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Room to Move

New residence hall is a much-needed addition at WSSU

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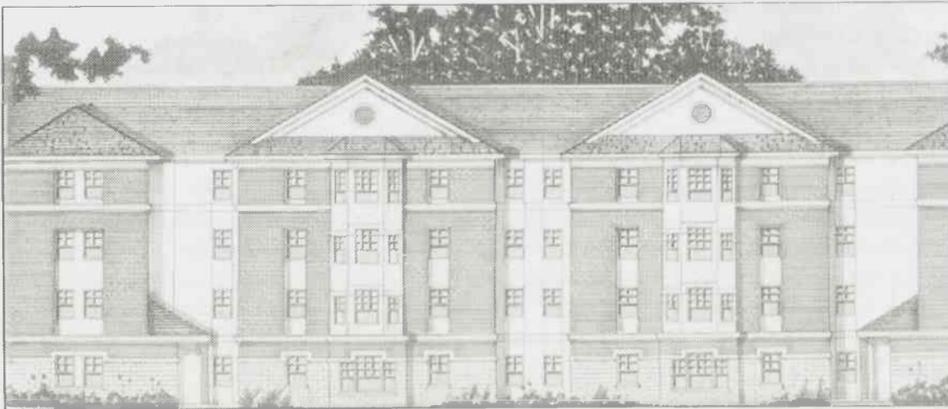
Winston-Salem State University is preparing to welcome a highly anticipated and much needed addition to its campus—new residence halls.

According to Housing Director Linda Inman, the residence halls, which will house 448 students, will be located on the side of Wilson and will consist of four units. Features of the new residence halls includes 150 square feet of living room space, 6-foot closets, two bathrooms and mini-kitchens.

Perhaps the most unique features lie in the bedrooms.

"They [residence halls] will have four single bedrooms with two bathrooms," said Inman.

"Others will have two sin-



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This is an artist's rendering of the new residence hall at Winston-Salem State University.

gle bedrooms, a bathroom and full kitchens."

The new residence halls will be more than just dormitories. Increased community interaction will be stressed with features such as a community center, meeting rooms, computer labs, a mini convenient store and a fitness center.

"It'll [residence hall] be helpful because the upper-

classmen won't feel so isolated by having to live off campus," said Sheila Cromartie, a sophomore. "They'll be able to mix and mingle with everyone else."

Although talk of the dorm has run rampant throughout campus, students seem skeptical of a August 2002 opening. To ease the apprehension,

Melvin N. Johnson, the vice-chancellor of Student Affairs, assures students that the residence halls will be ready to live in next fall.

"Hold us to the fire," said Johnson.

If Johnson's statement wasn't enough reassurance, students were further convinced of the new residence halls

becoming a reality on November 12 when representatives of the Buffalo Designer Firm laid out several furniture and color schemes for students to vote on. Choices for carpeting were between camel and purple schemes, and the furniture for the single bedrooms will be black wrought iron. The community center will consist of school colors, red, black and white.

"We're also looking at the possibility to have the (Ram) logo around the halls," added Inman.

As the marketing process continues for WSSU's latest addition, students will learn more about the requirements for residency and will be continually updated by the Housing and Residence Life office on the progress being made.

WSSU Employees Go Above and Beyond for the United Way



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Chancellor Harold Martin presents a check recently for over \$25,000 to the United Way's WSSU State Employees Combined Campaign in the main dining room of the Albert H. Anderson Conference Center. The campaign began Sept. 14 and concluded Nov. 9. Contributions from WSSU employees surpassed the goal of \$19,000.

Students should beware of excessive credit-card use

By Nhy Smith
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The problem that students have with credit is that they are not educated about the certain steps to maintain credit and not get into debt. Sometimes debt cannot be eluded because certain circumstances happen.

Patricia Hill, a sophomore public administration major has a few personal tips in regards to credit cards and credit. She is a non-traditional student who has worked for Wachovia at the West End Center for eight years.

"Try to have only one

or two revolving credit cards. Having lots of credit cards is not a good thing. It does not improve your credit rating," said Hill.

She believes that some creditors see excessive numbers of credit cards as an inclination of future debt. The consumers must limit themselves so that debt will not occur.

However, newly acquired creditors cannot deny a person because they have many credit cards. Federal law also protects consumers.

Federal law carefully regulates how information about your credit can

be used. The two most important laws for consumers are the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

The ECOA mandates that every consumer who applies for credit has an equal chance to obtain it. This is not a guarantee that credit will be granted, but rather that the factors used to determine whether an application is accepted or rejected will be consistent and consistently applied for all applicants.

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