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higher education and to do things in institutions that have a lot of resources where you can come to understand what really matters in student learning.

"At some point you know enough and you want to take it back to the communities that are high priority and for me those institutions are HBCUs," Allen said.

Allen said that her priorities for the University include addressing the condition of Hill Hall, the former science building.

She said she was shocked to find Hill Hall -- a big academic building in the middle of campus -- boarded up with chains on the doors.

"When you walk between the alley of Hill Hall and the Fine Arts building it can make you weep that the core of the campus has not received the kind of attention that I think it should," she said.

"We are in the process of finding budget models that will allow us to invest in the core."

The provost said another major initiative involves the University committees she oversees.

"One of my first goals with the committees I run is to get as much diversity with the voices that are there. That includes adding students [as members] wherever possible," she said.

"We have to figure out how to have a presence of homecoming on the breezeway that also relates to what we are here to do."

She continued, "One of things we really want to do is to get the academic units more involved with homecoming."

"Homecoming or anytime the alums come back is really about getting them to understand the challenges and academic challenges so that they will be giving donations and

money to support new initiatives, and it's always about the teaching and the learning."

Allen said she wants student media including, SU Radio and *The News Argus* newspaper presence to continue to grow.

"I'm really happy we have a student newspaper that is active. They are out doing their job. I think the way the Department of Mass Communications works with the newspaper is appropriate," Allen said.

The provost said she is still learning about the SU radio station and its role. She has spoken with the faculty and staff in the DMC about what they want to do with the NPR [WSNC] station and how it relates to the radio station and to the DMC major.

"The kind of knowledge you gather from running whole radio stations can count so much more than any one course you take," Allen said.

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inform students about the importance of repaying their loans.

To participate in commencement seniors must purchase a cap and gown and comply with the dress code.

Both males and females will be required to "dress up."

Female graduates must wear black dresses and black shoes with black or dark hose underneath their gown. Male graduates are required to wear dark pants, black shoes, a dark tie, white shirt and black socks.

"There will be no sandals, boots or tennis shoes allowed," Thompson said.

The keynote speaker will be Larry Womble, Democrat in the State House of Representatives for the 71st district.

Womble is an alumnus of WSSU.

SGA President Whitney McCoy will speak also.

Nov. 14 - Dec. 1

## 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.

### Saturday, Nov. 14

At 4:15 a.m. an officer responded to a report about personal items stolen from a woman's purse in the Brown Hall parking area. The officer questioned students in the area. However, the purse and the items were not found. The case is closed.

### Friday, Nov. 20

At 11:30 p.m. an officer detected a smell of marijuana in Brown Hall. Upon investigation the officer obtained contraband from students in the area. The students were issued campus appearance tickets, and the contraband was placed in the evidence locker. The case is open.

### Saturday, Nov. 21

At 4:10 a.m. an officer investigated a shooting in an area near Gleason-Hairston. A stray bullet from the shooting hit a window and entered a student's room. The bullet was placed in the evidence locker. No medical attention or counseling was required for students in the area.

### Tuesday, Nov. 24

At 11 a.m. an officer investigated a vehicle that was broken into in Parking Lot P. Personal property was stolen from the vehicle and some

of the items were found on campus. The student was advised to report the incident to an insurance company. The case is closed.

### Wednesday, Nov. 25

At 12:30 p.m. campus police responded to a call about an intoxicated employee in Eller Hall. The officer checked all offices and occupants and detected no odor of alcohol. The case is closed.

### Monday, Nov. 30

A WSSU employee forwarded information to campus police regarding fraudulent activity against WSSU accounts. An investigation was conducted and the case is still open. The time of the incident was not reported in the blotter.

### Tuesday, Dec. 1

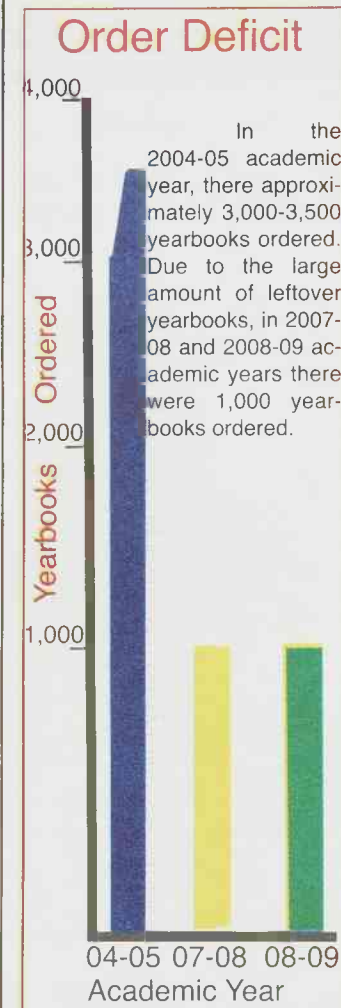
At 10:30 p.m. campus police observed an alcohol violation in Wilson Hall further investigation revealed five subjects and marijuana. A criminal citation was issued to one of the subjects for possession of a weapon, and each subject was issued a campus appearance ticket. The subjects were released, and all items were placed in the evidence locker. The case is still open.

Source: WSSU Department of Police and Public Safety

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The yearbook staff consists



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of approximately 16 students. There are two paid co-editors [Shasta Jones and Amiya Lilly] and "experienced" volunteers, the staff calls interns.

The yearbook is funded by Student Activities. The yearbooks are paid through the student activity fee. According to Cole, in the 2004-05 academic year, there were approximately 3,000-3,500 yearbooks ordered.

However, due to the large number of leftover yearbooks, only 1,000 were ordered in 2007-08 and 2008-09. The yearbook staff has changed the release period of the yearbook from the spring semester to the fall semester.

Yearbooks are distributed from the yearbook office.

"The leftover yearbooks are dispersed throughout campus offices per request and mailed to alumni," Cole said. "I like to think the yearbook is a great recruiting tool because it shows aspiring students a first hand a view of an institution. So I'm glad the yearbook's tradition will still be the same."

## Kill germs, prevent illness by following the basics

So you sneezed in your hand or you just got off a public computer during flu season but can't find a sink. Staying healthy can be a daunting task on a campus but there are techniques that can greatly reduce the risk of getting sick.



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Carisa Hoyle, the nurse supervisor in the department of student health services at Winston-Salem State, said it is important for students to follow the basics when trying to avoid illness and germs.

Hoyle said students should eat well balanced meals throughout the day, receive adequate rest, exercise regularly, and wash hands frequently.

"When hands are visibly soiled, they should be washed in warm soapy water for at least 20 seconds and dried thoroughly."

While hand sanitizers are not a replacement for hand washing, Hoyle said, they are "an effective solution when you cannot get to a sink."

Before purchasing a hand sanitizer, one should consider the percentage of alcohol in the ingredients. Hoyle said the higher the percentage of alcohol in a sanitizer, the more germs it kills.

"Sanitizers with at least 62 percent alcohol kill 99.9 percent of germs."

Some of the sanitizers that meet these requirements are brands like "Germ-X", "Dial", and "Purell."

Hoyle says it is important to wash your hands or sanitize them after contact with frequently used surfaces including door knobs, gas pumps, keyboards, and more.

The University has been taking precaution to protect the campus community from illness.

Jonathan Martin, executive assistant to the chancellor for external relations, said University protocol is guided by the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In the beginning of the fall 2009 semester, Provost Brenda Allen sent a campus-wide e-mail about the prevention, treatment and protocol for the H1N1 virus. This e-mail cited CDC guidelines and recommendations.

The WSSU website also features a direct link to the CDC.

Martin said WSSU posts PSA's from the Forsyth County Health Department Director Dr. Tim Monroe.