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Master Plan release leaves many bewildered

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With a potential price tag of about \$270 million, students from Winston-Salem State University last month learned more about the development set for the university over the next seven years.

What became more apparent at the Student Government Association sponsored event were the students' concerns as to

why such an abundance of money was going to the school's outside appearance, rather than solving other issues.

With concerns over a possible name change and loss of identity, students from WSSU made a raucous over what they felt should be the school's focus.

Irvin Hodge and Jorge Cantel of Facilities Planning spoke to the

audience about the Master Plan for WSSU to a packed student audience.

With an expected growth to nearly 5,000 students over the next several years, Cantel outlined the plans for the redesign of the campus, which will include a clock tower, the reduction of MLK Jr. Drive to a two-lane street and a pedestrian mall.

Cantel said develop-

ment began in May of last year. The last time WSSU studied a Master Plan for the campus was in 1987.

"Master Plan updates are required by accreditation agencies," said Cantel.

He outlined the decision-making process noting several key points throughout the process.

"We needed to transform MLK from a major artery into a campus-like

street. We needed to create a sense of place for the campus," said Cantel.

"We needed a sense of arrival, when someone comes into campus they will have the feeling that they have arrived.

"One of the elements we carried from the 1987 master plan that was amply discussed with all the members, student,

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Shots available

Freshmen at high risk

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Vaccinations for influenza, meningitis and tetanus boosters are available in the Student Health Center Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. through February.

The meningitis shot fights the meningococcal bacterium, which is transmitted through air droplets and from direct contact with infected persons including from items such as drinking glasses.

Freshman students, particularly those in residence halls, have a six fold increased risk of contacting the disease.

Ether Joe, the head of the Student Health Center said the flu vaccine triggers your immune system.

The tetanus booster is required by the state of North Carolina to complete a student record.

The flu vaccine is recommended once a year, the meningitis shot once every five years, and the tetanus booster every 10 years, with the exception of major injury.

New Threads

Two WSSU students hope their clothes can make them very successful

By Nicole Ferguson

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If you haven't heard of JA-BI-ACH, then you don't know about one of the fastest developing business ventures on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. Specializing in clothing design, JA-BI-ACH is becoming a household, or should we say, dorm home, name.

Founded by William Dobbs of Waxsaw and Harold Thompson of Union, S.C., JA-BI-ACH began as a chance collision of creative minds.

"Me and Harold met our freshman year. We had art class together, and we both drew," said Dobbs.

"One of my friends was his roommate," added Thompson. "One day I was on the fifth floor (of Brown) designing pants. I went to talk to my friend, and Billy

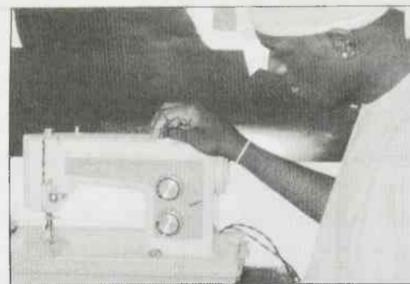
was designing a shirt. I was like, 'Man, I was just making some pants.'"

This chance meeting turned into a plan for a successful business. Dobbs, serving as president of the company, and Thompson, serving as vice-president, began brainstorming a name for their creative line of clothes.

"Initially, I came up with the name Black Ice just because it was different. Everyone thinks of ice as clear, blue or white," said Thompson. "Then we were in the café playing with names, and we finally came up with JA-BI-ACH."

According to the two, JA-BI-ACH is an unusual, innovative name standing for 'Just Billy and Harold.'

JA-BI-ACH designs clothing apparel and accessories with its logo,



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William Dobbs (above) and Harold Thompson began JA-BI-ACH in 2000.

designed by Thompson, and whatever their customers may specify.

Dobbs, a mass communications major, does the majority of the sewing, while Thompson, a computer science major, also designs and works on their forthcoming Web site. They say their clothes are affordable, the highest price being \$30.

"A lot of people are surprised I know how to

work the sewing machine," said Dobbs. "I just know the basics now. My mom taught me."

JA-BI-ACH's clientele include campus organizations such as Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta sororities, the varsity cheerleaders, Northern Connections, Stone Funk and Mozik Modeling Troupe, in

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