

Students adjusting to new housing lottery

In fall 2008 some students were assigned to live off campus in local hotels.

This year, however, because only 800 freshmen were admitted to the University, there was adequate on-campus housing.

The Enrollment Management committee decided a lottery would be the best option for the housing process.

To be eligible for the housing lottery continuing students had to sign up for 12 credit hours at Winston-Salem State and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Once these requirements were met, students eligible for the lottery received an e-mail.

Linda Inman, director of housing said more than 1,200 students applied for housing. "One thousand two hundred and sixty students applied for housing," she said.

"Everyone that put in an application received an offer for bed space on campus," she continued.

"Some students accepted the spot on campus and paid the \$135 deposit, and some did not accept the offer," Inman said.

Quan Withers, a senior history major from Charlotte said

even though he applied for housing he did not receive housing.

"I was eligible for the lottery and applied on time, but I never received an e-mail to let me know what number I received," he said.

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—Melissa Cates
Junior biology major

"I keep my e-mail open so I do not know why I never got an e-mail," Withers said.

"I had a lot of hassles this summer trying to find housing, so for right now I just stay with some of my friends."

Melissa Cates, a junior biology major from Durham said she applied on time but initially did not receive housing. "When the lottery numbers first came out my number was 1,010 and then I was bumped up to 1,009," Cates said.

She said she waited all summer to see if she was assigned

housing. She was offered Foundation Heights and was placed in the same suite she had for the previous year. Cates said although she ended up getting housing this year she thinks housing should make a few changes to the process.

"I think they should conduct a census to see how many students want to live on campus, so that people who do not want to live on campus will not be involved in the lottery," she said.

"Also last year they told people to apply even if they thought they were going to move off campus," she said.

"This put me in a bind because I got wait listed, and people who did not want housing received higher numbers than me," Cates said.

Withers and Cates both said living on campus is the best option for them.

"Not having a car makes it hard for me to get on campus which is why I wanted to stay on campus," Withers said.

"Although I have a car living on campus is best for me because my schedule is not ideal," Cates said.

Sept. 3 - Sept. 18

CAMPUS CRIME BLOTTER

The Campus Crime Blotter is a concise summary of the up-to-date incidents that affect the Winston-Salem State campus and community. Certain incidents may lead to News Argus articles that discuss them at great length.

Thursday, Sept. 3

At 3:27 p.m. a student reported a larceny from a vehicle parked in the Lot BB parking area. Officers responded, and the case is now closed.

Tuesday, Sept. 8

At 5:32 p.m. a student reported their vehicle was vandalized. The vehicle was parked in the Coltrane parking area. An officer responded to the report and the case was closed.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

At 8:30 a.m. a non-student was reported as being loud and using threatening language towards students at WSSU Boulevard. Officers responded, and the subject was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. The case is now closed.

Friday, Sept. 11

At 12:10 a.m. a student reported an attempt to snatch her purse at the corner of Martin Luther King Drive and Cromartie Street. An officer responded, and the case is now closed.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

At 12:45 p.m. an officer observed a suspicious looking individual on Vargrave Street while conducting rounds. Upon closer observance, it was revealed that damage was done to vehicles in the area. Items were also stolen from the vehicles. The Winston-Salem Police Department was contacted, and the case is still open.

Thursday, Sept. 17

At 11:30 a.m. a student reported his or her parking decal as being stolen from the vehicle. The vehicle was parked in Lot DD. An officer investigated the report, and the case is now closed.

Friday, Sept. 18

At 7 p.m. a student came in to the Campus Police office to report an assault. The student reported that he or her was assaulted in a Greensboro night club. An officer took the statement from the student, and the case is now closed.

Source: WSSU Department of Police and Public Safety

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Donald Reaves, WSSU Police Chief Patricia Norris, and Martin.

Guided by the University of North Carolina system, the committee has focused intensely on the H1N1 virus and has developed a list of prevention and treatment recommendations.

"There is a network of pandemic coordinators who are driven by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines," Martin said.

As part of the prevention prong, the WSSU facilities department has ensured the installation of hand sanitizing stations at high traffic areas throughout campus -- including the Thompson Center, Eller Hall, the Old Maintenance Building, W.B. Atkinson, E. J. Jones Computer Science, F. L. Atkins, R. J. Reynolds, Hall-Patterson, the Anderson Center, and all residence halls.

In addition to implementing the hand sanitizing stations, Provost Brenda Allen has sent H1N1 Flu Protocol, Prevention and Treatment information to the University via e-mail.

As part of the treatment prong, students are encouraged to visit Student Health Services, if they feel sick. WSSU also sponsored an influenza clinic Sept. 16-18 for students, faculty and staff.

Seasonal flu shots were offered for \$30. This was the first time WSSU offered a mass flu shot distribution.

There were provisions to provide 700 shots, but Carisa Hoyle, nurse supervisor from Student Health Services, reported a minimal turnout.

In addition to the flu clinic, a flu buddy system has been developed. According to the H1N1 Flu Prevention, Treatment, and Protocol document from Provost Allen, "Flu Buddies" are suggested for

students who must be isolated.

The buddy system implemented at WSSU involves Housing & Residence Life and Aramark Food Services.

Aramark will be providing a three-day supply of food for students in isolation because of the flu. The food can be delivered by a friend, buddy, or resident assistant.

As part of the prong, protocol, the University says that anyone who has a flu-like illness, should call Chief Norris.

"This allows us to make sure we have the proper support from all aspects of the University," Martin said.

"We can then alert the Office of Academic Affairs, Aramark Food Services, and others so that the proper people know who may be out sick."

"We want to make sure we capture the needs of all University faculty, staff, and students, including those who reside off-

campus."

The Ram Alert, the University's text messaging system, will be used in case of a campus-wide emergency.

In addition, the pandemic planning committee said students in residential halls should not share items such as dishes. And they should be careful when they attend large events where people are in close proximity with others.

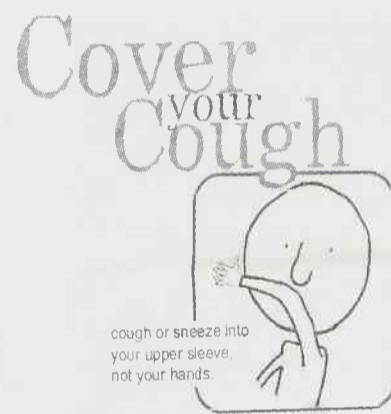
"Although we are highly prepared, we never want to be over-confident," Martin said.

"We plan to stay abreast of new recommendations from the CDC. The three-prong system provides a high-level of preparedness."

"We have had some of the lowest reported cases in the UNC system for the flu," Martin said.

"So far we have reported approximately one to two cases of the flu per week. All of these cases have tested negative for H1N1."

Martin also said that WSSU will observe how other colleges and universities with a large number of students are handling their outbreaks.



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