

RAMble Online poll results

Should Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid resign because of his 2008 comments about then Senator Obama?

No. It's free speech, like it or not.
55%

Yes. Racial slurs should not be tolerated.
22%

No. Reid's support is needed for Obama's Health Care Reform Bill.
14%

No. Who is Harry Reid?
5%

Yes. His comments will reinforce a stereotype of light-skin African Americans being more acceptable.
4%

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The quiet initiative is attractive to students who seek an environment conducive for sleep and study time 24 hours a day.

Another initiative, the "student incentive" offers students with a 2.8 GPA or higher and a minimum of 45 credit hours the opportunity to live in Rams Commons. There are 220 spaces reserved for this option.

A third initiative involves reducing spaces for organizations and groups including band members, ROTC and graduate students.

This year, these student groups must also participate in the lottery to receive housing.

The Housing and Residence Life enlisted the help of the Office of Marketing and Communications.

Cathy Hoots said she and Carl Perry have

tried to create innovative ways to ensure all students and parents know what is going on with the process.

Hoots is the director of Recruitment and Enrollment Communications. Perry is the project manager for Recruitment and Enrollment Communications.

"We will have a video and PSA of Whitney McCoy, SGA president, discussing what has changed and been added to the lottery," Hoots said.

In addition, parents of continuing students will be sent letters detailing the revised process.

Information sessions will be scheduled in residence halls, the Hauser Building computer lab and SGA forums. They begin later this month.

Special Groups	Fall 2009 Check-In	Request Fall 2010	Recommended Fall 2010
Living Learning	40	56	56
Athletes	171	204	150
Honors	78	69	69
SGA	3	3	3
RAs	68	68	68
Chancellor	5	14	14
VISTA	0	1	1
TOTALS	365	415	361

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"I understand why parents and students are upset, but people's personal safety is the top priority," Young said.

"Students' families were coming from different cities and states, and many were driving."

SGA President Whitney McCoy said she feels like the University did what was best. "The weather conditions in Winston-Salem could have easily contributed to car accidents and other unfortunate events."

By 6 p.m. that day, the area surrounding LJVM was blanketed with ice and snow. And there were hazardous driving conditions.

Chancellor Donald Reaves made the final decision after he received unanimous input from staff, Young said.

Reaves sought input from all parties involved she said.

During the week of Jan. 11 there were informal meetings with staff and students to decide on a new date for the fall

commencement.

Jan. 22, Reaves and staff were scheduled to discuss options for a replacement for fall commencement [This meeting was scheduled after the Argus deadline].

Young said the University will seek input from SGA, who has not had to field many of the concerns from parents and students.

"There have been talks of combining fall commencement with the spring as well as creating a separate ceremony," Young said.

"By the end of this week [Jan. 22] we will have narrowed down our options."

Combining both ceremonies could create capacity issues, and separate ceremonies might not be well attended.

Young said if both ceremonies were to be combined a dilemma of crowd capacity could be created.

"We don't want to have to place limits on how many tickets a student can have."

"We don't want the solution for fall

commencement to have a negative effect on the spring graduates."

While capacity is an issue, time is not.

The University will have LJVM for the entire day of ceremonies and rehearsals.

A key factor is how many students are anticipated to return for a replacement fall commencement.

There were 525 fall graduates.

"If a small number of students say they will return for a replacement commencement then combining both [commencements] would be an option," Young said.

Chancellor Reaves will send an e-mail to fall graduates regarding the new date for commencement. Also public relations is working with information technology to develop a survey to determine if fall graduates would be interested in returning for commencement at a later date.

"It is virtually impossible to make everyone happy, but our goal is to please the majority," Young said.

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