

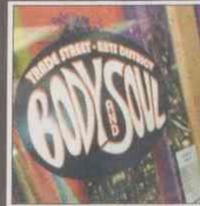
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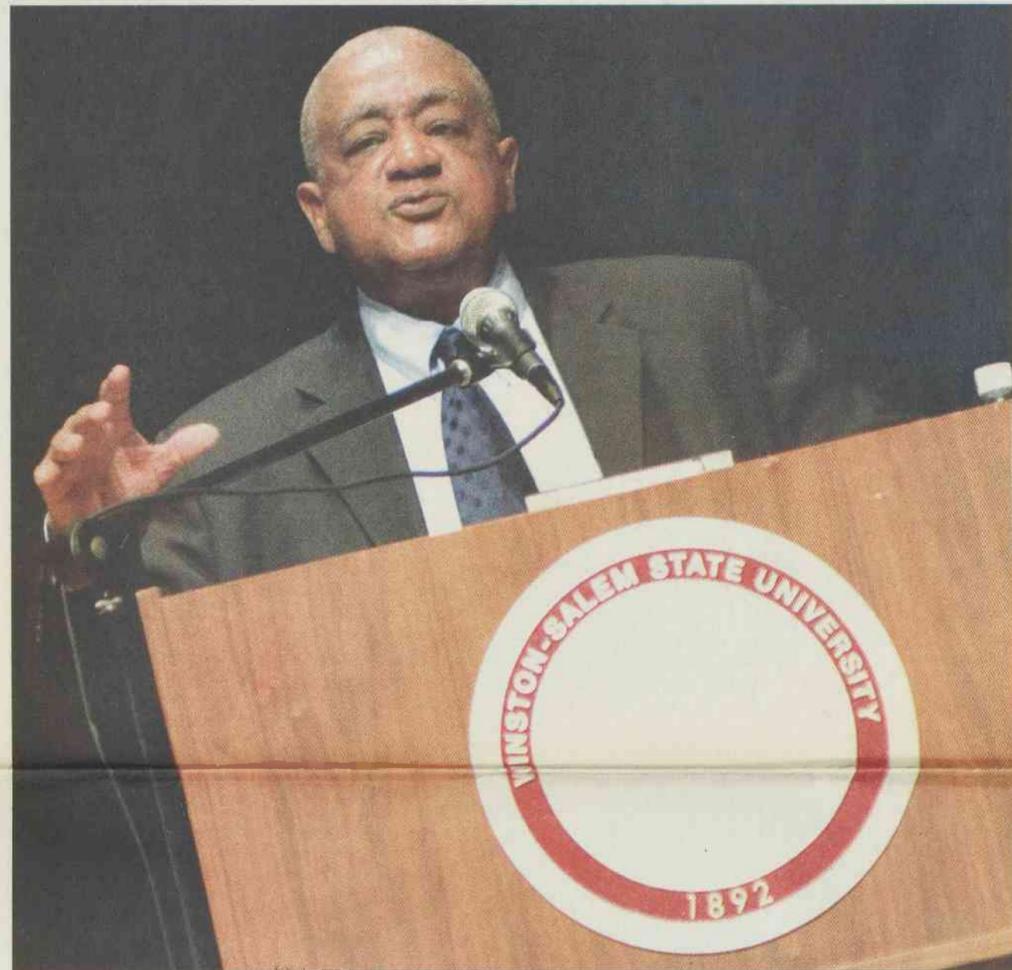
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Bobby Seale, co-founder of the Black Panther party, spoke at K.R. Williams Auditorium.

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## Bobby Seale explains to WSSU students the purpose of the Black Panther party

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Bobby Seale, co-founder of the Black Panther Party, spoke to students at Winston-Salem State recently and gave students a first hand account of the Panther's formative days in Oakland, California. Seale spoke at K.R. Williams auditorium on the WSSU campus as part of HBCU week. Seale explained to the large crowd present that the Black Panthers were "avid readers, researchers, and they knew the laws," and contrary to popular belief, they were not protesting for "macho" reasons. "We [Black Panthers]

were perceived as terrorists, that we hated white folks and we were a threat to the internal security of the government. We did not hate white folks; we had some radical white friends that rallied with us. Even the free breakfast for school children program was considered a threat," he said.

The Black Panther Party was founded by Bobby Seale and Huey P. Newton after the assassinations of prominent members of the African-American community, such as Malcom X and Medgar Evers. Seale said the Black Panther Party was created to organize the black community and

fight for rights such as employment, housing, education, and against police brutality. Although these were the purposes and concerns of the party, misconceptions often were created and the Black Panther Party became a widely feared organization.

Seale said the Panthers didn't break the law and wouldn't let anyone break laws while they were involved with the organization.

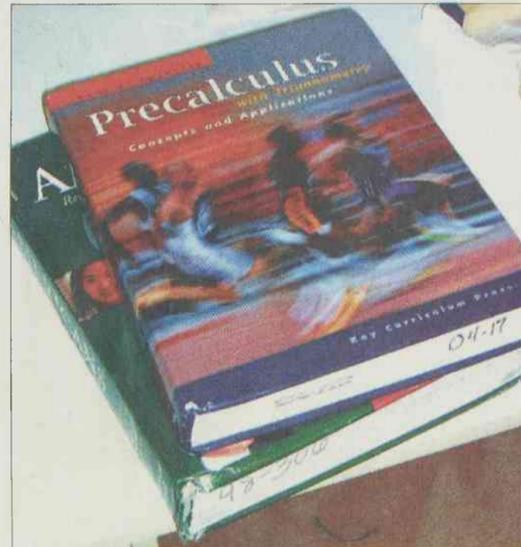
"The Black Panthers were some of the most organized and well trained individuals," Seale said..

## What's in a Name?

Have you ever wonder why or how the Black Panther party created the name?

Bobby Seale explained that blacks were often pushed into corners when it comes to justice and equal treatment.

So in comparison to a black panther that is cornered: it will try to go left and someone will push it the other direction; it will try to move again, and eventually the panther is going to leap forward from the corner and face its oppressor.



## Financial issues force some students to start classes without books

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For various reasons — including financial — some students were not prepared for classes their first two weeks of school at Winston-Salem State because they were unable to purchase their textbooks.

"It's frustrating, very frustrating," said freshman Rondal Moore, a nursing major. Moore said she submitted her financial aid application by the deadline and was still waiting for her loan from the College Foundation to be certified by WSSU on Sept. 8. She was, however, able to get most of her textbooks. The one textbook she was not able to obtain, "Reading Study Skills," was not in stock at the campus bookstore.

"'No books' means complications for your classes," Moore said.

Students who receive financial aid obtain vouchers for \$500 from Billings and Receivables for the campus bookstore. The \$500 is then deducted from their refund checks.

Not all students want to buy their books from the campus bookstore, however. Willie Gilbert, a senior chemistry major, receives a scholarship from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and says he hasn't run into any problems of not having textbooks. He buys his over the Internet from Ebay or Amazon.com. "They are overpriced in the bookstore," he said. He has never been scammed online, he said, adding that "sellers have certain ratings, and I never buy from sellers who don't have any ratings."

"First of all, it's against the law to disburse checks before classes start," said WSSU Financial Aid Director Raymond D. Soloman when asked why students don't receive their refunds before the first day of classes. "The earliest students can get their checks is on the first day of classes; and by law," he said, "colleges have until the tenth day of classes to disburse refunds."

Soloman, who has worked at WSSU for a year, has 13 years of financial-aid experience with other colleges, including Indiana University and Miami Dade.

The other colleges he has worked at do not disburse refunds until after the last day a student can drop or add classes, he said.

"Most institutions," said Solomon "say, 'Show up with cash for your books.'"

## Campus safety policies more responsive in times of disaster

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No one could have predicted the tragic events that plagued Virginia Tech last spring — events that caused colleges and universities across the country to take a second look at their campus safety policies.

Winston-Salem State University is no exception. The WSSU Police Department is continuing its efforts to ensure campus safety for students and teachers alike, demonstrating that safety cannot be an afterthought.

Campus safety has always been a big concern at WSSU, said Capt. Marcus Sutton. "Even before the Virginia Tech incident there were already conversations ... there were things that we were working on prior to that incident."

Sutton said that even the process of enrolling at WSSU is facing some changes. As it stands, the application process is on an honor system. A new policy, now under discussion, would require background checks for prospective students.

"We have a lot of people who are not honest," Sutton said. "So

running background checks is something we are exploring."

In addition, campus police are taking measures to train rapid-deployment teams to effectively clear the school of life-threatening situations. Sutton said that the campus police have learned a lot from the Virginia Tech incident. The WSSU Police Department has purchased equipment to deal with someone who might barricade a classroom.

"We've purchased equipment to cut chains and break doors open," Sutton said.

Charles Albohn, a campus police officer who has trained in rapid-deployment scenarios, says that working for city agencies and having a military background has its benefits when working for a campus police department.

"We are more apt to point out different issues that may arise out of an incident such as Virginia Tech," Albohn said. "It isn't if it will happen, it's when it will happen."

WSSU's campus police department can be every bit as resourceful as a city agency, albeit on a

much smaller level. A range of safety issues continues to be examined on a daily basis to help ensure the safety of the campus community, Sutton said. Security and safety have been, and continue to be, top priorities, he said.

WSSU students may never have to face an event like that of Virginia Tech. The campus police, on the other hand, have prepared for the worst.

"You just can't predict what people are going to do," Sutton said. "Anything can happen, at any time."