

EWC students scattered after losing their central office

The Evening Weekend College office at Winston-Salem State has closed, and its staff has been dispersed throughout the campus.



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The move leaves EWC students without a centralized office.

On June 28 Dr. Karl Rodabaugh, former director of EWC was replaced by Larry Arhagba, former assistant director, who assumed the role of acting director until the office permanently closed Sept. 4.

According to Makayah Mitchell, former EWC coordinator of program development and implementation, Judith Bailey, interim associate vice chancellor for University Advancement said the EWC office staff would be placed in areas that would allow them to utilize their skills to benefit nontraditional students.

"We are not being utilized for the benefit of Evening Weekend College," Mitchell said.

"We were told the department was being restructured," in a meeting with Bailey. "We were told the office was closing; however, the program was

not."

"If those [EWC] services and activities are not conducted in a manner similar to or better than how EWC conducted them, I would think that the number of adult/evening students will decline rapidly," Rodabaugh said.

A key factor could be that a high percentage of new EWC/evening enrollees learn about our programs due to word-of-mouth from current enrollees he said.

A lot of adult students said they were unhappy about EWC closing its office and that they were given no prior warning said Mitchell.

"The closing of the EWC office was on television before we had an opportunity to tell them," Mitchell said.

The EWC office oversees the development and management of degree programs for working adults. They helped with course schedules, recruitment and matriculation.

As a part of the EWC restructuring, some of the former staff was relocated to other offices.

Rodabaugh said that most functions will now be carried out by other units including admissions, registrar's office, and departments and schools offering entire degree programs in the evening.

Mitchell has moved to faculty administration.

EWC staff was specifically trained for that program. Restructuring the department will require that those working in all departments on campus be trained to accommodate EWC students as well. "Nobody has been trained," Mitchell said.

The EWC office serviced 103 students in 2004. The program has seen a 400 percent increase with enrollment numbers reaching more than 500 students. Rodabaugh said, "EWC/evening undergraduate enrollment is approaching about 10 percent of the total WSSU undergrad enrollment." According to 2008 WSSU enrollment stats there were 5,975 undergraduate students.

In addition, "EWC enrollees have become nearly 50 percent of the grads in sociology and other programs," Rodabaugh said.

The purpose of the EWC office is to assist adult students in attaining a degree in four years.

"A lot of adult students have obligations to their community, children and profession that hinder them from handling their academic business during the University operation hours," Mitchell said.

"I pray something changes for the sake of the students," Mitchell said.

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Her Shoes," which is an international event to take a stand against physical, mental, and sexual violence committed against women.

The walk took place in the Southwest Gateway area of Winston-Salem.

"Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" was introduced to the Winston-Salem community as part of Family Services Sexual Violence Prevention Initiative.

The organization was formed in 2001 to inform the world of the active support and contributions men give to stop violence against women.

WSSU campus organizations -- including Black Men for Change, Campus Life Marketing Committee, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. -- were represented during the walk.

A host of women also came out to show their encouragement.

"The heels represent the discomfort that women feel each and every day," Lloyd Leonard, a rape prevention specialist said in a recent WFMY-2 interview.

"Each time they step outside their homes, cars, look around car garages, go through the

grocery stores that's an ongoing discomfort that they feel each and every day. We were trying to at least empathize with what women go through on an every day basis," he said.

According to Family Services, the high heels were symbolic statements to show support for the cause of stopping domestic violence.

The walk was also established to stress the importance that both genders can prevent the incidents of domestic violence from occurring.

Terrell Burgess, a junior mass communications major from Syracuse, N.Y. participated in the walk.

"I use to think when woman complain about their feet in heels they were exaggerating," Burgess said.

"When I did it for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes my feet were hurting. I thought I wouldn't have to do it because I wear a size 15 in men's but the sponsors gave me special shoes which were open toed. At the end, my feet had blisters. I felt the experience was worth it because it made me aware of domestic violence between men and women," he said.

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Argus profiles two WSSU food service workers

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Often students and faculty become so immersed in their daily lives that they seldom think of those that make their time at Winston-Salem State comfortable.

The food service staff works diligently to ensure that the dining areas are clean and that the food served is healthy and enjoyable.

Catherine McCollum, a native of Winston-Salem, has worked at the University for more than 22 years in the Kennedy Dining Hall.

McCollum said she remembers when the Clock Tower, Thompson Center, Early Childhood Development Center, resident halls Gleason-Hairston and Foundation Heights were built.

She said, "One of the best things about working at WSSU is interacting with students, and getting to know all types of people."

McCollum and her husband, Nathaniel, have two daughters, Geraldine Odom

and Jasmine Walters. When she is not working, she said she enjoys cooking and spending



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time with her daughters and grandchild.

Ann McCoy is another staff person who services the stu-

dents at WSSU.

McCoy, also a native of Winston-Salem, has been at



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the University for eight years. She works at the Java City Coffee Shop in the Wilveria B. Atkins Science Building.

Like McCollum, McCoy has also seen many changes at WSSU.

McCoy said one of the best things about working at WSSU, is seeing students mature from freshmen to seniors.

Although McCoy is often known for words of wisdom, she said that she was not always that way.

"I once told a young man that when I was his age, I used to love to go out and party, and he could not believe it," McCoy said.

She also said that students at the University keep her "young."

McCoy and her husband, Oscar have six sons; twins, Erick and Derrick, Kevin, Curtis, Oscar Jr. and Damond. They also have 12 grandchildren.

When McCoy is not working, she says she spends her time, crocheting, going to church and shopping.

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During practice sessions, we try to get a game plan together to exploit the other team's weakness and limiting their strengths."

The Lady Rams last home game is Nov. 1 against S.C. State and their season concludes Nov. 8 at Norfolk State.

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Invitational Sept. 12. Both events consisted of Division I teams.

Head Coach, Halcyon Blake, a three-time Olympian who has coached more than 18 NCAA Indoor and Outdoor National qualifiers, said she believes "these guys are more than ready for Division I competition."

With meets like the Great American XC Invitational, the 14th Annual Disney Cross Country Classic remaining, the Rams will continue to possess humility, physical and mental strength, Godlock said.