

# Editorials

## A semester with many ups and downs

What a semester this has been. So many things have happened, I don't know where to start. Sure we've had some bad times as well as good times, but when you lay them all out, the good always outweigh the bad.



**Cortney Hill**  
Editor

Let's start with the bad. I'm sure that you all can recall earlier this semester when 300 or more students' schedules were purged out of the system. Hey you might have been one of them. Officials say that they were testing for Y2K, I say that someone who didn't know what they were doing just went in to the system.

But the biggest shock of them all was when Dr. Schexnider resigned a few weeks ago. Now the major concern is who's going to be our next chancellor? We all hoped that our next chancellor would be positive, strong minded, and hard working. Well, I'm happy to announce that we have a new chancellor that will take post on Jan. 3, 2000. I'm sure that on the behalf of all Winston-Salem State students, faculty, and staff, we all would like to welcome Chancellor Harold Martin to the university.

To recall more good memories, isn't it an honor to have won the title of CIAA Champions for the second semester in a row? I just want to extend a personal congratulations to the football team, you guys believed that you could do it and everyone is proud of all of you!

Another good thing that happened was when The Tom Joyner Foundation named October WSSU Month.

I'm sure that other people had their own personal experiences to add to this list, but we have another semester coming, a brand new millennium, plus a new chancellor on the way. We have a lot to look forward to. Have a great holiday and good luck on exams.



*Seasons Greetings from the staff at the News Argus*

## Student expresses opinion about this year's homecoming

**Christina Simons**  
Reporter

From Oct. 24-30, Winston-Salem State University celebrated their last homecoming of the century.

It began with a campus church service, and continued with two concerts, a carnival, the coronation, a haunted house, and a spirit-filled red and white parade/pep rally. The week ended with the always crowded football game, and the homecoming step show.

Now the red streamers have been taken off the poles, the balloons

that decorated the campus have been popped, and the disc jockey has left the cafe, what is your opinion about 1999's homecoming? Was it hype? Could you feel the school spirit? Was it a disappointment to the graduating seniors, and a let down for freshmen? Here is one student's response.

"Homecoming is supposed to be an event used to stimulate school spirit throughout the campus. This was something I did not feel throughout the whole week. Silk and the carnival were the only two

events I enjoyed (I liked watching my friends slap themselves up against the velcro walls, and wrestle each other).

"I know we have limited funds, and SGA tries their best to make sure we have a good time despite that, but to me and my friends, the campus atmosphere was completely dead! I would rather have two or three spectacular events, than a weeks worth of small activities that would make our Homecoming experience a memorable one."

*Tiffany Green — a sophomore*

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resume." Second, it's educational. "It's the most eye opening experience in your education," said Flynn.

Receiving a personal change was his last reason. "Students who return are more interesting individuals," Flynn said. "You send a kid out, but you get an adult back."

The UNC Exchange Program lasts from a semester to a year, depending on how long the stu-

dent wishes to stay, during the fall and spring. There is no summer program.

Tuition will not exceed to what is paid at their home university according to Flynn.

Germany, Mexico and Finland are involved with the UNC Exchange Program. Australia will be available next year. The UNC Exchange Program is also working toward Israel.

Students with good character, a great attitude and a GPA of at least 2.75 are ideal for the program.

The deadline for turning in applications is Jan. 10, 2000.

For more information, contact Dr. Olasope Oyelaran, school coordinator, in room 316 in Hall Patterson or call 750-2306.

For additional info, download the UNC Exchange Program at [www.unc.org](http://www.unc.org).

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class but he has volunteered in the past.

"I used to volunteer at Bynum Elementary School back at home. I talked to young kids about basketball because they had an interest in it.

"I did it for a basketball program, but I got the feeling that I was making a difference in someone's life," said Sessoms.

Aliasha Oakes, a junior, is a flag cheerleader coach and a parent volunteer at Mineral Springs Elementary and other middle schools.

"I read and do tutorials, bulletin boards, and fund-raisers. The awards of volunteering are endless."

Gail Favors, the Coordinator of Community Service/Service Learning and project G.I.V.E., says that about 60 students are enrolled in what is called service learning classes.

Students are simply required to volunteer at a nonprofit organization, educational institution, convalescent homes, or hospitals for credit toward the class.

About 700 students here at WSSU volunteer for scholarships.

Favors says, "Students not only volunteer for course credit, but they also do it because they want to."

"There is a group of young men

that live in Wilson Hall who call themselves Crew 7.

"They volunteer their time at local churches and other organizations.

Of those students that receive credit for volunteering, they can also gain experience in the field that they are majoring in.

There are other students who enjoy volunteering but do not have the time to do it between classes, work, and other extra curricular activities.

Janarde Cannon, a junior, says he has not volunteered this year because football takes up a lot of his time.

"Last year, I did a project called Friends of the Library during homecoming where I helped set up tables to sell various items.

"I do help freshman move into their dorms every year along with other football players, so I guess that would be volunteering too."

Gill Wright of Panama City, Fla., says he doesn't have time to volunteer right now, but he has in the past.

"I helped my aunt, who is the leader of an after school program in Fayetteville, NC clean up Reilly Road as a part of the Adopt-A-Highway program."

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