonic Band attended the Intercollegiate Music Association Conference at Saint Augustine College in Raleigh, N.C. The University Choir toured New Jersey,

New York, Maryland, Washington, DC, and Virginia during Spring Break, while the Symphonic Band and the Jazz Ensemble are preparing for spring concerts.

In the Art area, a new Computer Graphics sequence has been added to the department. Six new courses are being offered. The department's computer lab, is equipped with the latest high tech equipment which includes 10 terminals.

According to Roland Watts, the chairman of the Fine Arts Department, "The area of Computer Graphics might eventually become a major or minor in the near future."

Watts also said that plans are being made for a sidewalk show later during the spring semester and that three senior art students Bart Williams, Larry Clark and Perry Connally are preparing for their senior show that will take place in the Diggs Art Gallery.

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