

## CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



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### Burke Singers: New Campus Singing Group

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Watch out Sweet Honey and The Rock, because the Burke Singers are following closely in your footsteps.

The Burke Singers, the newest singing sensation on campus, are four young ladies who are members of the University Choir. Temeka McCain, a senior Elementary Education major; Cassandra McCloud, a senior Music Education major; Sonya Melton, a junior English Education major; and Calsine Pitt, a senior Business Administration major are the group's members. D'Walla Simmons Burke, director of the University Choir, is also the director and founder of this group. The Burke Singers were founded in March 1995.

"I saw the need to add a sense of

variety, emotion and a sense of political awareness to the choral program here at Winston-Salem State University and the City of Winston-Salem," said Burke.

The group's members say being a part of this group has brought about a bond of sisterhood among them.

"The Burke Singers has given me the opportunity to travel and become exposed to different people in and around our community," said McCloud.

"Singing in this group has given us the opportunity to learn inspirational songs from different cultures," said Melton.

If you have not heard the Burke Singers, you have definitely missed an entertaining as well as educational experience. Their next performance will be at the University Choir's Christmas Concert on December 2 and 3.

### Rachelle Ferrell Appears On Campus

STAFF REPORT

Jazz, Rhythm and Blues recording artist Rachelle Ferrell displayed her talent earlier this month at a performance on campus.

Using facial expressions and her amazing vocal range, she performed tunes from her debut album "Rachelle Ferrell" and her jazz album "First Instrument." Some of the most memorable tunes include "Peace On Earth," "Welcome to my Love," and "Extensions."

Ferrell asked the audience to close their eyes and pretend Will Downing was there singing with her when she sang her hit, "Nothing Has Ever Felt Like This."

She also performed a great rendition of "Amazing Grace."

She ended her performance with "With Open Arms." This excellent concert was brought to the WSSU faculty, staff, student body and Winston-Salem community by the WSSU Lyceum Committee.

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