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Master's in computer science begins in spring



Argus photo by Keith Caesar

Construction continues on the new computer science building.

By Keith Caesar
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Winston-Salem State's Computer Science Department will offer a graduate program beginning in the spring semester.

The deadline to apply for the graduate program has been extended through this month.

According to Willie Frazier, the administrative assistant for the department, "A lot of our graduates are saying 'It's about time we got this, but it's too late for me!'"

"It really makes us more attractive and marketable" to potential students, she said.

Dr. Elva Jones, the chairperson of the department, said that she and her department are extremely proud of this new program and what it will mean for both the department and WSSU.

She added that it had



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been one of five goals which she had set for herself when she became chairperson of the department in 1986.

As for the expectation and enrollment of the program, Jones said that the department had received about 12 applications thus far. However, the application period will not end until [December]," she said.

"We expect to admit as many as 20 students per

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PARKS WATKINS
...geniuses of naming...

TWO STUDENTS NAME SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

In choosing a name for the school paper, Mr. Donnie Watkins and Miss Barbara J. Parks, who won out over many other contestants, considered one which could keep watch at all times. Watkins' and Parks' entry was "The News Argus."

In Greek mythology "Argus" is referred to as one having a hundred eyes who could sleep with some of his eyes and could keep guard with the rest.

One has to be watchful and observant to keep the students abreast on ideas of fellow students, and on the activities of the campus and the nation. These were the bases for the selection of the name. "The News Argus." This name was selected by the "Page One Society" which is made up of the members of the newspaper staff.

The officers of the "Page One Society" are as follows: president, Doris White; vice president, Barbara J. Parks; secretary, Patricia Wall; assistant secretary, Yvonne Price; treasurer, Myce Boyd; and parliamentarian, Porter Dodd.

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This is the article introducing the name Argus to WSSU in December 1962. Before this, it was called the *Teachers College Informer*.

Always watching

Argus celebrates 40th anniversary

By Keith Caesar
ARGUS EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The *News Argus* could not end 2002 without taking a moment or two to reflect on our history as the student newspaper of Winston-Salem State University.

This month marks the 40th year *The News Argus* has had its name.

The *Argus* was formerly the *Teachers College Informer*, which was begun in 1938. About 26 years later, members of the newspaper's Page One Society felt there was need for a change.

After a student name-changing contest, Donnie W. Watkins and Barbara J. Parks submitted the winning entry

changing the paper to its current name.

For those wondering what's in a name, Parks and Watkins took the name from the mythical Greek creature "Argus."

The *Argus* was a 100-eye monster, or a watchful guardian, who even in its sleep could have eyes open to keep guard.

In an excerpt from the December 1962 edition of *The News Argus*, it read: "One has to be watchful and observant to keep the students abreast on ideas of fellow students, and on the activities of the campuses and then nation."

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Ruffin will speak at commencement

By Constance Hyman
ARGUS REPORTER

Benjamin S. Ruffin, a former chairman of the UNC Board of Governors and local businessman, will be the keynote speaker Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. for the Fall 2002 graduation ceremony in Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium.

Congressman Melvin L. Watt was scheduled to be the keynote speaker, but was replaced by Ruffin. Although *The News Argus* attempted to discover why, no one was available at Media Relations to comment at press time.

This is the first graduating class with master's degree candidates in physical therapy from the School of Health Science.

About 200 students are expected to graduate. December graduation is becoming remarkably common for a majority of students eager to get out into the work force and for students who finished

school in the summer and are patiently awaiting the most important part of their new-found freedom, the degree.

Nursing graduates Lysantia Ship and Nikola Taylor agreed that although there is a great deal of cramming and rushing, especially when it comes to money, they can't wait and are happy about what is most important and that is the fact they are graduating.

Fall graduation is held just as Spring graduation although the grad list a bit shorter, the students presume the same expenses associated with Spring graduates right down to the cap and gown.

Dr. Dorothy Singleton of the education department speaks with great enthusiasm of the Fall 2002 education graduates.

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