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Community Service

Can you remember the last time that you preformed a service in the community and were not paid, not coerced to do for a class assignment, or not pressured into for the sake of your resume?

Our community needs us, but many of us just won't answer the call. The City of Winston-Salem has hundreds of non-profit organizations that are in desperate need of reliable, capable, innovative, and most of all educated volunteers. Many of the students on this campus could fill these positions in their spare time but unless they actively participate in a service organization or fraternity or sorority, chances are, they will never set foot in the door.

And why not? You will get the the office experience that internships at times cannot provide. Don't you realize that volunteering in the community provides work experience in an environment where manpower can not afford to be taken for granted? In many instances, non-profit organizations will let you do work in areas that you have an interest in or that are closely related to your major. For instance, Education majors could work with children.

Volunteerism gives you the opportunity to make contacts with some very important people in the community. Were you wondering how you were going to meet the CEO at R.J. Reynolds or the Mayor of Winston-Salem? Chances are if you you work on community service projects, you will. These people can refer you to or offer you a wealth of job opportunities. And what are the possibilities that you will meet them sitting in your dorm room.

Moreover from helping you to prepare for your future success, helping out in the community gives you the option to help others who may not be, in some way, shape, or form, as well off as you. You could end up feeding the homeless, teaching the illiterate to read, tutoring low-income students, or raising money to find a cure for cancer. The possibilities are endless but then so are the rewards-for you and for the people that you help.

So here is the challenge WSSU: Let's give back something to the community. Find an area that interests you and get started making a difference! And remember, many of us wouldn't be here today if not for someone who gave freely of their time at some point on our life. We have a debt to repay, don't default on it.

- **Kenyatta Jennings**

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WSSU's motto is "Enter to learn and depart to serve." I believe students that attend WSSU are entering to learn but most are not prepared to serve.

The problem begins when we try to get faculty to help us understand what we are learning. From the professors to the administrative staff most are not preparing us to serve. Students are the main reason that this college exist or have they forgotten?

This semester, there was a snow storm; followed by an ice storm, both were devastating to the city. The response of the administrative staff was to inform local radio and television stations late. Several students struggled to arrive on campus only to discover classes were cancelled. To make matters worst they required that students attend classes without scraping parking lots and sidewalks.

It was amazing to me that the first place to be scraped were the areas around Blair and Eller Halls. Both are places where the Chancellor and administrative staff work. If one student fell or wrecked their car, it would have been because of the reckless disregard of this college's administration.

Many students have suffered from the hateful remarks WSSU's

staff at the Registrar office and the Financial Aid office have displayed. Some staff members continue to gossip while students await to be responded to or they toss documents at us like we are dogs. We are human beings not animals.

In my opinion, professors, have not cared about teaching since their arrival. These professors don't want to answer questions and make it their duty to fail students. This creates frustration in students and causes a higher drop out rate during most students first semester at WSSU.

I know attempts have been made by students who want to receive a good education. They stay late in computer labs trying to finish projects, go to other colleges gathering information for research papers, or continue to voice concerns of the lack of communication between faculty and student. These efforts are being ignored.

It is time for a change. If you want excellence you must first get rid of the problems. Stop pacifying faculty that are not motivated to upgrade their skills. For example, being able to operate the latest computer software, attending seminars about the latest trends in

various fields, etc. If students have to take foreign studies we should have staff in place that can provide assistance. Programs should be available for students to enjoy travel abroad. To achieve excellence you must expect it.

College should be a place where students are able to express new ideas and principles. This helps build character and confidence. WSSU allows students to enter but,

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it is not preparing students to depart with the proper skills necessary to be competitive in a continuously shrinking job market. The only thing students learn is that a black college like WSSU can not handle finances, be organized, technologically efficient or assist black students in getting a proper education. Attending WSSU makes me truly understand what Martin Luther King was saying in his "I Have a Dream" speech when he said, "One hundred years later, the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land."

Parking Is Still A Problem

Have you ever gotten to school on time, but found that searching for a parking space has made you late for class? Those of us who drive to school or ride with someone everyday, know what I am talking about. For some, it happens for too often to be ignored.

What's the point of having to buy a parking decal when you can't even park in your designated area? Then, when you do find a spot to park, you wonder if your car will be there when you get out of class? If it's not the fear of being towed, it's wondering if campus security is going "ticket crazy" that day. The parking problem not only effects students,

but faculty and staff as well. Everyone who drives to campus has a parking problem.

Winston-Salem State University has too many drivers and not enough parking spaces. Parking spaces must be available for commuting students, faculty, staff, and visitors. It is not necessary for a person living on campus to drive to class and use another parking space. This just adds to the parking problem.

Another parking dilemma is the construction taking place on Winston-Salem State University's campus. When the new Student Union Complex, which is part of

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