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### HEIGHT, from cover

Today she calls for our students and youth to march ahead with the sincere and distinct purpose of being something greater than we could ever imagine.

"Our youth are afraid to lead. This is the first generation among us that will not supercede the last. That is not a good position to be in and whatever we do to save our youth is going to save our future."

On March 22, 2004, the Winston-Salem State University Division of Student Affairs sponsored the "Women's Symposium" in honor of Women's History Month. A small press conference for Dr. Dorothy I. Height was held prior to the actual luncheon in the Albert H. Anderson Conference Center.

Dr. Height, president-emerita of the National Negro Council, expressed her agitations, obligations, and solutions for students and more accurately, the youth and the future of African-Americans. When a black woman

born March 24, 1912 enters the room for the soul purpose of presenting her golden words of wisdoms and experience one had better listen and if one doesn't care to, then you my friend are lost, her words are undoubtedly valuable.

During the Civil Rights Movement, Height was the same age as many of the students here at WSSU. She stressed that "students," carried the Civil Rights Movement, not "old people," referring to her generation.

"Many young people are moving in the right direction, but it is disheartening to realize that too few who are going through open doors and don't understand how they were opened that they made it on their own. I think they have to come to understand what the struggle has been, that it is not over and they have a lot more to accomplish." Height referred to the obligations of today's African-American youth.

"We need to understand the role the youth played...They think the Civil Rights Movement was

Dr. Martin Luther King's speech and the March on Washington about Dr. King and his dreams. Dr. King was not assassinated because he had a dream, but because he was changing a system. She said that is not fully changed. "Look at the violence in our schools, there are so many places we have to take leadership. You are not the leaders for tomorrow, you are the youth leaders for today, then you become the adult leaders for tomorrow ... the younger generation has to realize that they are the inheritors and that they are the daughters and sons of a great revolution in civil rights and unless they keep building on it our country will be worse off." Height offered her opinion on a solution.

"You have a great history, you have to begin by realizing you are a very special person who belongs to a very special race of people and you have so much to be proud of. And where you are today, however hard it seems you are having the benefits of what a lot of people have done before you.

What you have to do, what everyone has to do, is to determine what kind of life do you want to live, not what you want to get or have, but what do you want to be, what kind of things are you interested in that help you shape what it is you want to be. Everything we do that is our history helps us get a background, if young people would listen to it then we can move ahead—listen to it."

Height's powerful demeanor of knowledge, bravery, and hope consumes her as a person. Her entire life has been dedicated to the struggle and she made it apparent that it is the youth's responsibility to carry the torch.

Recognizing that it is not an easy goal, and none of her accomplishments ever were, she explains that her generations reality was not a "holy society" either. Also to remember, in the words of Margret Meede, "the world was never changed by a majority vote, it has always been a small group of people who keep drawing into themselves a hospitable bridge.

### MINORITY, from cover

Sophomore Mass Communications major Seth Bowman, also Caucasian, said, "I initially chose WSSU because of the scholarship I was offered but I have been pleasantly surprised by the depth and quality of the Academic programs here. I enjoy living on campus, the classes are excellent, especially the hands-on opportunities that the Mass Communications Department provides."

Senior English major Angie Stafford said that she chose WSSU for the location and English program. "WSSU is the most convenient university for me. I have found many friendships here that I hope will be life-long relationships. I enjoy attending this university and would very much like to come back here to teach," she said.

Many students in the minority groups at WSSU have tried other schools and found that WSSU is the university for them. Junior Mass Communications major and one of the "minorities" at WSSU Michaela Siegrist said, "I tried UNC-Charlotte, but I did not like it. Since WSSU is one of the universities located close to home I applied. I love WSSU. From the first time I stepped on campus students were very helpful and friendly. Nobody has their nose up in the air and everyone treats you like family. I enjoy attending this university because I learn something new everyday. Whether it be from the instructors or students."

## WSSU student enrollment

Fall 1999 - 2003



Enrollment by students of other races has seen growth over the past five years. With an increase in enrollment by which seeing the highest jump over the pasty two years. Hispanic and Asians still have low enrollment rats at WSSU.

Black  
White  
Hispanic  
Asian

Source: Winston-Salem State University 10-Year Fall Enrollment Data

### BIKE, from cover

Martin added that "research has shown that officers have a greater effect on preventing crime, as well as once a crime has been committed, apprehending

those suspects through bike patrol."

WSSU worked in partnership with Wavecrest Laboratories, a company based in Dellus,



Courtesy of the Wavecrest Web site

WSSU police will use these bikes to patrol campus.

Virginia that focuses on innovative technology, to acquire the bikes.

The university will host a National Launch Day on April 14 and 15. The program will include a press conference and bike rides, among other activities. People across North Carolina and from out-of-state are expected to attend.

"Military officials, public safety agencies around the state, representatives from the 16 universities, representatives from private schools, politicians, leaders in technology and community leaders will be here to celebrate our partnership with Wavecrest," said Martin.

He added that Wavecrest is also open to the possibility of offering summer internships to WSSU students. "Hopefully something could be put together for this summer."

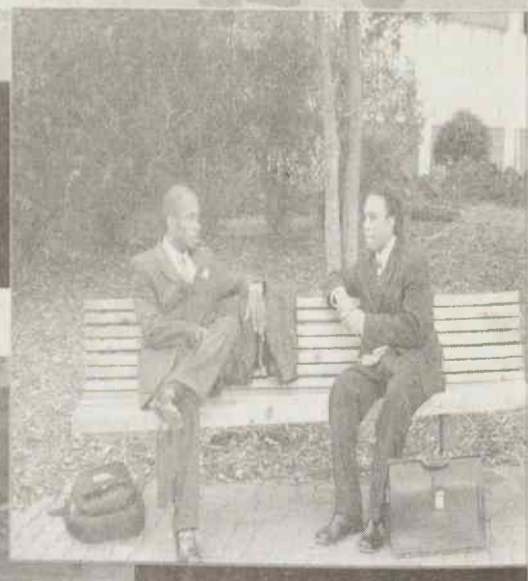
Change(chanj) to put or take in place of something, substitute

Black (blak) beautiful, powerful



The equation =

Black + Change



BMC

Black Men For Change



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The News Argus staff would like to wish you well as you prepare for exams and summer break. And seniors ... it's so hard to say goodbye.