

RAMble Online poll results

Do you agree with the recent decision made by WSSU Administration to return to Division II Athletics?

Yes.
It's about time for the move.

34%

Maybe.
We should have given Division I more time.

17%

No.
We should have remained in Division I.

49%

To participate in the poll, register online at thenewsargus.com

Why a college newspaper matters

"The squeaky wheel gets the oil."

It is important for every University to have a campus newspaper, and one that students are involved in.

Campus newspapers provide the squeak that many areas on campus need. For example, the campus police blotter, which is a summary of crimes that have occurred on campus is supposed to be public record.

However, at Winston-Salem State these records were not made available to the public for months. Withholding of the blotter was an issue unresolved until The News Argus got involved.

The injustices and hard-hitting issues that affect everyday people also affect college students. Campus newspapers take the same everyday

issues and localize them for college students, faculty and staff.

This year schools like Wake Forest, Mississippi State University and Purdue were hit with a rash of swine flu like symptoms.

Campus newspapers such as A&T's Register wrote articles on how to stay healthy and detect symptoms of the H1N1.

Students should be involved in their campus newspaper because the publication represents their voice.

The issues and topics in the campus newspaper should represent what is important to the campus community. The only way for a campus newspaper to accurately report student issues is for its core audi-

ence [students] to become involved.

Campus newspapers need student reporters, editors, artists, photographers and more.

An impressive resume is another benefits from being involved in the campus newspaper.

Op-Ed

It looks good to potential employers if the candidate has published material, as well as the ability to meet deadlines. The skills that can be learned from working on a campus newspaper can be used in any profession.

The campus newspaper not only represents the voice of the students, it represents the University. Annual contest like the Black College Communication Association,

award campus newspapers for their articles, photography, illustrations and more; awards like these add prestige and reputation to a university.

Circulation of a campus newspaper ensures that more than just students read it; professors, professionals and the local community will read it as well.

Sites like College News, Black College Wire and Uwire post articles from campus newspapers and allow them to be read nationally.

The campus newspaper is the unfiltered and unbiased publication that represents the voice of thousands.

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Are tweets really enough for social change?

Black College Wire -- In the high-paced, technologically advanced age we live in today, news and information come to us at a breakneck speed.

President Obama can't sneeze without the nation knowing about it before someone can even say "bless you."

With the emergence of Facebook, Twitter, blogs and text messaging, it seems our voices are well protected behind the safety of a keyboard.

But in the same breath our opinions can just as easily be ignored and brushed aside without a second thought.

What will be our generation's lasting mark on history?

In the 1960s young people were willing to take a stand for Civil Rights and against the Vietnam War.

Indeed, they didn't just take a stand, they were arrested in

protests.

There is the old saying, "If you have something to say, say it to my face."

Tweeting and texting are not exactly like saying something to someone's face, and there are plenty of faces with no shortage of things to say to them.

Government bailouts, the war in Iraq, health care reform ... need I go on?

When I see news coverage on issues like health care reform, the only people I see screaming at our representatives are at least 20 years my senior.

I haven't seen one young face in the crowd voicing their opinion. Yet, young people are the ones who will be facing rising health costs the rest of their lives.

Op-Ed

When AIG received billions of our hard earned tax money too much of the money went to bonuses and luxurious vacations

"I'm really surprised no one your age is kicking and screaming about this. We would have burnt down the AIG building," my father said to me.

He was right, simply posting "that's messed up" as a Facebook status does not cut it. And once again it's young people who will have to assume the debt that was created to pay for bailout.

This country was founded on angry groups of people converging and telling the government enough is enough.

Isn't it much easier for our representatives to ignore a 140

character tweet than 50,000 screaming 20-somethings at the police barricades?

We should be aware of what happens around us and realize that the ones who protested and fought in the 60s are now wearing dentures and golfing in Florida.

The ball is now in our court. We are the ones everyone is looking to.

Are we going to air ball our chance to change history, or slam - dunk our mark right down their throats?

The choice is ours.

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