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Sweet Potatoes is more than a meal, it's an atmosphere

By Tammy Bankhead
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Looking for a place where the food is great and the prices are within your budget? Sweet Potatoes, a soul food restaurant on Trade Street in the downtown arts district, is a sure bet. It offers quality dining without breaking the wallet.

The restaurant opened in January 2003.



Photos by Tammy Bankhead
Owners Stephanie Tyson (left) and Vivian Joiner opened Sweet Potatoes on Trade Street.

Owners Stephanie Tyson and Vivian Joiner said it was obvious what to name their business. "We had an abundance of sweet potato items on the menu, more than most restaurants, so it was clear what our name should be," Tyson said.

The restaurant offers lunch and dinner menus. Prices range from \$8 for a lunch entrée to \$18 for dinner. The owners said that they wanted to offer good food at a price that stayed competitive yet reasonable. Great food and sensible prices are not the only attractions. Most people will tell you it's the atmosphere that keeps them coming back.

Alexis Watts, a junior mass communications major said, "The food was good and I enjoyed the relaxing, smooth atmosphere. It was a nice dining experience and I'll definitely be back."

Tyson, a graduate of Reynolds High School, offers an explanation about the success of the restaurant. "I've been back <from where> about three years and the revitalization of the downtown area is incredible. It's a big change since the last time I was here. My biggest surprise has been the diversity of people that frequent the restaurant. I love the fact the mayor can be sitting at the table next to the garbage man. I'm happy that people from all walks of life find this an irresistible place to eat and socialize."

If you're tired of the same old dining experience why not give Sweet Potatoes' restaurant a try. Hours of operation are Mon.-Sat 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thurs.-Sat 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. With plenty of mouth-watering entrees and sinfully delicious desserts you won't be disappointed. It's a place to enjoy good food and great times.



Customers of Sweet Potatoes like the fact that they can be in a good atmosphere and get good food at the same time.



Photo by Nicole Ferguson

New construction efforts have blocked student walkways.

Construction causes temporary inconvenience, but campus will be beautiful once it's finished

By Nicole Ferguson
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Maybe it's just me, but I find it extremely difficult to get where I'm supposed to be during the day. What used to be a five-minute walk, has now evolved into a 10-minute journey (15 minutes depending on the flow of traffic on Martin Luther King). What used to be an 8 a.m. wake up call for a 9 a.m. class has turned into a 7:30 rooster call just to make sure I'm on time.

I know I'm not the only person on campus whose experienced these woes due to the construction site that used to be home to my vehicle when it was raining outside.

Just the other day I ran into one of my professors, who happens to be known for his punctuality, and he was practically in a frenzy for having to walk around the entire campus to get from Hall-Patterson to RJR. I felt his pain.

The whole construction bit seems terrible

now, but I can honestly envision how much more beautiful Winston-Salem State University is about to be. When the pedestrian walkway was opened up a couple of weeks ago, I couldn't help but smile. It was a beautiful day, and all I could think about was how I wished I would be able to enjoy what everyone's officially dubbed as the "new spot," next semester.

I know a lot of people were apprehensive about change concerning the makeover of this campus. I for one was a bit skeptical in the beginning, also. But change is good. With change comes progress and vision. And with all those components the university is bound for even greater success.

So although it may take you a few extra minutes to reach your destination, don't get mad. Just think of the history you are a part of as this campus continues to strive toward greater excellence in the classroom, through its students and faculty, through its facilities and through its new facelift.

WSSU students should expect tuition increase

By Lakisa Leake
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Despite their best efforts, student protesters from across the state failed last month to stop a vote to increase tuition at universities within the University of North Carolina (UNC) system.

The tuition hike takes effect two years from now. The decision by the Board of Governors left some students in tears.

"It's frustrating for a lot of us who can't afford school," said one Appalachian State University student. "But we will continue to fight this and go to the state legislature. I am not fighting for just me. I am fighting for my friends and family who will be coming to UNC system in the future."

Students from 14 of the 16 constituent universities within the UNC system gathered at the UNC General Administration Building in Chapel Hill for the Board of Governors meeting held on March 19, 2004.

Holding posters and banners, students stood outside of the General Administration Building, chanting slogans. The gathering was

an effort to show the Board of Governors that students care about their education and take issue with any decision to raise tuition.

"We want the Board of Governors to see the faces of the students their decision is affecting," said Dara Edelman, who is the student body president at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. "We want them to talk to us and to see how important this decision is to us. The BOG can stop the tuition increase."

In a show of solidarity, the UNC Association of Student Government held a press conference in which the president of the association, Jonathan Ducote, called on the legislature to get involved in the fight for quality education at a low cost. Ducote also noted that Governor Mike Easley supported keeping tuition rates low.

Ultimately, the Budget and Finance Committee voted to raise tuition for residents at UNC-Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University by \$250, and all other campuses by \$225. (what is this school: NCSA \$450 for undergraduate level, and \$750 for graduate level.)

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