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Online registration for fall begins soon

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With spring on the way, Winston-Salem State University students can expect the normal routine - out with friends on the yard, shedding big jackets, registering for next semester and standing in ridiculously long lines hoping to receive housing. Right? Well yes, with the exception of the housing situation.

This spring, students will be able to apply for campus housing online for the fall. The process will be much like registering for

classes. Once the student's campus Rams Online account has been accessed, the request for housing may begin.

Step One includes reading and agreeing to the Housing and Residence Life Contract. Step Two is filling out the application. Then an instant e-mail conformation will be sent out informing the student that his request has been received by Housing. The student will then print out a conformation sheet and take it, along with a housing fee, to the Cashier's Office. The fee is \$100 for all dor-

mitories, except Rams Commons. The new dorm will require a \$50 housing fee and a \$150 security deposit, totaling \$200. If the student's apartment in Rams Commons is in good condition at the end of the semester, the security deposit will be refunded. The final step in the online housing process is to take the conformation slip and receipt of deposit to the Office of Housing and Residence life in Room 300 of the Thompson Center.

Finally, a room assignment will be e-mailed to the student.

There are no definite dates for the online housing-application process, but it will last for one week.

"We're looking to do that [online housing] soon after Spring Break," said Linda Inman, the director of Housing and Residence Life.

All continuing students will be eligible to use the online housing process. Incoming freshmen will still be receiving housing pack-

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Dr. Melody Pierce, the vice chancellor of student affairs, gives speaker Bryan Burwell the Flame of Truth award. See related story, page 5.

New modeling troupe looking to add flavor

By Stephanie Price
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What does the word mean? Webster's Dictionary defines it as a sudden manifestation of the essence or meaning of something.

At Winston-Salem State University, Epiphany is a new modeling troupe ready to give the students what they want.

Founded by Jimalle N. Stevenson, Isaac West III and Tanya Craft, their main focus is to bring something new and different to WSSU that everyone will enjoy.

The troupe started in November. The name of the group was created by Stevenson, who said that Epiphany is the perfect name.

"I always wanted to start something that would be fun, entertaining and include everyone by giving them a fair chance," said Stevenson, a sophomore mass communications major.

Everyone has an equal opportunity to audition, and they are voted on by their ability to walk and not popularity.

"Epiphany is a mind-blowing, challenging experience. They are fair, open to everyone, and at the same time it's a learning experience," said Chandra Richards, a freshman mass communications major.

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Students of HBCUs unite their minds in Think Tank

By James Jones Jr.
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Historically Black Colleges and Universities throughout the nation met to participate in the 1st HBCU Student Think Tank held at Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tenn.

The three-day event began on Friday, Feb. 22, with an opening ceremony and several lectures by notable speakers including poet and author Sonia Sanchez and Black Panther Party co-founder

Bobby Seale. The evening ended with an opening banquet titled "Enchanted By Unity," which featured performances by the Village African Dance Troop, the New Direction Gospel Choir, the Restoration Praise Dance Ministry and a speech by motivational orator Lecia J. Rives.

Saturday was highlighted by morning lectures from Ayinde Jean Baptiste, who is widely known for his address at the 1995 Million Man

March and poet Jessica Care Moore, who is the author of the best seller titled "Words Don't Fit in My Mouth."

The afternoon featured concurrent sessions on topics ranging from "Preparing for the Business World as an African American" to "The Black Woman: Discovering the Queen Within." The sessions were followed by the "Tennessee State University

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