

Campus News

New bookstore Manager schedules for timely delivery and better deals

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At the beginning of the school year, many Winston-Salem State University students complained about textbooks not being available in time for their classes. To correct this problem, the Follett College Store has hired a new bookstore manager.

Kevin Powell, the new WSSU bookstore manager, embarked on his mission earlier this month.

He plans to put an end to the late arrival of textbooks on campus, get book orders in on time and offer more used books for students to purchase.

"The lifeline of any bookstore is books and the bookstore makes more

money selling used books," said Powell. "If book orders come in late it causes the bookstore and students to spend more money on new books."

Some of the bookstore employees seem to like the small changes and Powell plans for other improvements. Powell also plans to hire a textbook clerk who will work full-time on textbook orders.

The hiring of this additional person will allow Powell to concentrate more on making bookstore improvements.

"Having a new manager is probably the best thing that has happened to the bookstore," said Steven Randle, a freshman biology major who works in the bookstore.

"The changes are pretty good like the clothing, there are more winter selections to choose from. Also the new big alphabet signs make it easier to find what you want. CDs are more accessible instead of behind the counter," said former employee Robert Maddox, a sociology major at

WSSU. Members of the faculty will also appreciate Powell's move to get textbooks here earlier.

Some of them also hope he will be able to do something about the high cost of books.

"The prices need to be dropped so that the students can have books for class," said Avis Bond, a member of the faculty in the Department of English and Foreign Languages. "They also need to give more money during book buy back time."

Moreover, Powell wants to make the store more user friendly to students and faculty.

"I want the students to enjoy coming to the bookstore. I have an open door policy for receiving comments or complaints," said Powell.

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Chuck Gaskin, senior vice president of BB&T.

That may be so but in the statistical data presented at the conference, the City of Winston-Salem is going to lose more residents than it will gain by the years 2000. It is estimated that only 2,241 residents will move here between the year 2000 and 2010.

There are plenty of opportunities for this particular age group it's just a matter of communicating what exists," said Leroy Anderson, a city employee in Human Relations and Neighborhood Government Services.

Anderson, who has lived in Winston-Salem since 1983, says employment attracted him to the area. He says he believes that the main reason people come to the city is for employment and that the city offers a tremendous amount of activities in addition to employment.

"People should consider the volunteer opportunities in the community as well as

the arts and becoming involved with some type of political campaign for those who want to be politically involved," says Anderson.

As the meeting progressed and participants were separated into groups, the problems of Winston-Salem did not seem to be employment but something of a more sensitive matter.

"Winston-Salem has no night life," was the number one concern on every group's lists.

"The city, especially the downtown area, practically shuts down after 10 p.m.," said Amy Schillings, a 26-year-old account executive at Long, Haymes and Carr Advertising. I would like to go some place else after 10 p.m. besides the Waffle House."

"Winston-Salem is not very appealing to younger people and advertising Old Salem as your main attraction isn't going to do it," said another professional who owns an advertising company in the city.

Although the meeting was held at a time (8:30 a.m.-11:100 a.m.) when most people in that age group were at work, those who were able to attend came not only with the city's problems but solutions as well.

"I was attracted to Winston-Salem because of my job," said Sims Boulware, 31, an associate creative director at Long, Haymes and Carr. I love my job but I need a social life. The problem isn't luring people, it's retaining them here because there's nothing to do."

"Okay, so what can we do?" said Allen Cox, leader of one of the discussion groups. Participants offered many solutions.

"The rebirth of downtown Winston-Salem."

"Economic development of the city."

"Cooperation with the city of Greensboro."

"Have younger adults and community leaders on the Chamber of Commerce."

These were only a small number of

possible solutions to the problems of the city, but the main concern of the participants was changing the city's image-Winston-Salem has to want change.

However many agreed that the city is set in its traditional ways and that there are a lot of problems concerning race relations that need to be addressed first before anything can and should be done. Winston-Salem should be able to compete with larger cities like Charlotte and Atlanta and with the proper channels and resources that should be able to happen.

Mayor Cavanagh and his associates took everyone's concerns and solutions into consideration and may plan to hold a similar meeting to see how the concerns can be addressed.

"I have a sense of hope that community leaders are committed to improving the quality of life in Winston-Salem," said Schillings. I hope some action comes from all of this."

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unaccountably took flight on a quiet, open stretch of road. A third member of the group was struck by lightning, and one was found dead in a deep swamp. The other two also met their death in mysterious ways.

Almost immediately after the hanging, curious people began visiting the site of the tragedy. As time went by, they observed that the hole dug by the crutch did not fill up like an ordinary hole, and people whispered that Sketoe's ghost was returning to the spot to keep the hole

clean.

Some years later two men who were part of a crew that was building a new bridge over the river decided to camp on the spot where Sketoe had died. They didn't believe in ghosts, so they filled up the hole and pitched their tent over it. The braver of the two men put his bedroll directly over the freshly filled hole, and they spent a fairly comfortable night. Next morning when they broke camp, the braver man picked up his bedroll and found to his amazement that the hole was

there again, although he had filled it up himself and laid on it all night long.

The hanging oak isn't there anymore, but the hole still is. It is about 30 inches wide at the top and slopes to a depth of about eight inches. Three young pine trees grow close to the holes but even their needles do not remain in it. Something sweeps them away, leaving the hole as clean and empty as it was the day an innocent man was hanged there.

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