

# Opinions & EDITORIALS

From the Editor

## The world has much to teach if we will learn

Throughout this edition of *The News Argus*, faces of students from Winston-Salem State University are prominent.

For some, the faces are etched in our minds, while for others the faces are new.

There is also a great emphasis placed on international experience and the role it plays at this university.

Some of these faces include Kristie Swink, Student Government president; Corey Ruffin, Mr. Ram 2002-03; and Rolanda Patrick, Miss WSSU 2002-03. They are just three of the student leaders here at WSSU.

Leadership comes from within and is not an external attribute. This sums up some of what drives these students. These are students who show their pride for this school, a goal for which we should all strive.

But what about the other names that may not be as widely known, Steve Waddy, Juan Miguel Cardenas, Pablo Torres and Bart Thomee.

They are international students or students who have studied abroad. With them comes an outlook on the world that many people who know only North Carolina or the United States may never know.

Making the university internationally accessible allows students from other cultures the chance to interact with WSSU's student body. In the same vein, students who leave and go to other cultures for the semester enables them to learn a different way of life.

The experiences that these students have make for an educated campus.

In my experience, coming from a different culture, I would often watch television and wonder what life was like in America.

It wasn't until I came to WSSU that I realized that even though we all come from different places, we are more alike than we think.

For the students who have never had the chance to travel, there is a big world out there. It is one filled with incredible wonders and unthinkable horrors.

The chance to learn something new, to interact with a different culture and learn a little about life, should be taken up at every opportunity.

And while WSSU is becoming a more culturally diverse school, the ideals upon which this institution was built should never be forgotten.

These students, both in leadership positions and those abroad or visiting here at WSSU, are contributors to the development of the institution and of the student body.

Learn from them as they will learn from you. The gateway to the world begins with them.



CAESAR

## Letters to the editor

### Yes and No

Dear Editor,

Your article (Nicole Ferguson, Dissatisfaction runs high, September) was rather interesting, but I would like to take the time to reply to it by stating my agreements and disagreements with it.

You keep saying that students are constantly complaining about different things about the campus. Even though I am a resident of Dillard Hall (by choice) to a certain extent I can agree to the complaints of those who live in the new addition to WSSU (Rams Commons).

If you were told at the beginning of your residency that you were going to receive all these better facilities such as cable and etc., you are expecting to receive everything that you were paying for. If you aren't guaranteed everything that you were promised, then they need to take the time and lower the price.

To me, Rams Commons is not a honor or privilege; it is a rip-off. I can expect to

have difficulties with the other dormitories such as stains and air conditioning, but Rams Commons is not old; it is brand new. All those things should have been taken care of.

If those things were a problem, they should have taken a little more time to work instead of trying to rush to get it together for the 2002-03 school year.

Those people chose Rams Commons because they were probably excited about getting all the things that they are not getting. On that comment that you made about WSSU, "a university that probably took you in when nobody else would."

Speak for yourself, because I got accepted to other colleges, but I chose WSSU. In other words, speak for yourself and not others.

Secondly the issue about the Financial Aid Office sometimes sending you away with no answer, I totally agree with you.

Though I agree with you, the repetition of attitude that you receive is just

ridiculous. Why have an attitude with the students for doing your job, which you are getting paid for? If you didn't like the job, why did you accept it? We go to them when we have no clue in the world what to do.

I went to them as a freshman in the kindest way that I could. Speaking to them in a normal tone seeking advice, and what do I get? A nasty attitude and, when you give one back, they say we have no respect for adults.

I was brought up saying that you treat others the way you would want to be treated, so when I went to her I was expecting the same respect I gave her. One more thing about the Financial Aid Office and the other offices: these two- to three-hour lunches that they take. The students go to them, and they tell us to come back in about two to three hours because they are at lunch and not one minute later will they stay after.

Denita Johnson

## Students have a right to be heard, and newspaper can be their voice

By Keith Caesar  
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*The News Argus* serves an important role on campus.

Through this paper, editors and writers try to give readers an unbiased look at what is happening on campus, in the community and some times in the country.

As of late, there have been several instances where we have been accused of being biased and putting positive or negative slants on stories.

Our role is simple. To supply information to and for

the students of WSSU. The sole concern of this paper is that we produce stories that reflect student life.

We must do this in an objective manner to showcase what is going on around this campus.

WSSU is trying to produce students who can take a talent that they have and develop it as a positive experience. The writers are allowed to explore their ability and work on stories that interest them.

If it is not already made

clear, *The News Argus* will stand as a voice for the students and will seek every opportunity to reflect issues on this campus.

When we run potentially controversial stories, it is not to offend or please any group on campus: It is to inform. We are not judging any group by running a story in the paper.

News is news, and that is something that cannot be censored under the First

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