

## Students use documentary to address classroom conditions

In Fine Arts Building 130, it's not so picture perfect for a Digital Photography class.



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Winston-Salem State students Alex Dambreville and Brandon Pratt decided to produce a documentary titled "Not So Picture Perfect" about the poor conditions of their classroom.

Fifteen tuba cases and a piano are stored in the room.

"There's one big table in the middle of the class, no chalkboard or dry-eraser board," said Pratt, a senior mass communications major from Fayetteville.

"The air or heat doesn't work; there are two small windows that face a brick wall; and, there's one small Mac laptop that sits on a milk crate in the front of the class.

"If you had a seat in the back of the class you couldn't see the computer."

There were not enough chairs to accommodate the 15 students in the class.

Dambreville and Pratt highlight the opinions of four students enrolled in the course through an eight-minute short film.

The documentary also displays the condition of the



Photo by Corderius Cowans  
**Alex Dambreville (center) and Brandon Pratt (right) interview Lynwood Cox (left) while producing "Not so Picture Perfect."**

room.

Dr. Leo Morrissey said he told the students he would support them in this project when they approached him about it. Morrissey, an associate professor of art, teaches the photography course.

He said the students approached this project pro-

fessionally and responsibly during filming.

"The motivation and purpose was the need for a change for future students, honestly, and to inform people of our learning conditions," said Dambreville, a senior mass communications major from Charlotte.

Some art majors enrolled in the course said the condition of classroom is not unusual to them.

Lynwood Cox, a junior UNC-Pembroke transfer art major from Southern Pines, said that art as a major is frowned upon at many colleges, and this is evident through the lack of resources.

"I believe we were at a huge disadvantage because for this class we should have been in an environment that complemented our learning," said Nichola Lumpkin, a senior art major.

"It was still a successful semester due to our instructor, but there's still so much more that we could have done if we had a more suitable environment."

Morrissey said he hopes through this experience, students will realize they have a voice and will understand how to use their creative skills to express their voice.

Cox, Lumpkin and Morrissey are all featured in the documentary. The documentary will be entered in competition at the Reynolda Film Festival in January.

## 30 participate in annual 'Sleep Out' hosted by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity

To raise awareness for the homeless, students spent 12 hours outside in reported temperatures below 40 degrees.

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The Delta Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. hosted their 13th Annual Sleep-Out for the Homeless on Nov. 20.

The event was near the clock tower area on Winston-Salem State's campus.

Since 1996, the chapter has spent the Friday nights [from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.] before Thanksgiving outdoors.

During the event they collect food and clothes for the homeless.

Participants sleep in cardboard boxes, sleeping bags, and tents in an effort to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness in the Triad area.

"My biggest motivation is the service to the community," said Delante Hatchett, a junior political science major from Roxboro, N.C.

"The sleep-out really is a good way to bring awareness to the Winston-Salem community because it's really a serious issue."

This year the chapter collected 675 pounds of nonperishable foods and 15 boxes of clothes.

In 2008, they collected 500 pounds and 19 boxes.

The donations were dispersed among the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina; Project Hope of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System; and the Samaritan Ministries.

The chapter provided drinks and snacks; Papa John's Pizza donated 15 pizzas; and Project Hope donated Krispy Kreme doughnuts for participants in the event.

There were approximately 30 participants, even with reported temperature lows reaching 37 degrees.

"We're going to continue this event no matter the weather conditions, rain or shine," Steve Stephens II said.

Stephens is a member of Phi Beta Sigma and associate director of student activities.

The Sleep Out is one of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity's national events to promote education, action, and awareness about the problems of hunger and homelessness.

## Farewell 'Mr. Breezeway'

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You may all know him as "Mr. Breezeway," but before that he was just Ray Johnson.

Johnson, a senior mass communications major, is from Queens, N.Y.

Ironically, in high school he was quiet but always had been interested in television and movies, accompanied with a passion for talking to people.

Clearing up any speculations, Mr. Breezeway is not a title but a nickname given to a once quiet young man.

What started as a regular day for Ray during his sophomore year turned into the beginning of his hosting career on campus.

During a Campus Life Marketing Committee sponsored event, Ray picked up the microphone and began to engage the crowd in the event.

During his act of showmanship, a friend of his, Latoya Perry, Miss Winston-Salem State 2008-2009, approached him, and they began to talk.

Their conversation was amplified for all to hear and a part of it stuck in the public's mind.

"You're just 'Mr. Breezeway' now," Latoya said. Since then the name has stuck.

Chelli Broussard, marketing and promotions coordinator, ushered Ray into his calling by asking for his presence at yet another CLMC event.

Ray has become known as the emcee of WSSU, with involvement at various

campus events for the last couple of years.

Dec. 18 may very well leave WSSU students heartbroken, and wondering who the next emcee may be because Ray will be graduating and returning to New York to pursue a career as a radio disc jockey.



Ray "Mr. Breezeway" Johnson

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