

# CAMPUS NEWS/FEATURES

## Keep it kool at Krankies

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The smell of freshly roasted coffee and the sounds of music and conversation await those who enjoy going to coffee shops.

Students on the Winston-Salem State campus have access to this type of atmosphere at Java City on the first floor of the Wilveria Bass Atkinson Science Building.

However, students who want that coffee house setting without the campus environment can go to Krankies coffee located at 211 E. 3rd St.

Located only three minutes from campus on Third Street, Krankies has an environment that downtown employees, Winston-Salem locals, and students can enjoy.

"Krankies is a quiet, relaxed space that roasts its own coffee and provides free Internet," said Andy Siebert, employee at Krankies for three and a half years.

The coffee shop not only provides its own roasted coffee, but also a variety of drinks, bagels, and cookies. In addition to homemade eats, Krankies offers movie



Photos by Grant Fulton

**ABOVE:**Krankies, located at 211 E. 3rd St. is becoming a popular hotspot with students and locals. **BOTTOM:** Krankies was originally a meat plant.

nights, live bands, small group activities, and art exhibits.

"Krankies is a place I have hung out for years," said Amanda Hollis, who visits frequently, even when she isn't working. Hollis also has friends at Krankies and she has enjoyed her relationships with them as well as seeing the companies recent increase in popularity.

In addition to being a

source of Winston-Salem mainstream and underground music and art, Krankies has a unique history.

Originally a meat packing plant, the space was first rented by current occupants and later purchased. The building was first known as the Wherehouse, then PS 211, the Wherehouse, and now Krankies. Interestingly, the building it still called the Wherehouse.

The initial purpose of the building and the people, as stated on Krankies website is to provide ourselves and the Winston-Salem community and the world at large with a space to experience original and thought provoking art.

And, according to Siebert, it's not a bad place to work, either.

"It's one of the best places I've ever worked," he said.



## WSSU team does well at A&T's Honda Campus All-Star Challenge

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On Jan. 19, 12 students represented Winston-Salem State University at the North Carolina A&T invitational.

In a tournament shortened by inclement weather, Winston-Salem placed second out of 12 teams.

"I'm really disappointed play was interrupted. We wanted to play [tournament winners] University of Maryland Eastern Shore, but they didn't anticipate the weather conditions," Brian Jones said.

The Honda Campus All-Star Challenge is a question and answer game for America's historically black colleges and universities. WSSU fielded two teams for the event captained seniors Kristopher Ferguson and Terri Day.

The team has consistently done well at the Aggie Tournament and the tournament is known for showcasing some of the best teams in the country.

The Red team led beat their first two opponents North Carolina A&T, with a score of 210-120, and Johnson C. Smith University, clinching the victory, 240-180. The Red team lost to the eventual tournament winner, UMES.

The final game began well



Photo by Terri Day

**The members of the Winston-Salem State pose for a picture after competing in a tournament in Greensboro.**

for WSSU. At the half, they were up by almost forty points. UMES quickly closed the gap, overcoming the Red team, 185-255.

The White Team fared well in their division, winning all three of their games. The team had a close game with North Carolina Central, ending with a score of 160-130. They were able to completely shut out Bowie State, a 260-35 victory. They defeated Fayetteville State, with a score of 225-65.

"Before the tournament, I was excited and got nervous once I faced the first team, then once I got used to the question format, I was fine," said Barbara Moore.

Coach Marilyn Roseboro

was enthused about the team's performance.

"I think it was a great opportunity to start building on next year's team. We'll be losing three of our strongest players to graduation, and I feel confident about this team's ability to do well in the national tournament."

"I expect a showing just as strong as last year when we made it to the Sweet Sixteen," Roseboro said, referring to the squad last year which made it to the playoffs in the national tournament.

The WSSU HCASC team will travel next to Fayetteville for their regional tournament, on Feb. 9th.

## English as a Second Language program continues to grow

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Take a walk across campus, and you are likely to notice an increasingly diverse student population at Winston-Salem State. Students from other countries are often learning English for the first time.

ESL, or English as a Second Language, is a program designed to help students whose first language is not English. Dr. Adnee Bradford, former chair of the Department of English and Foreign Languages, played an instrumental role in launching the ESL program at WSSU.

"Our program is in its infancy," she said. "When you develop a new program, you have to do a lot to nurture that program and get it off the ground."

Bradford explained that the benefits of an ESL program are numerous. Before starting the ESL program, Bradford and others conducted surveys in area schools to see if there was a need for teachers to be trained in ESL.

"The majority of teachers in elementary and secondary schools recognized the need to be trained in order to work efficiently with students whose first language is not English," Bradford said.

The ideals of the ESL program also help local teachers by promoting the goals of "No Child Left Behind," laid out by President Bush.

However, teaching ESL is fraught with difficulties and obstacles. Essentially, the teacher must overcome those difficulties and obstacles to learn how to manage a different set of needs. First-generation Americans may not be as fluent or knowledgeable in the English language as native speakers, said Dr. Ludovic Kovalik, an ESL instructor.

"The needs of the students are very different," Kovalik said. "ESL students approach English from a different perspective."

Bradford said that she has heard about the difficulties of teaching ESL while speaking with her colleagues.

"These students whose first language is not

English are learning English as if it were another language," she said. "So any problems that any student has learning a language that is not their own is what these students face."

Janice Nickell, an alumna of WSSU, had a brief stint teaching ESL at Forsyth Technical Community College in Winston-Salem. While there, she experienced some of the challenges that many ESL teachers face.

"I don't speak Spanish," Nickell said. "And I was teaching Spanish-speaking students how to speak English." To overcome the language barrier, Nickell opted to use picture books to communicate with her students as they learned to speak English more fluently.

The ESL program at WSSU has continued to grow, and one of the good things about the program is that it provides unique local training, Bradford said. The ESL program offers new opportunities to students who are already teachers but who are furthering their education.

In addition to the ESL add-on licensure, there is a new graduate program in ESL and Applied Linguistics being offered at WSSU.

"We are grateful that we have this program," Bradford said. "And we are looking forward to getting the certification for the masters' program."

The graduate program is designed to meet the needs of the teacher and provide extra training. "They, in turn, could work with students whose first language was not English," she said.

Kovalik expressed his support of the new program, saying that it is a good opportunity and having a masters degree makes one more marketable in planning a career.

"The newly established ESL and Applied Linguistics masters program at WSSU would be a huge opportunity for people who hold a bachelors degree in English, or any other area, for that matter," he said.

At the time of this article, Dr. Funwi Ayuninjam, coordinator for the ESL program, was unavailable for comment.

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