



# STUDENT Features

## Out-of-state students concerned about dorms

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When Spring Break came around, Phil Javies hitched a ride to Atlanta and proceeded to Alabama by way of bus.

On of his friends paid for the bus ticket for him to get back to Winston-Salem.

The horrors of an out-of-state student...

Javies, along with many other out-of-state students at Winston-Salem State University, are discouraged at the fact that there are no dormitories open during major holidays.

"It makes no sense because home is far," said Javies, a Boston native.

"When you have no family here, you don't have a choice."

"It's expensive," he adds.

According to Housing Director Linda Inman, there's a reason for dormitory closures.

"The [housing] contract is set up including break closures," said Inman.

"We actually take those break times to clean and do some other things, too."

Ashley Blacktree, a freshman from Prince George's County, Md., has issues with dorm closures, also.

"If I'm riding with four girls, and we're going home for a weekend, we have no room," said Blacktree.

Blacktree evaluates other options.

"On times like that I do

go home with [in state] friends," said Blacktree.

Inman offers a bit of hope for out-of-state students in the future.

"That's [keeping dorms open] something we can look at for the future," said Inman. "But right now we're operating under the 16 constituent universities of North Carolina."

## Patriotism may be shadowing other big issues

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It's almost impossible to not witness some sort of patriotic gesture or effort in America today.

The tragedy of Sept. 11 woke up Americans, not only to appreciate their freedom, but to see the bigger picture.

Winston-Salem State University students expressed their thoughts on the "Patriotic Epidemic."

"It especially impacted me more because my dad and friends are in the military," said sophomore Chanelle Tallman, a Fayetteville native.

On the other hand, some students believe the hype over American pride has unfairly put other important issues on the backburner.

"I feel the whole situation has taken precedence over other issues like young children with poor education, welfare and neighborhood reconstruction," said sophomore Geoffrey Williams.

Speech professor Althea Bradford said, "I pray for my country because I

believe people in leadership need prayer."

"We all do. I also pray for those who commit heinous acts because they also need prayer," she said.

Like Williams, Bradford recognizes America's shortcomings.

"While I support our country in terms of the pursuit of happiness and democracy, I'm aware that in some cases we fulfill that declaration and in others we don't."

Bradford says that she, in no way, condones what happened on Sept. 11, but at the same time recognizes that the United States has also committed heinous acts that she does not condone.

"It is unfortunate that it sometimes takes tragedy to bring our country together in ways that would be productive if we always for example, helped one another, cared for our welfare of our neighborhoods and tried to understand people who don't look, sound or necessarily think the way that we do."



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A brick foundation has been created for the Simon G. Atkins house.

## Phase Two of Atkins house renovations poised to start

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Winston-Salem State University is making great strides to preserve the historical integrity of the campus.

The university is forming somewhat of a historical center on campus with the Alumni House, formerly owned by Francis Loguen Atkins during his tenure as chief administrator, and the oldest structure on campus, the Simon Green Atkins house.

The home, which was formerly at the corner of Cromartie and Atkins streets, is now positioned across from the Alumni House and next to Colson Hall. The original site is now the future location of the new Computer Science building.

Atkins had the home built after he founded the university in 1892.

The relocation was only phase one of the project, conducted by local

architects and contractors in the Winston-Salem area.

According to university Provost Dr. Melvin Johnson, now the house sits above the foundation. The foundation of the house is being restored and the plumbing is being repaired so that the house can be put on top of the foundation.

This will lead into phase two of the project, the actual renovation of the S. G. Atkins House.

The relocation and renovation process got under way when the university received \$500,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development specifically for the project.

The university received the funding after submitting a direct proposal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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