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Some Class of 2004 Farewells

"I learned that in the real world there are no excuses and what you put out is what you'll get back in return. And anything that's worth having is worth working extremely hard for. And, most importantly, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

- Selena Cherry

"Oh my goodness, what could I really say about WSSU... hmmm... I have learned so much stuff here, academically and street wise. WSSU helped me to grow into the mature no-nonsense adult that I am today, and I do appreciate that. I will miss all my true ride or die friends and just hanging on and off campus. I have had so much fun here, but when you got to go, you got to go - holla chief chief!"

- Daysha L. Williams-Scruggs

"I think that what I will miss most

about WSSU are the close relationships I have formed with some of my classmates and professors. I sincerely appreciate those who have helped me along the way, and I hope to be able to not only come back but be able to, in the future, give back to the university the way it has given to me.

- Chad Perry

"It has been an interesting experience. I've learned a lot. I've had my hard times but in the end it's all worth it, and WSSU has made me a better person. I will never forget that."

- Stephanie Price

"I learned that I am capable of so much more than I give myself credit for. I believe this school has given me the foundation to go where I want to go in life, and I am glad for that."

- Layla Farmer

CONGRATULATIONS

Winston-Salem State University Class of 2004

You have entered.
You will depart.
Now serve.

FARMER, from page 2

that was truly meaningful and yet I have. I used to be afraid of being called a nerd, now I don't care who knows I'm smart or that I'm serious about what I'm doing here. This is not a game.

I have learned so much about myself in the past two years and so many things have changed in my life since then. Now I have two little boys and the oldest can now see what I'm doing. He knows that I am working hard, and I hope that he will remember that when he gets older. I want him to understand, as I did not, how important it is to find your passion, to do something that you love so that you will want to get out of bed every morning even if you're tired, and you have so much to do and maybe you feel don't so good that day.

I want him to understand what it is to have a direction, a path, a dream in life, something that carries you right over the rough spots as if they weren't even there, something that trickles over into every other part of your life until you are consumed by this purpose, by this will, this dream that will take you wherever you want to go,

that will reveal itself fully to you only in God's time. And until then you follow almost blindly, yet so assured that your steps are fixed, that the way is clear, that the trail is right.

What I have learned at Winston-Salem State University is not so much academic.

I feel that I received a valuable education, but the part that I will cherish, that I will take with me for life is the lessons I have learned outside of a classroom about friendship, about strength, about love. Some people may say that Winston-Salem State is too small or too black or too anything but it really doesn't matter to me. When I graduate in May I will buy the stickers, the sweatshirts and the license plates that say "I am an alumni of Winston-Salem State University" because I am proud.

I am proud of what I accomplished, and I am proud of where my degree comes from. I am glad I ended up at State because it has changed my life for the better. I would put Winston-Salem State University up against any school because it is just that good.

They say everything happens for a reason, and I believe it is true.

FERGUSON, from page 2

home where I had adopted guardians who would pick up the telephone and call my momma at the drop of a dime to inform her progression or digression. I can fondly recall wanting to see my mom and taste her home cooking after the first week of the honors program. No sooner than I hopped in my little Protege and inched onto the I-40E ramp, Dr. Manigault was dialing my home number asking my mom if she knew I was leaving the honors program. I found out that day that I wasn't as grown as I thought I was.

Since that summer in 2001, I've had several professors, just like Dr. Manigault, who cared enough to want to know where I was going. Because of this nurturing atmosphere, I've achieved lots of things. I've been Miss Sophomore, editor-in-chief of the campus newspaper, a Varsity and JV cheerleader, an honors program member, and a devote volun-

teer in the community. Shoot, I even had the opportunity to cross the burning sands and become a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

So now it's time to say good-bye to Winston-Salem State and move on.

After May 8, I'll join the ranks of thousands of African-American college graduates, and I'll prepare to further my education by pursuing my master's degree in broadcast journalism at Syracuse University in upstate New York. That way, when people all over the country turn to their favorite cable network, they'll see my face. Maybe some will want to know a little more about me and click on my bio when they reach the news stations' Web site.

Then everyone will know that Winston-Salem State produces great success stories as do the other 103 Historically Black Colleges and Universities in this country.

CORNER, from page 3

As a result of both the 10-year Capital Plan and the Master Plan, Winston-Salem State University moved forward with infrastructural development. Based on funding through the UNC System Bond, we have been able to build a number of academic facilities along the MLK Corridor. This includes the recent completion of the new Computer Science building featuring state-of-the-art labs, lecture rooms, computer equipment, and information technology initiatives and training.

As well, we are in the construction phase of the Science building that will house life and physical science courses. In an effort to foster a "village-like community," we began construction on phase one of the WSSU Pedestrian Mall, which runs through the center of campus. This pedestrian mall features a 43-foot clock tower

and locations for people to sit for conversation or relaxation. As well, the pedestrian mall is part of what will become the new entrance to our campus which is symbolic of a new era of growth and continued success for WSSU.

As we move forward with the continued infrastructure growth of the campus, I would like to thank you, the students, for your role in our growth and success. You have continued to exhibit patience with the temporary inconveniences of growth-in-progress while maintaining a continued commitment to academic and extra-curricular excellence. As well, it is important to note the importance of the entire campus in the role of the growth of the campus. Our continued ability to work together for the advancement of the campus will continue to foster our success as a community and as individuals.

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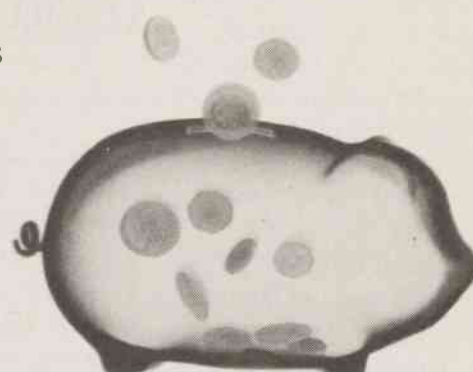
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