

Stanley Johnson: student and community leader



Picture courtesy of Stanley Johnson

Political Science major Stanley Johnson with N.C. Sen. Kay Hagan

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Winston-Salem State student, Stanley Johnson, is a senior a political science major.

Over the last four years, Johnson has given an abundance of selfless service to his soon-to-be-alma mater and community.

Johnson has established himself as a student leader and an activist with an eagerness to finish what others may have only started.

On campus, Johnson is the President of the Pre-Alumni Society, a member of the Drama Guild, F.O.C.U.S and Voices of A.R.T.

He volunteered with the Obama campaign and encouraged his colleague, senior Debony Jones to lead the massive registration efforts on

campus.

Arthur Hardin said, "Stanley energized males to be involved in the campaign."

Johnson made it his responsibility to make sure everyone voter registered correctly.

Jones made sure the efforts ran smoothly.

Dr. Larry Little, an instructor of political science, has known Stanley for more than a year. He used phrases such as "highly intelligent" and words like "committed" to describe Johnson.

"Johnson along with Jones helped drive students through the snow in West Virginia to Columbus, Ohio for door-to-door campaigning," Little said.

"He told me, 'Doc, we can do it.'"

Miss WSSU, senior Latoya

Perry said, "Other men can pattern themselves after him. He's always ambitious [and] a true leader in every way."

After graduation Johnson plans to teach secondary education and attend graduate school.

He also plans to run for a state office later in his career.

"My job as a political science major is to encourage people to become informed of political and world issues and to actively participate in the process," Johnson said.

When asked about the ways the election inspired him he said.

"Obama's victory is only the beginning and it's time for people to stay engaged, inspired, energized and attentive to the things that affect them."

The 'C' stands for convenience

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All it takes is a hop, skip, and jump to grab a quick snack. The C-Store, short for convenience store, comes in very handy when one wants a bite to eat.

The new C-Store is in the commuter lounge on the first floor in the Thompson Center.

It is not replacing the other C-Store that is located on the other side of MLK by Rams Commons.

The new store offers a relaxing atmosphere for commuting students to come lounge and kick back.

Store hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 3 p.m. until 9 p.m.

The store sells things like cold beverages, sandwiches and candy. The store, however, does not include hot services, but it continues to get a great response from the students.

"Being a commuter, I usually come here on

Tuesdays and Thursdays during my break in between class," said Dameka Mack a senior.

The C-Store opened during the week of homecoming.

"We were looking at what other venues we could offer the students," said Damon Scott, Director of Dining Services.

There weren't many changes that were made to the lounge to make it become the new C-Store. The original table and chairs were replaced.

There are now cooler's and the cash register. The television is still present in the lounge.

"I've heard that some customer's were wondering where the microwave went the first day it was here, and then it left," said Katrina Powers, one of the cashiers at the C-store.

Scott said, we are looking at getting more electrical work done, but at the same time we're looking at how to revamp the new location, and enhance it with more options and more variety."

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want to be in the same predicament as the Virginia Tech students.

"I watched as people went unaware of what was happening on their campus, right outside of their doors," she said.

Many institutions, including WSSU are examining their emergency response systems in order to determine whether or not their systems are prepared to handle, respond, and communicate information during an emergency.

Martin explained that after the database of student names and numbers is complete, the RAMAlert system will start its testing phase, which should be complete by January 2009.

RAMAlert should be fully functional by February.

RAMAlert works in conjunction with campus police and the office of the chancellor.

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events of the year."

Harold Respass, SGA President said that SGA needs more funding to keep up with the trend of skyrocketing bills and travel expenses.

"The rest of the budget will go to office bills, supplies, community service projects, travel costs to conferences, business attire, and time compensation for the president and two vice presidents," Respass said.

The current economic crisis

may make it difficult to for the proposal to be passed.

Steve Stephens II, Associate Director of Student Activities said, "We are going through a recession, which is a very big issue for our economy."

"Things did not go as well as we planned because it [the economy] hindered our chances from receiving more money from outside sources," he said.

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