

# Opinions & EDITORIALS



From the Editor

## Homecoming was all that and then some

By Nicole Editorial  
Argus Editor

Homecoming 2003 was worth all of the hours of preparation involved in planning the festivities, everything from Monday night's comedy show to Saturday's post-game parties. I commend the Student Government Association, members of the administration, faculty, staff, students and alumni. Hats off to all of those who participated in this year's events.

On a more sober and serious note, I want to report that I was hit on Nov. 4 by a car while crossing Martin Luther

King Drive. When hit, I rolled across one side of the car and caught my balance on the trunk. The tires of the car rolled across my left foot.



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I didn't feel pain immediately, and the driver of the vehicle was extremely nice. She gave me a ride back across campus. However, less than an hour later, I experienced stiffness and soreness. Fortunately, the doctor said nothing was broken.

My mistake was to walk outside the lines of the crosswalk. The incident happened at close to 5 p.m., when traffic is at its busiest. Had I used the crosswalk, I probably would have avoided a collision with a car. The two seconds I attempted to save by walking in the middle of the street could have cost me my life. So my advice to everyone is use the crosswalk, always. Don't take unnecessary risks.

Everyone complains about the safety of Martin Luther King Drive. We complain that there's not a pedestrian walkway. But until a pedestrian walkway is

constructed, let's take responsibility for our safety. I'm not the only person who has been struck while crossing this busy street but, hopefully, I will be the last to experience such a potentially life-threatening scare.

Until next month, I hope that everyone enjoys this Homecoming edition of The News Argus. I encourage anyone who has an issue to address to submit Letters to the Editor. Express your views right here in the news pages of your campus newspaper and, until next month, stay safe.

## WSSU prepares you to make important career decisions

I am excited that we have shared such a successful year in the WSSU community. We have experienced an exciting beginning in athletics, another ranking with U.S. News and World Report as the No. 1 university in our category, and unparalleled enrollment growth as compared to other schools in the UNC System. Given our successes, it is important to take note of the tremendous value of obtaining a high quality education.

The importance of a quality education is certainly a concept we embrace as a given truth. Yet, let's assess this philosophy as it relates to your success



during post-baccalaureate years. One measure of success is your earning potential. It has been long documented that there is a direct correlation between education and average income levels. This correlation does not take into consideration performance during school, determination, interpersonal skills, and other factors that influence income. Assuming these areas are equal

among groups of different education levels, higher levels of education yield higher income levels on average. The U.S. Census Bureau confirmed that based on the average salaries from 1997-1999, a graduate with a Bachelor's degree made almost twice the income of a worker with a high school diploma and a worker with a professional degree made almost four times the income of a worker with a high school diploma. Your earning potential over the course of your life is measurably higher as a result of obtaining an education; especially an education highlighted by insightful planning.

The appropriate educational planning must serve as an integral part of your decision process. This planning includes making informed choices about your major, achieving a strong academic performance in your coursework, pursuing internship opportunities for increased knowledge and experience, and focusing on specialization in your chosen area of interest. You must maintain a competitive edge that clearly distinguishes you as the clear choice for adding value to a work environment.

As well as preparing you to contribute to your work envi-

ronment, the quality education you are receiving at WSSU also prepares you to make the right choices for your well-being. Your efforts towards a strong earning potential should be balanced with determining a career track of interest and adhering to a sense of responsibility to help others through service. This balance will contribute to the longevity of your career in the workforce while assisting the plight of others.

Thank you for making the most of the WSSU educational experience.

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## Is romantic love still popular?

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Ah, the joy of love! The sudden feeling of a flighty heart when that special someone passes by, the warm and mushy feeling of the human-to-human passion, and the amorous glances and forget-me-nots that couples in love give each other to let the other person know "I [think I still] love you. Romantic love is a four season event in the world, leading to temporary to permanent happiness, spooning, sex, spooning after sex, and possibly a long term commitment.

Romantic love and passion are exceedingly popular nowadays, especially on college campuses where everyone is doing their best to look and smell their best for that potential attraction. Isn't it grand?

In my opinion, I think that it's all crap.

Forget about religion for a second. Love is the new opiate of the masses. Like religion, love is a beautiful thing that is contorted, manipulated, and mutated until it is beyond recognition and is packaged and shipped into a marketable fashion. There isn't a day that goes by where love is replaced by passion (by passion I mean sexual and personal). It's in every pop up ad on the Internet telling me that I can match myself with a woman on

FreeSingles Something OrAnother.com. It's in every e-mail I get in my junk mail folder that tells me I need a bigger penis (It's the American way! Bigger is better!). It's on every television channel that is heavily laden with boobies and wieners (the adolescent way to view sex) like MTV and BET, the main source for sexual desensitization on the TV. No matter where you turn, our true reasons for love are sitting there, staring us in the face, all perky and standing at attention, or heavily caked with earth tones and hair extensions. We are falling, falling down into the pits of Passion for all of the wrong reasons.

The new ideologies of romance are saturating every single media device, and are indoctrinated into society as they have been throughout the ages. It's only natural for society to want to set standards, but I truly believe that our standards today are LOOOOW. We can't even limbo under our standards if we tried. We fall head over heels for physiological aspects of our significant others. If it's not how they look, it's a part of their personality that you liked, or the fact that they're easy. It's always something about them that you like, and not the whole them. There's another word for it, INFATUATION.

There are so many problems when dealing with relationships because there is always that one thing you desperately hold on to about your partner while the negative aspects overwhelm. People are so concerned with trying to get some tail, or trying to fall in love because it's the hip thing to do, that we fail to see the sacred aspects of love. With love, there is truth. Truth is an infallible concept. Truth is holistic. There cannot be love with so many weaknesses running about in a relationship.

One day, look at your partner and ask yourself why you are. What about the other things? Is he or she someone that you could marry? Are they truly what you're looking for in a person? If you have problems, do they work out easily or do they just rot in the mind? Is everyone in the relationship mature and independent?

Maybe I'm just a cynic. Maybe I don't believe in love anymore. I'll probably find my true love standing over me, emptying my bedpan of its feces and loathing when I'm old and decrepit. I just don't want to be involved in something that is so fallacious that it bears no meaning anymore. In the meantime, I'm going to focus on something that I love a so much more than any night in bed could ever give me: Life.

## Hampton's acting president, student newspaper editors reach agreement

The Virginian-Pilot  
(KRT)

Hampton University's acting president and the editors of the student newspaper reached a resolution Oct. 24 after all copies of the latest issue were confiscated recently.

The acting president, JoAnn Haysbert, had complained that the students had ignored her request to put on the front page her letter about recently corrected health violations in the cafeteria. It appeared on Page 3.

In the agreement, the students said they would reprint copies of the paper Oct. 24, with Haysbert's letter on the front page, said Chris Campbell, director of the journalism school. In return, Haysbert appointed a panel to draft guidelines for the operation of the newspaper, he said, and she agreed to abide by its recommendations.

The panel will be led by visiting professor Earl Caldwell, a former columnist for The New York Daily News, and will include student journalists, Campbell and the newspaper's three advisers, Campbell said.

"I think it's a good resolution to a difficult situation," he said. "This gives us a great opportunity to design a model for how newspapers at private universities should function."