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Work begins on computer-science building

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Winston-Salem State University held a groundbreaking ceremony for the computer-science building April 3.

The facility, which will be at the corner of Atkins and Cromartie streets, is one of several buildings funded by the \$42.3 million bond referendum approved during the 2000 elections.

According to Chancellor Harold L. Martin Jr., the

\$12.4 million, 62,000 square foot facility will not only serve WSSU students, but will also benefit the city of Winston-Salem.

"[The building] serves to link our university with Winston-Salem's downtown research development park to stimulate economic development in Winston-Salem," he said.

Martin added that the computer-science building will provide the WSSU community with the best technology.

"The facility will bring to our campus the highest technology, providing space for classrooms, laboratories and faculty offices to meet the growing needs for our campus community," he said.

Martin was joined by WSSU administrators, Winston-Salem community leaders and WSSU students in the "ceremonial dirt-tossing." The completion date of the building is scheduled to be in July 2003.

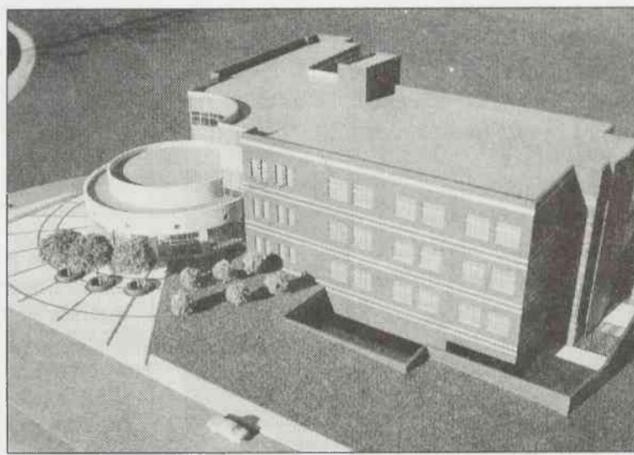


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This is an artist's rendering of what the new computer-science building will look like.

And the Rammies go to ...

By Keith Caesar
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Students from the Mass Communications Department were treated to a red-carpet event as they took part in the first Rammies Awards.

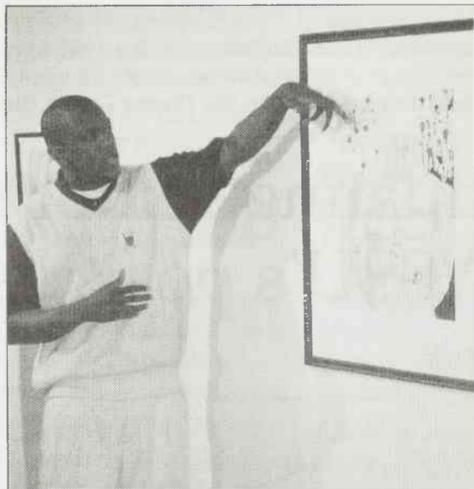
The Grammy-style award show, which will be an annual event, was held at Dillard Auditorium of the Anderson Center last month. The award show focused on the student's achievements of the past year and featured awards ranging from Video Editing to News Writing, and Radio Production, namely.

The event was the brainchild of Mr. Baxter Griffin. And was coordinated by Dr. Valerie Saddler, who was the recipient of the Dr. Brian Blount Excellence Award.

The big winner of the night was freshman, mass-communications major, Nicole Ferguson who took home two awards for her work in *The News Argus*.

Also Zack "T.J." James, who put together many of the edited graphics for the night took home an award for his work. He and his Flow Child Entertainment

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Carl Watts Jr. (left) describes his piece, "Passion," at the art show. Above, artists take time out to pose.

Seniors featured in Diggs show

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The works of Winston-Salem State University senior art majors is on display at the 10th Annual WSSU Senior Art Show in Diggs Gallery.

The work of graduating seniors will be on display until May 18. It includes a variety of artwork such as sculptures, photography, drawings and paintings.

On April 6, the seniors gave presentations of their artwork to the general public. Carl Watts Jr., a senior arts major, presented intricate drawings of several music superstars

including Destiny's Child lead singer Beyonce Knowles and the late hip-hop star Tupac Shakur. The Tupac display, titled "Passion," shows Tupac with bullets to his left and right.

"I put five shots on the left side and four shots on the right side," said Watts. "I have more blood on the right side to represent death."

Derrick Monk, Jerry Watkins and Othniel Dobson worked together to produce "See Beyond Sight," the theme for an installation piece that reflects the Hispanic and African-

American community. They used black and white photography and a collaborative mural to produce the installation piece. They also have several individual sculptures and photography on display.

Lakisha Randolph used 3-D computer graphics and digital manipulation in several of her works. One of her works titled "Black Expressions II," is a drawing of a farm in her hometown.

Andre Chinn concluded the art presentation with several pictures, one of which was a dedication to his deceased father.