

## FEATURES

# W-S Opens New Transportation Center

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"This is a very historical day for the city of Winston-Salem and for its citizens," said the Honorable Martha S. Wood, mayor of the City of Winston-Salem.

Wood was one of the guest at the opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting of Winston-Salem's Transportation Center. The new center, located at 100 West Fifth Street at the corners of Fifth, Trade & Liberty Streets' is across the street from the Millennium Center (The Old Post Office). The building was built by Walter Robbs, Callahan & Pierce Architects, PA of Winston-Salem at a cost of \$5.5 million.

"The building is owned by the City of Winston-Salem, but it will be managed by the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA)," said David King, deputy secretary of transportation for the State of North Carolina.

The building is three-stories high and covers 22,500 square feet. The building's best feature is the Lobby Area which covers a space of 2,300 square feet. Transit customers will probably appreciate the lobby's shelter after spending years of standing out in the rain,

snow and heat. A 32,000 ft. canopy covers the outside terminal. The indoor waiting area for the riders will be heated and air-conditioned for the passengers comfort, while they are waiting for their busses.

"We told the architects that we wanted the center to be open and airy. We did not want it to be an enclosed shelter due to safety and health reasons with the fumes of the busses," said Brent McKinney, transportation director for the city of Winston-Salem. "The center is not only beautiful-but it will give you a feeling of being among friends in a warm and secure environment."

WSTA customers who depend on their service had nothing but praise for the building and were also impressed by the "Passenger Appreciation Events" that were scheduled for them.

Thurmond Lee Bailey said he rides "the bus to go back and forth to see his doctor quite often." Bailey added that he has always been on time going to the hospital and leaving the hospital.

Many other customers agreed with Bailey. They said the founders would be very proud to know that the high standards they established for the bus company at its inception are being



*The Winston-Salem Transportation Center*

upheld in the 90s.

"I have been riding public transportation all of my life," said Teresa Patterson, a Winston-Salem resident. "I was riding the bus when it was the Safe Bus Company."

The Safe Bus Company was founded in 1926, when 21 black jitney owners contributed \$100,000 to start the company that served the black

community for almost 50 years before being bought by WSTA in 1972. The company's founders were:

Ralph R. Morgan, E.A. Davis, J.M. Adams, G.H. Dillahunt, Fred McCall, C.R. Mosby, G.F. Ragsdale, Wheeler Thompson, E.T. Miller, Joseph Milller, I. Boyd Holden and Ambrose Wheeler.

# International Students Enjoy Being Rams

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At Winston-Salem State University, six percent of the student body is comprised of international students representing several countries. Yearly, the percentage of international students has increased.

Two students, Olushola and Folashade Bolarinwa, who are second semester freshmen at WSSU, are part of the six percent. This brother and sister are from Ondo State, Nigeria in West Africa. They have been in the U. S. for a year.

Olushola's name means "god provided the money," while Folashade's name means "use money to get your royalty."

Olushola, 19, is an accounting major, who enjoys traveling, playing soccer and tennis with his friends. Folashade, 18, is a political science

major, who enjoys dancing, reading and basketball.

When, the Bolarinwas came to the U.S., they had to adjust to American culture, weather and food. However, now they both feel comfortable and more at home.

"I like WSSU for the simple fact that it recognizes a lot of the African culture and practices," said Olushola, when asked what he liked about WSSU and why they decided to come to WSSU. However, he feels he needs to work on his social life.

"I came to WSSU because other schools told me I had to attend a community college for a year because I am an international student," said Folashade.

WSSU required the Bolarinwas to meet the requirements for admission from high school or from other colleges or universities as outlined for admission and



*Olushola Bolarinwa*

to have command of written and spoken English.

"Universities and colleges are better in America than in Nigeria because they are more technologically advanced and educational sound," said Folashade.

The Bolarinwas are the son and



*Folashade Bolarinwa*

daughter of Glinda Moses, a retired member of the Registrar's Office Staff.