

Opinions & Editorials

From the Editor

Everyone should have goals, priorities in order

Much has changed over the past year. At Winston-Salem State University, it is the new residence halls, the additions to F.L. Atkins and a lot of ongoing construction.

Another difference is that September marks the one-year anniversary of an event that caused the country to open its eyes.

Since the events of 9-11, Americans have had to re-evaluate their outlook on the rest of the world by realizing they are no longer immune to terrorism. These are things people in other parts of the world live with daily.

As we embark on a new school year, it will be the end for some, and the beginning for others. These years will be scattered with trials and tribulations that will leave an indelible mark on everyone.

For the freshmen, the fact that you are no longer under your parents' roof will be tempting. There will be new experiences, some fun, others won't be. But these freedoms you enjoy will come at some cost if the decisions made are not wise ones.

For the sophomores,

you have one under you belt. If any mistakes were made last year, now is the time to correct them and make positive strides toward the remaining years.

Juniors, there is only one year left, and time may appear to fly. You are one step closer to being in the real world. This is the time that you make it happen.

For the seniors, it's the end of the road. This year will help you get your foot in the door if you haven't already done so. The job market is there for the taking as long as you shape your future.

There is something to say about Ram pride in watching awkward freshmen turn into the people they will become. However, freshmen cannot do this alone. We must help students become people of stature.

If we play our part, students will leave this establishment with their heads held high.



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Dissatisfaction always runs high among WSSU students

By Nicole Ferguson
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It never ceases to amaze me the magnitude at which students at Winston-Salem State University make it a point to be dissatisfied.

My mother is a 1978 graduate of WSSU. She did her time in a sweat box or two, ranging from the then discomfort of Colson Hall to the semi-luxury of Pegram and Moore.

From the time I showed interest in WSSU, my mom would always reminisce about her days here, stressing how the campus had grown. She was proud of the Thompson Center, Wilson Hall and the aging Greek plots.

Most Rams are, except for maybe the graduating classes of 2003-2006.

I was looking forward to Aug. 11 the whole summer. Being at home felt good, but I couldn't help but be excited about living in a new residence complex on campus. A private bedroom, the opportunity to cook, and a short walk to perks such as a fitness center and computer lab.

I've yet to complain about Rams Commons as a facility. It's a long way up from Atkins Hall. My roommates and I have had problems, sure - stains on the carpet from workers, air conditioning that only worked on one side of the apartment and debris left in the tub - but nothing life-altering.

Why can't we as students appreciate what our school has done for us?

It's not even all about Rams Commons or the lease that we willingly signed and agreed to adhere to.

It seems like every day I hear some little trivial comment about SU, a university that probably took you in when nobody else would.

"That's why I hate Black universities, 'cause they can't ever get it together..."

"Winston ain't done nothin' for me..."

"I can't wait to graduate and get up out of here..."

Well, please earn your diploma and do so. And if you can't do that in the next two years, try to transfer. Get out if all you have is a negative comment to give back to this university.

I'm only a sophomore, but I can attest to this - college is what you make of it. What you put into it is what you get out of it. Yeah, it's going to be hard some times. Financial Aid will turn you away without an answer, Housing may send you off campus to live without a choice and when you commute your way back on campus, you may not be able to find a parking space. I've had my share of frustrations and tears at this university, but I've noticed that with every conflict I've come out stronger and better than I was before.

Life throws you curve balls sometimes. There's no guarantee about anything. But be a bigger and better person and accept responsibility for yourself. Never forget to ask yourself how you can make a change.

It's so easy to point the finger and assign the blame. It isn't so easy to accept the blame. But please, in the words of Chancellor Martin: "Don't sweat the small stuff."

Campus Voices Should 9-11 become a national holiday?

"I don't think that it should be a holiday, but there should be a memorial to remember everyone that died during September 11."



Brandi Johnson, Senior, therapeutic recreation

"Security has been an issue since September 11; you can never be truly secure. So many people lost their lives, I feel that they should be honored but not made into a holiday."



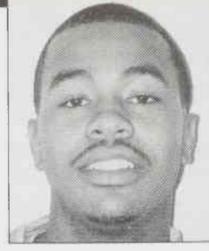
Brandon Hussey, junior, therapeutic recreation

"I don't feel that September 11 should be a national holiday. I do feel that it makes me appreciate life as a whole, a lot more; it makes me want to live everyday as the last day."



Tinay Ruffin, Junior, political science

"I do not want to take life for granted. I do not feel that it should be a holiday because I feel that we should not celebrate disaster, it should be a memorial but not a holiday."



Timothy McGuire, Senior, computer graphics