# RA's: Dedicated Mentors and Students

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"We're not police officers, instigators, 'tattle-tailers' or mommies and daddies, we're students with jobs to do that must be done-it's that simple," says Taura Hatney, a Wilson Hall Residence Advisor.

The 1995-1996 Residence Advisory (RA) Staff is working hard in the residence halls to make sure that where you live is a comfortable, quiet and safe place. If you're unfamiliar with this year's RA Staff, their names and where they live are listed below.

Atkins Hall: Kitchawa Roulac, Nakikia Wilson, Ericka Sneed, Karen Taylor and Takeba Roulac.

Brown Hall: Carlos Massey, Jamar Caldwell, Michael Southern, Stovall Wade and Michael Massey.

Dillard Hall: Kenya Goings, Terra Manigualt, and Tiffany McCaskill.

Wilson Hall: Taura Hatney, Tiniki White, Sean Squire, Carlos Lee, Darren Hicks, Tara Tate, Ayasha McGhee, Queyana Woods, Shaka Gibbs and Kenya Mitchell.

"The RA staff is a combination of extremely dedicated and active students; which means that it's a lot of hard work," says first time RA Taura Hatney.

"We're confronted with various issues of residence life and once it's piled on, it's piled on thick," says Shaka Gibbs

The R.A.'s are easily accessible in the residence halls. They provide hall meetings where they distribute information, entertain suggestions/ideas, host in-house activities for the residents to create unity or ease the tension of exams, office workers that provide direction and last but not least, serve as mentors and keepers of the peace to ensure that residence life is pleasant for everyone.

"We are football players, officers in organizations, band members, off campus workers, RA's, and students too," says Tiniki White. "It's the outgoing personalities that keeps us all from cracking up."

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### CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

## Physical Therapy Major Off to A Great Start

BY DEVONA MCPHATTER

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Winston Salem State University's physical therapy program has captured the eyes of many people across the country.

WSSU is one of only four universities in North Carolina and the only one in northwest Piedmont region that offers physical therapy as a major.

The university's curriculum for a bachelor of science degree in physical therapy is a five-year program that requires 149 semester hours for completion. The curriculum is divided into two components: the Pre-Professional Component and the Professional Component.

The Pre-Professional Component can be completed at an accredited four-year college or university. It requires that a minimum of 68 semester hours be successfully completed and a maximum of 64 hours may be transferred from a two-year/community college. It also requires that a minimum 2.5 GPA be obtained in order to be eligible for the Professional Component.

Acceptance into the Professional Component requires a hand-written autobiographical sketch, verification of sixteen hours of observation in two or more physical therapy settings and a personal interview.

The department's tenure on campus began in May 1993 with 22 students. Entering as juniors, they had completed the Pre-Professional course work. Five of the students completed their Pre-Professional stage at WSSU; six are from out of state and 11 were from other parts of North Carolina.

Dr. Eddie L. Harden, the department's chairperson, feels that there are never enough people in physical therapy. This is due to a small class size and not enough funding to expand the program. Harden believes that physical therapy is one of the most competitive careers of the 90s.

The class that entered in May 1993 was the first class of physical therapy graduates. They graduated in May 1995. The department is located on the first floor of Pegram Hall.



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