

## 'Everybody has a twin...' somewhere

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Theodis Chunn and Alonzo Turner are two WSSU students who share many things in common, including the fact that they resemble but are not related.

Faculty, staff and students have a hard time telling them apart.

### Here are the stats:

- Chunn is 5 feet 8 inches tall
- Turner is 5 feet 6 inches tall
- Both are majoring in mass communications
- Both are graduating seniors
- Both have taken the same classes at the same time
- Both have worked on university projects together

They duo first met two years ago in the Hall Patterson mass communications computer lab.

At that time Chunn was an actor for the reality campus TV series, "Trapped on Campus," which was similar to BET's "College Hill."

Chunn played a character named Alex. During that time students referred to Turner as Alex, although he said he did not understand why.

"I don't think we look alike, but we do have the same southern hospitality," Chunn said.

He said he feels that he and Turner share a dedication and a love for the university. They are both eager to participate in school activities and campus organizations.

Turner calls it an "identity mistake." The mix-up seems to happen so often, that he's used to it now.

"I don't get upset by it," he said.

"People often ask me if I have a twin or a brother on campus," Chunn said. "Before I used to be confused by this question, but now I already know who they are talking about so it's easier to respond."

They have traveled together with the Mass Communications Club to the Howard Job Fair, and they both went to Jena, La., to support the Jena Six.

Occasionally Turner and Chunn can be seen at lunch with a group of friends, including several other mass communication majors.

More people confuse the two now that Chunn is Mr. WSSU. It is not unusual for students to greet Turner as Mr. WSSU.

Shante Ross has known Turner and Chunn since August. She has also dealt with the "identity mistake" -- of mixing up who is who. Ross said just recently she was able

to tell them apart.

"It took me a couple months," Ross said.

"It's just weird. They favor, but they don't look alike. Once you get to know them personally it's easy to tell them apart."

She feels that they both have a friendly personality which adds to the confusion.

"No matter which one I speak to, they both respond with a smile and a warm greeting," Ross said.

Turner and Chunn say they have become more like brothers since meeting each other. They agree that a brother is someone who has your back, is always there to support you and most importantly is a friend.

"I would tell anyone that Theodis is my brother," Turner said.

"I see Alonzo as my brother," Chunn said.

"He is dependable. Last year during my campaign for Mr. Ram, Alonzo offered his time and his camera expertise to assist me."

"Although we are not biological brothers, we have found brotherhood through our friendship over the years," Turner said.

Chunn, 23, is from Salisbury, N.C. Turner, 21, is from Raleigh, N.C.



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**Theodis Chunn, Mister WSSU 2008-09.**



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**Alonzo Turner is often mistaken for Chunn.**

## Life sciences building, greenhouse, planetarium closed for repairs since 2005

*For the past three years, Hill Hall and the greenhouse behind it have been unoccupied*

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Hill Hall, which formerly held the physical and life science departments, has been vacant for the past three years.

The building closed in March 2005 when science classes were moved to the newly built Wilveria Bass Atkinson Science Building.

According to Dick Kabis, Director of Facilities Planning and Engineering, the building will be fully renovated with an elevator and administrative offices.

Construction on the building was set to begin 2007, but now it is unclear when construction will start because of university budget changes.

"I thought maybe the building [Hill Hall] was outdated or not up to code," senior Brannon Brown said.

"It [Hill Hall] has to be prepared properly to bring it into current compliance for office spaces," Kabis said.

"Hill Hall is not fit for use at the pres-



Photo by Stephanie Douthit

**Hill Hall was built in 1965 and has been closed for renovations since 2005.**

ent time. There is an abatement issue to address concerning asbestos and lead paint."

For the past three years, Hill Hall and the greenhouse behind it have been vacant.

There has been a proposal to use the greenhouse to store band instruments but according to Kabis the proposal was not feasible.

Junior Colleen Sellers said she believes that the greenhouse should be utilized.

"The greenhouse should be utilized" said Sellers who took a class in Hill Hall around 1990. "I would love to work in the greenhouse. I think they should grow food in there and give it out to ministries that feed the poor or donate it to somebody who will use it."

The roof of Hill Hall is a planetarium which was once used for astronomy. When the W.B. Atkinson Science Building was rebuilt the planetarium was not. The dome is the only one on campus. Hill Hall, built in 1965 was named in honor of James S. Hill. Hill raised funds for the Slater Industrial Academy.