

# Features

## WSSU employee upgrades to Universal super producer

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Working to make money is a vital component of living in today's world, but the opportunities that present themselves to make ends meet may turn out to be minor stepping stones toward an ultimate goal.

Koryell Williams, also known as Kory L. on the Beat, matched his hard-working attitude with his motivation to produce music. Working for WSSU in the Physical Plant Department as a janitor, the Winston-Salem native began composing at age 15. With mainstream artists such as Three 6 Mafia as an inspiration, Kory L. launched

his first rap group, C.I.A. Underground, while in high school. Kory L. quickly gained recognition in the Triad area and attracted a variety of local rappers with his domineering melodies and heavy-hitting drum patterns. Soon, Kory L. was producing for other aspiring performers in the entertainment industry within the vicinity.

Kory L. left WSSU after two years to pursue his dream as a producer and is cataloging tracks for some of hip-hop's most well-known artists, from independent to major record labels.

Among them is 102 Jamz radio personality Waleed Coyote's Othaz Records,

which acquired Kory L.'s head-banging beats for their first original full-length album, "2.3." With Othaz Records recently signing with Universal Records distribution, Kory L. is responsible for the sound of the "Middle East."

Although he's been busy making beats, he has not forgotten about the essential skills he attained while working with WSSU. "I put in work and I never stayed in one spot and I appreciate Winston-Salem State for that," he said.

Another prominent product of WSSU, B-Daht, may be collaborating with Kory L. in the near future and can verify his

gift and contribution to the music industry. "I would say that he's got a real ear for the business. His music has a down south, southern knock to it," he said.

Kory L. has not only taken over the media outlets through radio and print. He has also appeared on BET's "Rap City: Tha Bassment" in 2005 during the month of September as a special guest DJ.

Now at 22 and tall in stature, Kory L. on the Beat admits that he has come a long way from buffing floors. Aside from reaping much success, Kory L. is still very much in tune with those who have big dreams

in the music business.

"Stay within your craft. At the end of the day you just have to do it how you do it," Kory L. said.

He has since released an all-instrumental mix tape for hopeful lyricists called "Kory L. May Be City's Beat King Vol. 1," named after an article that was published in The Chronicle newspaper in March of 2005. Kory L. plans to release his second mix tape entitled "The Awakening," which will be hitting his listeners hard this fall.

To find out more about super producer Kory L., you can log onto [myspace.com/supaduca](http://myspace.com/supaduca).

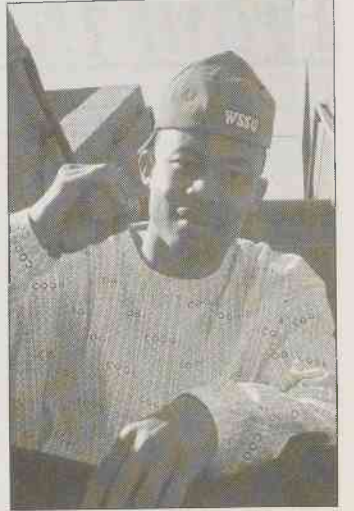


Photo by Sharrod Patterson  
Koryell Williams, also known as Kory L., shows Rams the sky is the limit.

## Girlfriend is upset because her man may be shipping out

**Q.** My boyfriend is going to the military and I am afraid that he will have to go to Iraq. I love him, but I cannot deal with the thought of being so far away from him and the thought of him fighting in the war. Maybe we should take a break for a while; what do you think?

**A.** His joining the military is not the end of the world. Besides, there have been no definite words saying that he will have to go to Iraq. He has not even been to basic training yet. If you love him, you will be with him no matter what. Of course the distance may be a problem but "when there is a will there is a way." If he does go to war the most important thing that may keep him going is your support, so do not turn your back on your relationship just yet. Going into the military might be a goal that he wants to pursue, so you should support him.

**Q.** There has been a Crime Alert around campus. There have been reports of males going into females' rooms and stealing their belongings. Resident assistants and dorm directors have informed students to

lock doors at all times and to report any unusual behavior. I mentioned this situation to my parents and they were upset because they are paying out-of-state tuition. They feel that I should be awarded a good education as well as safety. They think that people entering the dorms should be monitored more carefully. My parents are also concerned that if the same situation was to happen to me that they might not be able to reach me fast enough. I have considered moving back home next semester to attend a local college so I will be close to home. Do you think this is a good decision?

**A.** Your parents have the right to be furious about this situation. The people entering resident halls need to be monitored more carefully. If you are moving back home for safety reasons I can only say do what is best for you. If you think that moving back home is the answer, then you should do that. On

the other hand, I honestly think the authorities are handling this Crime Alert to the best of their ability.

**Q.** I am moving into an apartment next semester, but I have not told my roommate. She is really nice and we have become close. I just feel that it is time for a change of scenery. The only problem is I am not moving in an apartment by myself. I am moving in with two other girls that I am around a lot. This situation looks bad on my part, considering that we all hang out and have become really close. I do not want her to feel left out. The decision to move in with these two other girls just happened; we did not leave her out on purpose. I do not want her to be mad at

me or the other girls. What should I do?

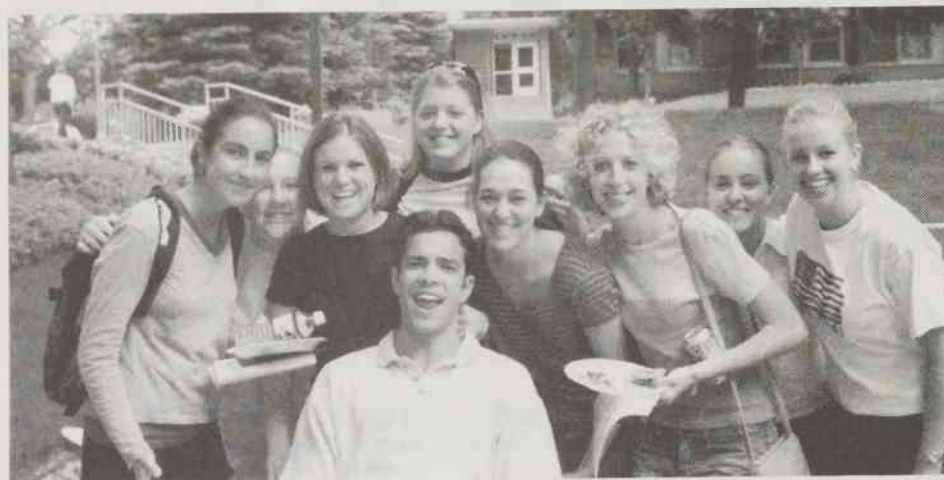
**A.** This is a tough one. The sooner you break the news to your roommate, the better. She may feel hurt and confused. She may have been thinking this whole time that all of you were good friends, but after this she may not feel the same way. Only you know why you did not choose her to be one of your new roommates. You should inform her on your reasoning for not choosing her. Like I stated before, the sooner you tell her, the better, because if someone else tells her that you are moving out before you do, she may feel as though you were keeping a secret from her. If it is meant for you to be friends, then you will remain friends even after you move out.



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