



PALS makes transition to campus life easier

By Katie Gore

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Do you remember the scary yet exciting transition from high school to college?

Luckily on the campus of Winston-Salem State University there is a program that helps incoming freshman adapt to campus life.

"I remember my campus PALS; they were real friendly, and they told us the real deal about campus life," said Janelle Corley, a sophomore management and information systems major.

"It was real hot, but our PAL kept us motivated while explaining everything about each build-

ing," said Shonda Davis, a junior political science major, about her campus pal, "Peanut."

The members of Campus PALS (Peer Advisors Leadership Program) provide leadership during orientation programs, provide tutorial services for freshman, assist with student problems, and serve as great mentors and role models for incoming WSSU students.

This semester, the organization includes 40 members, the largest number the group has ever had.

Students interested in becoming a PAL must submit an application and interview with Leslie Bolden, the organization's

advisor, and a member of the group.

"I'm very lucky because the students I have make my job so much easier," said Bolden.

Any student on campus is encouraged to join this organization.

However, there are several qualifications one must have.

Applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA, be a full-time student at WSSU and be a rising sophomore.

Bolden said she sends a letter to everyone who applies to let them know their status, because she feels everyone deserves that kind of courtesy, even if they're not accepted.

"We try to make it a very organized group that

students would want to be a part of," said Bolden.

This semester, 48 students applied to become Campus PALS; but only 16 were selected.

Once selected, the student must sign a Code of Ethics and are expected to act accordingly.

The PALS meet regularly on the first and fourth Sunday, and the second Wednesday of each month.

During the fall semester, PALS can also be found helping the instructors in freshman seminar classes.

"When the teacher was busy our campus PAL passed out papers and helped us with surveys," said freshman Isreal Dease.

"Hopefully next semester I will do more work with the freshmen seminar classes. We know what the freshman are going through since we were once there ourselves. Making sure they know that you can be sociable as well as keeping up with classes," said senior PAL Chris Moore.

Junior Campus PALS President Jessica Rogers said, "Campus PALS builds a strong foundation," said Rogers.

"It gives a good basis for the new freshman to follow. We encourage them through their matriculation of Winston-Salem State University," Rogers said.

Drama Guild is looking for some promising members

By Ameja Daye

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Watch out Denzel and Halle, students at Winston-Salem State University are following in your footsteps and perfecting their acting skills.

A campus organization that received its roots from the Dramatic Club, which began in 1968 and started in 1973, provides opportunities, knowledge and growth for budding actors and actresses. Today it is called the Drama Guild.

"It helps you bring out things inside of you that

you never knew you had in you. You are offered an opportunity to display different emotions. I feel that it is therapeutic," said Vincent Wilkins, a junior and member of the guild.

"The only performance I saw was the 'Slab Town' production. I thought it was funny, and I knew that they worked hard," said Jody Williams, a sophomore nursing major.

Students who are not a part of the Drama Guild, but are interested in being in the spotlights and performing lines that they can make their own, can seek membership in this group.

"The members have the talent naturally," said Avis Bond-Gray, a member of the Department of English and Foreign Languages faculty, who is a former member of the Drama Guild and now currently holds the position as the Drama Guild's adviser.

Many of the Drama Guild's members came directly from Bond-Gray's Introduction to Theatre Productions class.

Unfortunately the Guild is not currently an "active organization."

It has no officers or set meetings, however when the Guild is active, its primary objectives are to pre-

sent dramatic productions and to perform community service.

"I thought that the 'Slab Town' performance last year was very good, and I feel they should do more of them," said Douglas Martin, a sophomore mass-communications major.

It is clear that the Guild needs more members who love the arts and will be motivated, dedicated and dependable performers.

"The two [performances] that I did see were very nice, and if they were to put on another performance I would definitely go and

see it," said Lakia Edwards, a sophomore sociology major.

Interested in joining the Drama Guild?

All you have to do is go to the interest meetings, audition and look for signs telling about the next meetings and performances.

"We are always looking for new members who like to perform, have a little bit of talent and like what it is that we do," said Kerwin Graham, a junior mass communications major and member of the Drama Guild.

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student-centered motto. If you don't enjoy your job, don't make the students suffer, simply resign and move on; you will not be missed.

Secondly, to administration, as our student body increases, improve university security.

We should have cameras constantly recording and

officers who are both accountable and fairly compensated. Budgets reflect priorities; let's make security a priority here.

Finally, to the students, please stop tearing up the school, take pride in our university. Instead of breaking things, pick up trash.

If you see people breaking things, report it.

Instead of complaining about things we don't have, suggest things we should have to SGA and administration. Don't be private complainers.

Realize, as with any business, talking isn't always enough.

Learn to write effective memos so your statements are on public record. Instead of hibernating in your room,

socialize outside and in the game room. Travel to athletic events. The football and basketball programs have been outstanding over the past several years.

Support our teams don't take success for granted. Perhaps extra fan support would have translated to the last basket we needed to upset Shaw in the NCAA Division II tourna-

ment, or the last touchdown we needed to defeat Virginia Union in the CIAA championship. Finally, don't accept things at face value. A strategic plan is not a guarantee of action. Hold administration accountable; participate in SGA, Student Senate, CAB, the Adult Student Organization and other groups making a difference.

Congratulations to the Class of 2002!