



Alumni give Chancellor Reaves 'failing grades'



Photo by Brittani Parker

Alumni holding signs at the Greek plots during homecoming festivities Oct 30.

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Homecoming Friday, Oct. 30, approximately 500 alumni, students and staff attended a "Call To Awareness, Action, Accountability" to address their concerns about the decisions made by Chancellor Reaves that affect Winston-Salem State and the community.

Victor Bruinton, president of the WSSU National Alumni Association, said he organized the "Call" because Reaves had been unresponsive to him and the Alumni Association.

"I requested a meeting [on behalf of the Alumni Association] with Chancellor Reaves and sent a letter of concern before deciding to hold a call to action," Bruinton said.

In the letter sent Oct. 28 a lawyer from Tharrington Smith LLP outlined some of

the alumni's grievances.

Reaves said that he was aware of the event a week in advance.

"I've been in higher education since 1977, and I have been at universities where protests are common. I encourage people to protest that's their right to protest," he said.

"Freedom of speech is one of the most cherished freedoms that we have, and they should speak out if they want to. That is why we have the free speech zone on this campus."

During the "Call" alumni circulated a flier titled "Chancellor Reaves' Report Card: Initial Priorities 'He' set for WSSU."

According to the flier, Reaves failed seven of the eight priorities and was given an incom-

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WSSU seeking students with higher GPAs, SAT scores

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In its quest for students of a higher caliber, Winston-Salem State has raised GPA requirements as well as SAT scores.

Fall 2008 WSSU required high school students to have a 2.87 GPA as well as an 889 SAT score. The following year, eligible students needed a 3.19 GPA and a 909 SAT score.

Tomikia LeGrande, the assistant vice chancellor in enrollment services and enrollment management, said the University reached a decision

September 2008 to begin increasing enrollment requirements over the next six years.

LeGrande said WSSU's environment has few resources, and that students with a higher academic profile would be able to thrive in such an environment as the University develops.

The resources include more writing centers, improved technology and language labs.

LeGrande said the University will use the 2009-2010 academic year to plan and develop more resources, and in

2011 they will start to become visible.

Dr. Michelle Releford, the dean of University College said Hauser is being renovated to accommodate freshmen. Releford added that the Xerox lab in Hauser was renovated and converted into a Language Arts Center.

"Past data has shown which students succeed," LeGrande said.

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SU radio no longer broadcasting after violations of station protocol

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A 'voice without sound' may best describe Winston-Salem State's student radio station, SU Radio, formerly WRAM.

Oct. 22, Elvin Jenkins, general manager of WSNC 90.5 FM Radio Station and adviser of SU Radio, took SU Radio off air because he said the students had violated the station's protocol.

Jenkins refused to disclose the specific violation. "There

were violations that called for action to be taken," Jenkins said.

"I pulled them [students] so we could all sit down and rethink policy and procedures."

SU Radio doesn't require a Federal Communication Commission license because it is an Internet radio station, wssuradio.media.officelive.com.

It was broadcast Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.

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No pajama pants at NC Central

Asmar McGlone, a junior at NC Central was stopped by campus police because he was wearing pajama pants on his way to class. McGlone said the officer told him he could not wear pajama pants [in public] and explained to him the "dress code." The NC Central Police Capt. had no comment other than, "We do not enforce house rules."

Source: Black College Wire

Blackboard goes mobile

Blackboard Inc. is launching an application for BlackBerry smartphones. The application debuted at the University of Washington as part of the new Blackboard Mobile platform. The new application will allow users to navigate course catalogs, e-mail professors, receive real time campus updates and more. A number of schools look to adopt the application.

Source: PRNewswire

10 ways to use leftover turkey

The National Turkey Federation released the "Top 10 Ways to Use Leftover Turkey." The list features entrees, appetizers, soups, salads and more. Thai Grilled Pizza, Turkey Monte Cristo and Easy Cheesy Turkey Enchiladas are among recipes on the list. The number one use is Mandarin and Poppy Seed Salad.

Source: PRNewswire

