



STUDENT Features

Tuskegee airmen pay surprise visit to WSSU

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Which air military unit made over 200 missions and never lost an escorted B-17 bomber to the German air force or any other air force in World War II?

The answer is the Tuskegee Airmen. They were America's first volunteer, African-American military airmen.

An original airman, Wilson V. Eagleson, along with two other airmen visited the campus of Winston-Salem State

University recently. Eagleson, who was a member of the 99th Fighter Squadron, Leonard Hunter and Cleopas Mason (and his wife, Joyce) were interviewed at WSSU'S radio station, WSNC 90.5, and were here promoting a recent air show.

The airmen were trained at the Tuskegee Army Air Field (TAAF) in Tuskegee Ala. The first aviation cadet class, which produced single- or multi-engine pilots, began in 1941.

This group was trained to be fighter pilots in the 99th Fighter Squadron, and flew through North Africa, Sicily, and Italy.

By the end of WWII, 992 African-Americans had graduated in aviation cadet classes at TAAF. Three groups developed: the 100th, 301st and 302nd Fighter Squadrons. By 1944, each of these fighter groups became the 332nd Fighter Group, which was established by Benjamin O. Davis Jr.

These men became



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Joyce Mason (from left), Cleopas Mason, Wilson V. Eagleson and Leonard Hunter visited campus recently.

known as the "Redtail" fighters. The name reflected the red paint on the tails and spinners of the planes. Thus distinguish-

ing them from the other fighter pilots.

Eagleson joined the

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WEST MEETS EAST

WSSU student, professor visit China to study cultural differences

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While some wonder about life on the other side of the world, for one Winston-Salem State University senior, the land of the rising sun took on new meaning this summer.

Biology major Denetera McLean returned from a 12-week research program in China early last month.

She said the culture and people of China were different from what she expected.

"They were actually nice," McLean said.

The trip, part of WSSU's Minority International Research Training (MIRT) program, was

held at the University of Beijing Peking Medical Center.

McLean was joined on the trip by two other students from Tougaloo College.

McLean said she really did not have time to slow down as she left for China on May 16 and returned on Aug. 5. It was her first trip outside of the United States, and she had to endure a 24-hour flight from Raleigh to Texas, then to Tokyo and finally Beijing.

"When I first got there, it was nighttime. That was the first thing we saw were the lights of the city. When I woke up the



Photos courtesy of Denetera McClean
Denetera McClean and Dr. Boon T. Lee visited many places in China, including Tiananmen Square (top).

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Financial planner cautions students

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Students at Winston-Salem State University should start a breaking trend when it comes to credit cards and debt.

Sanyika Calloway Boyce, the author of *Crack Da' Code*, *What every College Student Should Know About Money*, and *Love the Dream Job*, recently came to WSSU to tell students about ways to find financial independence.

Boyce is also the founder of SCBN Enterprises and has taken her story of financial empowerment to various campuses.

She said it was her experience with bad finances that led to the creation of *Crack Da Code*.

"Crack Da Code" was born
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