

# Campus NEWS

## Andre Chinn is making a name for himself

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Andre Chinn, a Winston-Salem State University alumnus, has the desire to be a successful, well-recognized artist.

Although his mind is focused on developing his career in art, he has not forgotten the path that he traveled to reach this point.

Chinn has experienced a glimpse of what it will take for him to prosper as an artist.

An art major and former football player, Chinn graduated last spring and has not been stagnant in preparing to make his dreams more obtainable.

He has developed a strategy that will keep his name and artwork around campus long after he is gone.

Prints of *Days at WSSU*, Chinn's original sketch, will be distributed to the record number of freshmen

that entered WSSU this fall, as well as those who will enter in the future.

The sketch depicts students in front of Gaines Center wearing school paraphernalia. Chinn hopes students will recognize themselves as they view the print. He plans to sign, number and distribute the print during homecoming in October.

"The freshmen won't see the concept until they graduate," Chinn said.

"When they graduate, they'll sit back and remember their days at WSSU. They'll reminisce with their homeboys and their moms, and when they come back for homecoming."

He feels that his work and ideas are a good way to help boost the moral of the students at WSSU.

"Chancellor Martin has made a big difference in the improvements

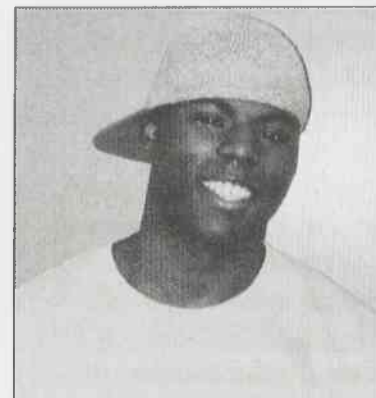
at WSSU," he said. "The freshmen class has increased, and more people want to come to WSSU now."

*Days at WSSU* is part of his Project Phat Fresh Art series. The series was based on the emergence and influence of hip-hop culture locally, nationally, and internationally.

"The Harlem Renaissance was part of the culture back then, but now the culture is hip-hop," he said. "All of my artwork will reflect our culture and those who grew up in this era."

Chinn, who spoke about maturity and spiritual growth, knows how important it is to receive a good education. After graduating from WSSU, he had the responsibility of keeping his household in order for a couple of weeks. His mother became ill during that time, and he was left to pay the bills on time and

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## Freshmen become Rams at ceremony

By Daysha Williams

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The newest members to Winston-Salem State University's Ram family were officially pinned at the annual "Lambs to Rams" ceremony last month.

The freshmen converged on Kennedy Dining Hall at 7 p.m., dressed to impress.

As the ceremony began, the class of 2006 was visibly anxious. Marques E. Johnson, the vice president of internal affairs for Student Government Association (SGA), delivered a welcome that was followed by a greeting by SGA Executive Secretary Dontae McDowell.

Miss WSSU Rolanda Patrick delivered an inspirational message. Al Roseboro, the assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, presented a special invocation to make the freshman feel even more at home.

Freshman Troy R. Smith said, "I am running for president of my class, and I feel that today's ceremony was very uplifting, motivational and inspirational."

Candace Leatherberry said, "This ceremony makes me feel like a part of the school and not just somebody walking around. The class of 2006 is really making me feel apart of a family."

The class of 2006 were not the only ones who attended.

"It was a very good turn out compared to last year. It seemed as if more freshman came out dressed up," said sophomore Phil Javies.

## Steppin' Out at the Pit-nic



Argus photo by Constance Hyman

Student Government Association (SGA) and the Campus Activity Board (CAB) threw a "pit-nic" in the pit area next to Whitaker Gym in August. The event was a good end to what was to many a hectic first week of school. Tommy Gee of 102 JAMZ hosted the event, and many school organizations participated. The cafeteria closed its indoor service and served dinner in the pit area. Students were able to enjoy sauthentic cookout food such as hamburgers, hot dogs and cole slaw. The event was kicked off by a performance from the varsity cheerleaders, pictured above, followed by a "pit-walk" performance from the Mozik modeling troupe. The band, with its flag girls and the girls of scarlet lace, moved the event right along with a performance full of crowd participation.

## Chancellor envisions pedestrian mall on campus

By Claesa Simmons

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The campus of Winston-Salem State University is rapidly changing, and its newest addition will be a "pedestrian mall."

With 3,400 students enrolled this year, Chancellor

Harold Martin said, "We knew we were going to grow. We needed to make sure that we were building buildings and creating residence halls and classrooms and faculty offices and parking lots to accommodate this growth."

"And as we grow, the con-

frontation between pedestrians and vehicular traffic will become a problem."

Even though there is a need for more classroom space, the administration sees vehicular

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