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NEWS****Education  
best way to  
stop spread  
of STDs****By Nakida McDaniel**  
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Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are a prevalent issue in society. College students are particularly at risk because their physical, emotional, and sexual growth are challenged by being in a new environment where more opportunities to develop sexual relationships are present.

As a result, students must educate themselves about STDs, as well as protect themselves during sexual intercourse. Here at Winston-Salem State University, the Freshmen Seminar course requires that students attend an STD forum, which is hosted by employees at the Forsyth County Department of Public Health.

Monica T. Brown, an STD/HIV Health Education Specialist, believes that this program does make a difference in the lives of students.

She said: "You know that you've made a difference in at least one person's life. Sometimes it's only a short term success. Many students are very receptive to the slides shown. However, they are easily forgotten. However, I believe that if we can just get them to think about the repercussions, eventually they'll take heed, hopefully before it's too late."

Perhaps, what also helps to get the attention of students are the alarming statistics. For example, according to the Forsyth County 2000 HIV/STS Surveillance

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According to Student Government Association President Carmille Akande, a student-body president "needs to have a love for this institution and a love for helping people at this institution."

Akande, a senior, was elected as president for the 2001-02 school year this spring. It appears that Akande is all about student involvement, after having spent the past school year as chairman of the Judicial Council while holding the position of SGA's Secretary of Judicial Affairs.

A campus visit with a friend sparked the Blair, S.C., native's interest in Winston-Salem State University, but a high level of spirit and pride have helped develop her love for the institution.

This student leader, who was in awe of the campus, the faculty, and administration, enjoys sharing this passion she has with others. However, she feels that there is a low level of school spirit at the moment.

She said that she is looking forward to discussing this student



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**SGA President Carmille Akande is a senior political science major from Blair, S.C. She says she fell in love with WSSU right away.**

apathy, and has addressed the issue in many SGA and student body meetings.

"Students, they are a marketing tool for the institution," she said. "They make other students want to come here."

In the wake of the 2001 homecoming festivities, school spirit has become a major concern. There was a low level of student participation during the annual concert, which featured R&B

singer Jaheim.

Akande feels that school spirit plays a major role, along with political activity and student participation, in dealing with issues on campus.

"They go hand-in-hand in solving the smaller problems, [and ultimately, the larger ones]."

She added that she wants to

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page 6****Many factors are causing America's recession****By Nhy Smith**  
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Financial experts have declared that America is in a recession. According to experts, the American economy lost stability after the Clinton administration because the budget surplus was not used correctly, inflation was eminent and the world was skeptical of the new millennium.

America's top business executives were rattled by the Sept. 11 attacks. America's business confidence in current economic conditions fell in the

fourth quarter to the lowest levels since early 1980, according to data published by the Conference Board, a private economic research firm.

Professor of Political Science at Winston-Salem State University, Donald MacThompson, believes that the recent nationwide recession extends from a multiplicity of things.

"American competitiveness abroad is in decline. We have NISs (Newly Industrialized States), and the value of the dollar has declined," said MacThompson.

Many business have found it profitable to move their production to a foreign country. When this happens a dynamic trickling-down effect occurs.

"Some of our companies find it cheaper to produce abroad than over here. There are Newly Industrial States like Brazil and Mexico where they produce some of the products that we monopolize," said MacThompson.

Newly Industrial States are being recognized for their growth and the

American products that they now produce.

Malcolm Cook explains in an essay, in which he talks about the Asian market, based largely in Taiwan.

It states that the NICs of the 1960s and 1970s had a tremendous amount of growth. Two occurrences happened that made this experience attractive to other less-developed countries (LDCs). They were able to enhance the value of their exports by diversifying

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