

# Campus News

## STOMP! STEP! SING!

### Greeks to celebrate Black History Month with step-show contest

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STAFF REPORTER

"You can expect us to give it everything we got," said Danny Bush, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

When asked about the step show coming up this month, he said, "We have total confidence after winning the show in the fall. It was the first time stepping for many of us, so our confidence is boosted for the Black History Month step show."

WSSU fraternities and sororities will honor Black History Month Friday, Feb. 23, with a hard-stomping, hand-slapping, mean-mugging event that will showcase the hard work they put into the art of stepping.

Many don't know that stepping began with singing. Members of organizations would sing and dance, and



eventually the dance turned into stepping. This may be why some still refer to a "step show" as a "sing" farther south. It is said that the Omegas and the Sigmas were the first to step. Other fraternities soon caught on to it, and the art of stepping was taken to new heights. Sororities began stepping years later, and it boomed into a respected tradition. The addition of "Kanes" and blindfolds, along with creative themes, added excitement to the art of stepping.

The Alphas and the Deltas are the current champions at WSSU, and they look forward to defending their titles. Both organizations battled their way to glory at Homecoming last fall in a heart-pounding, pulsating competition, but many of the other organizations have been practicing and are determined to take the crown, so they may claim that they are the best.

The men and women of WSSU are gearing up, and pretty soon you will hear the sounds of marching. The battle is soon to start, but will the results be the same during Black History Month as they were at Homecoming? Many students witnessed the agony of defeat and the glory of champions last fall. If you didn't, you can experience it firsthand at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 in the C.E. Gaines Center.

Everyone is invited to this exhilarating event, where the men and women of Greek life will put on a display of tradition that you will never forget.



Photos by Lee Adams

**TOP LEFT:**  
Fraternity brothers step it up with an energetic performance.  
**TOP:** WSSU step shows are big crowd pleasers.  
**ABOVE:**  
WSSU step shows offer excitement and fun.

## Dr. Carolyn Ann Knight to deliver James A. Gray lecture Feb. 8

### Media Relations

The Rev. Carolyn Ann Knight, former assistant professor of homiletics at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga., will deliver the third in the four-part James A. Gray Lecture series on Thursday, Feb. 8, 9:45 a.m. in Dillard Auditorium of the Albert H. Anderson Conference Center.

A native of Denver, Colo., Knight received her bachelor of arts degree from Bishop College in Dallas, Texas, with a major concentration in philosophy and religion.

Her theological training began at Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y. She later transferred to Union Theological Seminary in New York to study under her mentor, Dr. Cornel West. She was awarded a Master of Divinity and a Master of Sacred Theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York, and a Doctor of Ministry from Union Theological

Seminary in Dayton, Ohio.

She is in constant demand nationwide as a preacher and evangelist, and has been called a one-of-a-kind preaching voice for this generation.

She was named one of America's Fifteen Greatest African-American Women Preachers by Ebony magazine in 1997. In March 1996, Knight was inducted into the prestigious College of Preachers by Morehouse College in Atlanta.

Sponsored by the James A. Gray Endowment and Winston-Salem State University, the lecture series is designed to spark thought-provoking discussion about some of the most pressing moral and ethical considerations of our time. Dr. Cedric S. Rodney is James A. Gray Professor of Religion and Ethics at WSSU and is the program coordinator. For more information about the lecture series, contact Rodney at (336) 750-2479 or e-mail him at rodneyc@wssu.edu.



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**Dr. Carolyn Ann Knight will be a guest of the James A. Gray Lecture Series.**

## WSSU Drama Guild collaborates with community theater to perform Crowns for Black History Month

### Media Relations

The Winston-Salem State University Drama Guild Players are charting new territory by venturing away from campus for a new theatrical collaboration with a community theater group to present a musical production during the first three weekends of February at the Stained Glass Playhouse, 4401 Indiana Ave.

The Guild is partnering with the Stained Glass Playhouse to present the moving and celebratory musical play, "Crowns," based on a book inspired by the hats worn by African-American women in the Piedmont Triad region of North Carolina, as an expansion of the Guild's community service outreach.

Adapted from the book by noted photographer Michael Cunningham and acclaimed author Craig Marberry, "Crowns" explores the history of church hats in the African-American community as seen through the eyes of a young woman who has come to the South for her brother's funeral.

"This is an exciting new venture for us," said Avis Gray, Guild coordinator and "Crowns" associate director. "All of our productions, until now, have been done on campus. We look forward to future opportunities to share our work with the community."

Robin McGhie is the director of the production. Tickets are \$10 and reservations are encouraged. For performance times and reservations call the Stained Glass Playhouse box office at (336) 499-1010.

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## MLK committee announces 2007 'Building the Dream' awards

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Winston-Salem State University Senior Shirlette Chambers and Dr. Irene Phillips, Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy are the award recipients of the 2007 "Building the Dream" award.

For the second year in a row, The Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) committee has chosen to recognize those who live a life that upholds, encourages, and builds on the dream of Dr. King.

Representatives from Wake Forest and Winston-Salem State universities formed the annual Dr. Martin Luther

King, Jr. "Building the Dream" Award, which is presented to one professor or administrator and one student from each university. This award is given to persons who embody qualities that Dr. King himself epitomized, and who actively exercise these qualities in his or her community on and off campus.

The awards were announced Jan. 15 at the Seventh Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration in Dillard Auditorium. Other WSSU nominees included the following professors and administrators:

Arthur Hardin, Coordinator of Community Service  
Dr. Winston-Bell, Adjunct Professor in the Department of English & Foreign Languages  
Dr. Sylvia Flack, Special Assistant, Chancellor's Office  
Dr. Irene Phillips, Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy

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