



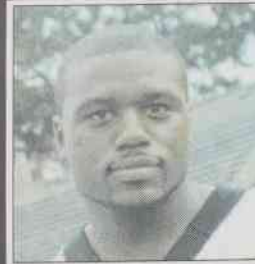
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Dorm policy: promoting security — or simply annoying?

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Kara White, 20, waves goodbye to her male friend Tyrell as he exits her dorm just before visitation ends.

"It's frustrating," she confides. "I pay thousands of dollars to live in Rams Commons, not to mention this dorm is typically for scholars and is supposed to mimic apartment-style living."

White called the policy entirely too strict.

Neon signs are posted on each of the doors of Building 1 of Rams Commons, as well as in hallways alerting visitors of enforcement of the policy.

The hours between 5:30 p.m. and midnight are the posted hours of visitation. The notices carry a warning that visitors will undergo picture-identification checks if caught without an escort.

Junior Jasmine Hudgins thinks that Winston-Salem State's visitation process is too strict.

"It's a bit much," said Jasmine Hudgins, a junior and clinical laboratory science major. "I feel that this residential area is for a more mature audience. Therefore, I.D. checks and signs about visitation are redundant. We are not freshmen that are new to this and have no self-restraint. If we haven't

supplied a need for such restraint, then they need to loosen up."

Rams Commons is not the only campus residence with visitation policies posted that are to be strictly enforced. Still, some students say that the alleged enforcement never takes place.

"I guess they call the signs enforcement, but nobody really does anything. I have females over all the time after hours. The signs are basically for show in my opinion," said a senior resident of Wilson Hall who spoke on condition of anonymity. "As far as safety ... visitation doesn't really have anything to do with it. If someone wants to get into a building, there are ways they can do that."

Safety, however, does seem to be a concern for WSSU's growing campus. In addition to signs about visitation, there are also signs addressing safety concerns for students, advising them to keep their doors locked and to be aware of non-students and residents lurking in the area.

In all non-traditional residence halls (Rams Commons, Gleason Hall, Wilson Hall and Foundation Heights), a security guard can be found in the building between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. These security

measures are all said to play a part in residence hall safety.

Linda Inman, director of Housing and Residential Life, strongly backs the policies that she says have been in place for at least the last seven years. The i.d. checks and other security measures that some students deem extreme, Inman maintains, are necessary to ensure their security. She claims the students as her first priority, with safety on the same priority line. Inman said that more is being done to guarantee the safety of students in residence halls, including updating security cameras and alarm systems.

When asked about the visitation policy restrictions, Inman said that the guidelines were set up by student government and had been revised in 2002, extending the hours to their current time.

"If students want to amend student visitation policies, they can raise the issue with student government," she said. "We don't set the regulations for visitation hours here in Housing and Residential Life. Our goal is to do as much as we can to secure students. We want to make the environment in residence halls as safe as possible."

Perhaps the tighter controls on residence hall poli-



Photo by Garret Garms

Security in residence halls is a major concern on Winston-Salem State's campus. Many students feel that the visitation rules are too strenuous.

cies will aid in keeping the on-campus crime statistics down. According to the WSSU annual crime report released last year, reported larceny and burglary offenses had actually risen since 2005. Information like that may make some students grateful for security restric-

tions. The report also showed many students knowingly break visitation rules.

Freshman Sha-Nia Perrin, who stays in Dillard, says she appreciates the rules.

"I feel safe in my dorm with the locked doors and an RA to sign in visitors. I

like knowing that not just anyone can be in my building," Perrin said.

"I don't have a problem with the visitation at all. It's not like we live in apartments. Rules are meant to create order, and such rules should be expected in on-campus housing."

WSSU's business school receives national award

COURTESY OF MEDIA RELATIONS

Winston-Salem State University has yet another claim to fame. The school has been named 2007 Educational Institution of the Year by the National Black MBA Association (NMBBAA).

The award was presented to WSSU's School of Business and Economics during the NMBBAA's recent conference and exposition in Orlando, Fla. The Educational Institution of the Year Award is presented each year at the NMBBAA conference by the president & CEO to an individual or organization that has exceeded expectations in service to the NMBBAA; as well as to the college, university or organization that has made the greatest contribution toward encouraging African-Americans to enter the field of business.

Past awards have been presented to Clark Atlanta University, University of Chicago and Howard University.

Established in 1970, the National Black MBA Association is dedicated to developing partnerships that result in the creation of intellectual and economic wealth in the black community. In alliance with more than

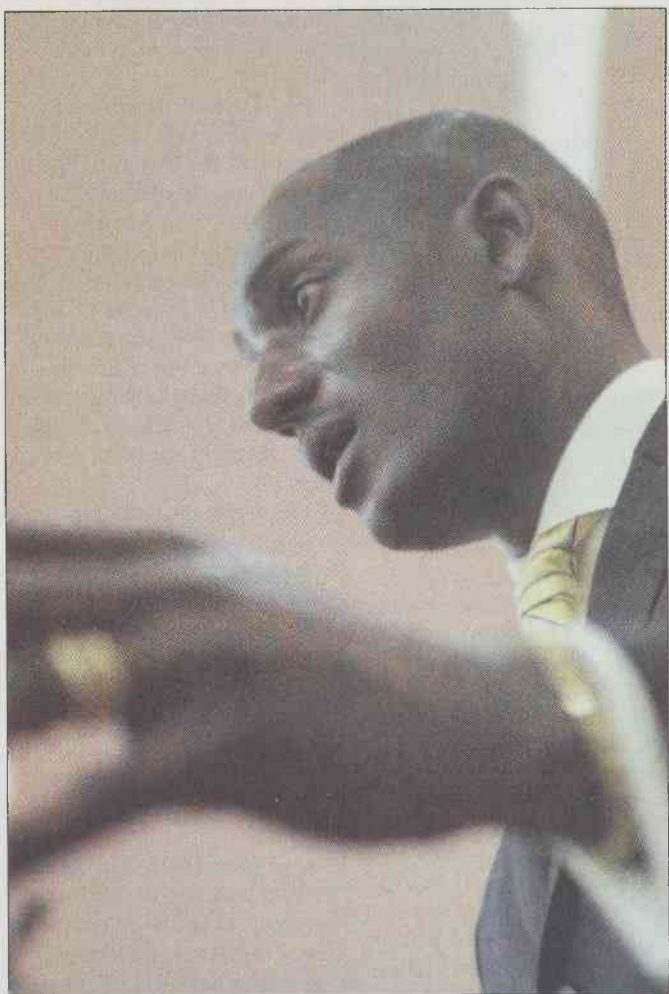


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Businessman Randall Pinkett spoke last year at WSSU.

400 of the country's top business organizations, the association has inroads into a wide range of industries as well as the public and private sector.

Organizers say the association gains its strength

from a strong belief in community and a commitment to its development through economic and educational development initiatives that support the global African-American community.

WSSU approved for MHA

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Winston-Salem State University will offer a new master's degree in healthcare administration, beginning August 2008. The UNC Board of Governors recently granted approval to establish the program, which will be offered by WSSU's School of Business and Economics.

"This new 45-credit hour program will address the areas of health administration, health services management, health planning and evaluation, health policy, and other related activities, all of which there is high job demand," said Dr. Suresh Gopalan, WSSU School of Business and Economics assistant dean of graduate programs.

Employment in medical and allied health industries accounts for more than 12 percent of the workforce in Forsyth County. A need-assessment survey of regional health care and allied health care organizations indicated a strong demand for a part-time MHA degree

at WSSU. The medical industry is listed as the largest growth industry in the Winston-Salem area, with the upper-level health care jobs expected to increase more than 16 percent from 2006 to 2012.

WSSU's MHA degree will prepare management professionals for positions in hospitals, outpatient clinics, public health, non-profit associations, long-term care facilities, pharmaceutical companies, medical equipment manufacturers, health insurance and temporary health services. The program will enable collaboration between the graduate business and health sciences programs at WSSU through shared faculties, courses and resources.

The program will help tackle the severe under-representation of minorities in senior healthcare management. WSSU aspires to be the first historically black college or university nationwide to offer programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation Healthcare Management Education (CAHME).



Learn the secret weapon WSSU's track and field teams are trying

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