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Research park may aid WSSU

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Wake Forest University's plan to build a downtown research campus and expand of the Piedmont Triad Research Park will benefit WSSU greatly, Chancellor Harold Martin said.

Dr. Richard Dean, the president of Wake Forest University Health Sciences, is leading an effort to build a mixed-use research campus on the eastern side of downtown. The aim is to build private and academic research centers, technology startups, retail businesses, residential units, greenways and restaurants. RJ Reynolds has planned to donate 10-acres and two buildings to the project. "The research park is

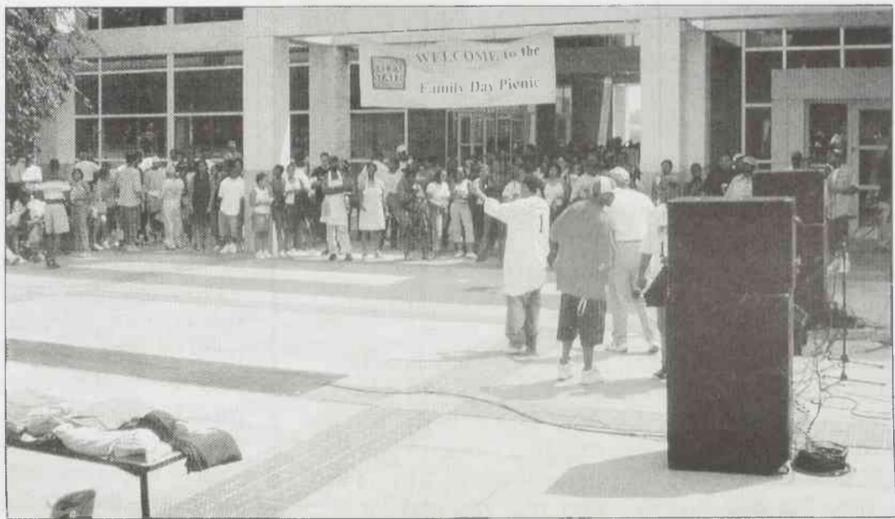
focused on helping to revitalize the economy of Winston-Salem. There has been heavy reliance on tobacco manufacturing, textiles, and furniture, and these industries have been on a rapid downward trend," said Martin.

In about 10 to 15 years, the park could create 10,000 jobs, generate \$5 million in property-tax revenue and have a \$2.5 billion economic impact.

Martin, who spoke at the announcement just before leaving for South Africa for a leadership conference, said, "There are wonderful new biotechnology firms that have relocated to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County area, or have grown up out of this

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We Are Family



Argus photo by Keith Caesar

Family Day festivities welcomed students back to WSSU. Terrance J, a deejay from 102 JAMZ, visited with guests, and Chancellor Harold Martin interacted with those in attendance.

Delta Sigma Theta is back

By Claesa Simmons
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The Gamma Phi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. has finally returned to the campus of Winston-Salem State University after a seven-year absence.

The chapter had an intake of 64 members.

The student body was able to see all of them together for the first time

during their probate last April.

Junior psychology major Jacinta Alford is recording secretary for the sorority, and was number six in line.

"So many people waited for this to happen. It was bound to be a big line," Alford said.

The president of the chapter, junior political science major Krystal

Myers, felt that it was a privilege to be a part of such a large line.

"There are a lot of us, but there's actually more love there because of our numbers. There's always 63 other people somewhere if you need anything."

Junior occupational therapy major Amber

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Students learn about independent living at Rams Commons

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As students enter Winston Salem State University for the start of another school year, they are realizing there have been a lot of renovations.

Among the additions, Rams Commons is the most obvious. It is a fully furnished complex that has the capability of housing 448 students. It currently houses 440 students. All students who

stay here experience a lifestyle similar to being off campus. The apartments are fairly efficient based on the type of room students receive.

Occupants who have a full kitchen enjoy a regular-size stove and refrigerator. Others have a kitchenette, which includes a microwave and refrigerator.

However, some students are not pleased.

Shavahn Whetstone, a

sophomore at WSSU, happens to be one of four tenants that occupy an apartment with a kitchenette.

"It costs too much for what you are getting," Whetstone said. "I have a kitchenette, and I pay \$380 a month."

"We only have up to \$40 worth of utilities a month, and afterwards the remainder of the cost is split up between roommates."

Although *The News Argus* attempted to speak with an official with Student Housing to comment on the situation, the official refused.

Also, many of the complaints stem from students who did not choose to live in Rams Commons, but were instead assigned there by the university.

Though financial aid pays some of the living costs, it does not pay all, which makes it difficult

for people with little money to stay there.

To many tenants' dismay, they still have to abide by university rules even though they each pay the same amount of rent, ranging from \$380-\$450 a month.

Other students such as Candice Colbert, a senior at WSSU, doesn't like that she pays rent every month but cannot stay in her apartment during the holidays.