

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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Other top universities were the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University, sharing the No.2 spot. Cornell University, Duke University and the University of Pennsylvania sharing the No.3 spot, and California Institute of Technology at No.4.

Brown University, Columbia University, Dartmouth College and Northwestern University share No.5.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel-Hill followed UC-Berkeley and Virginia among the public universities. UCLA and the University of Michigan share the No.3 spot.

The University of California at San Diego followed at No. 4. The College of William and Mary was No.5.

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FACULTY INFORMATION SOURCE

The National Research Council announces the 1999 Postdoctoral and Senior Research Associateship Programs to be conducted on behalf of over 120 research laboratories throughout the United States representing nearly all US Government agencies with research facilities. The programs provide opportunities for Ph.D., Sc.D., or M.D. scientists and engineers of unusual promise and ability, to perform research on problems largely of their own choosing yet compatible with the research interests of the

sponsoring laboratory.

Approximately 350 new full-time Associateships will be awarded on a competitive basis in 1999 for research in chemistry, earth and atmospheric sciences, mathematics, space and planetary sciences, and physics.

Awards are made for one or two years, renewable for a maximum of three years. Annual stipends for recent Ph.D. recipients for the 1999 program



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range from \$30,000 to \$50,000 depending upon the sponsoring laboratory and will be appropriately higher for senior award recipients.

Applications submitted directly to the National Research Council are accepted on a continuous basis throughout the year. Those postmarked by January 15 will be reviewed in February, by April 15 in June, and by August 15 in October. Initial awards will be announced in March and April-July and November for the two other later competitions.

Information on research

opportunities and participating federal laboratories, as well as application materials may be obtained from the National Research Council Associateship Programs (TJ2114/D1) 2101 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20418 Fax (202) 334-2759 Email:rap@nas.eduInternet: www.rap.nas.edu/

**DEADLINES FOR APPLICATION:
JANUARY 15, APRIL 15 AND
AUGUST 15, 1999.**

The News Argus Staff Are Requesting That All WSSU Faculty Become More Involved With Our Campus Newspaper... WE NEED YOU IN ORDER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

WSSU Seeks SACS Reaffirmation

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Associations of Colleges and Schools (SACS) has developed a process meant to ensure quality in higher education in the southern United States. In order to receive federal and many other types of funding, universities must be accredited by SACS. Essentially, without accreditation, universities could not operate. The accreditation process requires that a university undergo a self-examination to determine its strengths and weaknesses and to determine the extent to which it meets a list of criteria or standards developed by SACS. Many of these standards are considered "must" statements, which means that the university must be in complete compliance with the statement. If compliance is not demonstrated and documented during a peer evaluation visit, then the university has a very short time frame in which to correct the situation or it will lose its accreditation.

In the past, the accreditation process had focused mainly on the adequacy of resources to support the educational mission. But currently, the focus has shifted to institutional effectiveness, i.e. does the institution emphasize the results of the education its students receive and does it use assessment information to re-

evaluate its goals, to make improvements and to plan for the future. SACS will be looking to see that an established and on-going planning and evaluation system exists; that planning and evaluation are implemented at every level of the institution; and that the institution's purpose is accomplished through a process of goal setting, evaluation, and use of evaluation for improvement.

For the next year and a half, WSSU will engage in the process of conducting its self-examination, gathering data and writing a report which explains how we are meeting the standards. In March of the year 2000 we will receive a visit from a team of our peers who will look to see that WSSU in fact is doing what the school said that it would do in the self-study. The help of all faculty, staff and administration is needed to ensure that the school comes into compliance with the criteria of SACS.

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Call for Student Volunteers

Students who would like to serve on a principal committee should contact Dr. Merdis McCarter in Room 202 of Blair Hall, telephone number 750-2200 or Dr. Carolyn Berry in room 110 of The Gaines Complex, telephone number 750-2580.

GETTING INVOLVED IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!

Honda All-Stars

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gain eligibility.

Using last year's national competition as barometer, this competition is worth attending.

"Last year's tournament in Orlando, Florida really catered to the students," said coach Roseboro. "There were many functions, and talent shows that allowed the students to keep busy."

"They really pampered us," said Wendy Covington, the leading scorer for last year's team. "They gave us money for dinner, movies, and even Disney World. I had a wonderful time."

Although the event allows time for recreation, winning is still at the heart of this year's team. De-

spite the team's 2 and 5 win/loss record last year, there is good reason for optimism. Especially when you consider that Hampton made it to the 2nd round with a 4 and 3 record.

"We were really competitive," Roseboro said. "But we had all first year players. . . . This year we expect to do much better."

The Honda Campus All-Star Classic takes place March 11-15, 1999. The finals are televised on

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The study didn't figure the economic effect of the training provided by that of the university or that of tuition money other than financial aid, Shoemsmith said.

"The numbers you're looking at here are scientific numbers," Shoe-

smith said. "I try to be as scientific as possible and conservative."

Winston-Salem State enrolls about 2,900 students. The university has 506 employees and a payroll of nearly \$23 million.

Shoemsmith fed figures used by the university into a formula designed to calculate the economic effect of state agencies. The formula figures in payroll, contract costs, student and visitor spending, financial aid, charitable giving and capital investments.

It breaks the effect into three categories - income, retail sales, and taxes.

The university has an effect of \$65 million in income, \$40 million in retail sales, and \$7.5 million in taxes, Shoemsmith determined. About 60 percent of those taxes go to the state.

The university directly or indirectly creates 1,971 jobs, Shoemsmith said. It accounts for about one of every 100 jobs in the county, he said.

"If you were to pluck Winston-Salem State University out of Forsyth County, that would be the number of jobs that would disappear," Shoemsmith said. "That's not an insignificant number."

Lee Hampton, the vice chancellor for institutional advancement at Winston-Salem State, said that the university can use the study to prove its value as it tries to build partnerships with business and industry.

Partnerships are essential to the future of the institution, Hampton said. Now, instead of trying to sell a vague idea of what the university means to the community, its leaders can show its monetary value.

"I think sometimes it's difficult for people to think outside the box when it comes to higher education," Schexnider said. "We're not simply an educational institution, we're a (multi) million-dollar business."