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We are looking for women, but only seeing girls

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When one looks at the women at Winston-Salem State University, it's not hard to find an attractive female face.

However, under the clutter of makeup and the form-fitting, overly priced decorations we call clothing, most of the time these faces mask a mind and personality that is stuck in first gear.

I am not speaking for all men, I am just raising some general observations.

When a male looks at the quality of females on campus, there is a question that begs to be asked: "Is there really a whole lot for guys to choose from?"

Yes, there is a cornucopia of women here, everything a guy could want.

However, one very prominent feature is that some of them seem to be built only on materialism rather than aspirations.

There are guys out there who have respect for women. More often than not they look around and find nothing but girls. Women don't seem to be in abundance.

And then some women present attitudes as if they are God's gift to the world. Needless to say that for every woman with

curves and a good smile, there are 10 others out there who look better.

Some guys aren't even given the time of day. They speak and make eye contact, but the girls walk right on by as if they didn't hear a thing.

If you are a woman who values a man with money, a good car and nice clothes over a guy who has his head on straight, then why would a good man want to be bothered with a girl like you?

What happened to the days when girls had dream and strived for something better than they had yesterday.

Respect comes to those who demand it and those who show that they are worthy of it. It does not come by way of a steady showcase of your potential assets.

Also, for y'all women, if you answer to the derogatory names that have been placed on you unfairly, or act accordingly, then guess what - the shoe must fit.

Say what you will about this piece, but in the realm of girls, with one or two exceptions, maybe the male population should start focusing on women, instead of bothering with all these girls.



Men: Would you please redefine your goals, focus

By Nicole Ferguson
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There are two main points that I'd like to touch on in this piece. One has to do with helping yourself, and the other stems from the notion that you cannot get where you need to be on your own.

We all know that as African-American men, there is a common association between you and "The Man." It's a relationship that easily be dated back to the era of slavery in which "The Man" represents the master, and you represent a slave. This fictitious notion often makes it hard to advance professionally in this world.

Gain some type of focus, men. Know your purpose, state that purpose and pursue that purpose. If you can do all three of these things, you'll be on the right track, with no chains to hold you back. I think that too often you lose sight of your purpose. Yes, you should take full advantage of all that college has to offer, from academics to extra-curriculars to the football game after-parties at the club. Keep in mind that not everyone will be a rap star or an NBA player. Set some precedents and goals, and do not let anything steer you away from them.

This brings me to a subject that I cannot stress enough. First

impressions, as biased as they may be, are lasting impressions. In reaching your goals of success through this university, deem whether that do-rag on your head is appropriate for class, or a headpiece that should be left in your dorm room. Think about wearing a belt and keeping your hair fresh, whether it's supposed to be braided or shaved clean. Finally, open your mouth and articulate. Practice diction because in the real world, street slang won't cut it. Nothing's wrong with kickin' it with your people and speaking the way you want. That's culture. But learn to distinguish when it's appropriate. Nobody wants to change your style, but think about whether it's style or pop culture.

My second point revolves around your partner in life - the black woman. Whether that woman be your mother, your sister, your wife, you wouldn't be who you are without her. The name calling and "take-for-granted" attitude has got to end. Be with who you want to be with, but never forget the womb from which you came. This world is harsh and in order to make it, you've got to hold steadfast in your beliefs. Remember who instilled those beliefs in you. Remember who lifted you up when you fell down.

Campus Voices How do WSSU students' ambition levels rate?

"The students here have ambition, but not enough. [Many] are settling for what they can get rather than going to get what they want. Research is the most important tool for survival."



Bertina Karpeh,
Senior, molecular biology

"The ambition of the men and women here is the same as any other campus. You have to find certain students who have that drive and that want to actually do something."



Cedric Jackson,
Senior, political science

"As an adult student I see that most adult student ambition is a lot greater than any average student. Motivation is what motivates me to succeed."



Andy Pyatt,
Adult student, nursing

"A lot of students have a lot of goals and ambition here at WSSU. Being that this is an HBCU, African-American people reach for their goals and strive to help their own culture."



Krystal Myers,
Junior, political science