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## Martin discusses students' concerns

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Reporter

*During the first weeks when Chancellor Harold L. Martin, Sr. arrived at Winston-Salem State University, he convened a set of meetings with the students. The purpose was to address many issues which concerned them.*

*Martin and his staff responded accordingly. This article features Martin's reply. Other articles will feature their responses.*

With the increase of car thefts and individuals who wander onto the campus, the assurance of campus safety has been a prime topic that students question. Martin said that he has spoken with Chief Willie Bell of campus security about the concerns.

"Chief Bell and I had an excellent conversation about campus safety," Martin said. "It's

not necessarily a need for more personnel, but a matter of stability within the personnel."

**MARTIN**

One of Martin's suggestions is to have a security guard stationed in the main entrance guard booth from midnight to 6 a.m. every night to keep trespassers from driving onto campus.

Other notable issues were parking and inadequate facilities.

"Clearly there is a need for parking spaces," Martin said.

A location that has been suggested for a new parking area is beside the football field where the tennis courts are located. The tennis courts would be moved to a "more conven-

nient" place.

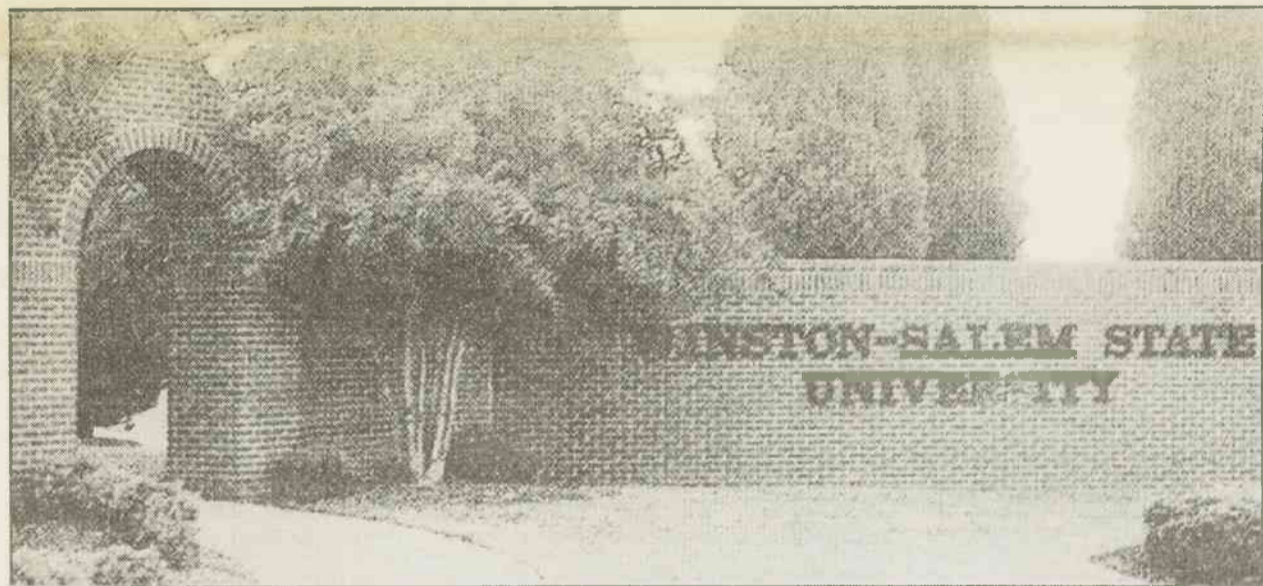
According to Martin, the problem is from drivers who don't park in their designated spaces and drivers who don't own parking decals.

"We are a little community on this campus with rules and regulations," he said. "We must enhance our enforcement, but in a positive and respectable way."

One improvement that will be implemented is replacing Hill Hall life science building.

This decision came after a study was commissioned by the University of North Carolina System which found that WSSU needs to replace its life-sciences building.

Martin said that the project will begin within the next five years.



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The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reviewed WSSU on April 3-6.

## Optimism remains about SACS recommendations

**Cortney Hill**  
Editor in Chief

A visiting committee of college faculty and administrators from colleges and universities in the Southeast visited in early April to examine all aspects of WSSU's programs and services. The committee left university officials with 22 recommendations on how the university can improve.

Dr.Carolynn Berry, the co-director of the self-study process, said that "like all universities, we must go through an accreditation process every 10 years to ensure quality." Colleges and universities must be accredited to receive federal money for student aid and

grants. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is the accrediting organization for the 11 Southern states.

Nine committees comprised of WSSU's faculty, staff and students spent more than two years studying the university.

"The nine committees worked together to prepare a 600-page document which team members received before the visit. This document was also placed on the university's Web page so the team could access it electronically. Many of the key reference documents in the self-study document were also hyper-linked to their source. This made it easier for team members to verify important informa-

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## Witherspoon says changes on the way

**Quemella Holland**  
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Dr. Everette Witherspoon, the vice chancellor for academic affairs, recently discussed student concerns, including the long registration lines, the purging of classes, understaffing and the hours of operation for some of the support offices on campus.

Students seemed to be most concerned with the registration process. To improve the long lines, Witherspoon said that the registration staff has been trained to monitor the lines at the workstations.

"Each staff member from the registrar's office and the cashier's office has a specific shift to work at each station.

"When one person goes to lunch, another staff member will replace him or her."

Another concern posed by the students was the purging of classes.

Classes had been purged on the first day of each semester. However, at the beginning of the spring semester, many students who did not owe any money were purged from the system and were not able to enroll in the classes that they needed.

Witherspoon said that students' schedules will no longer be purged before the first day of classes.

"Any student with a balance of \$50 or less

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