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The library staff moved the collection to the second floor so they could have more room to organize the DVD collection.

The past academic year, more than 33,000 DVDs were checked out, brought back, cleaned, and checked out again. In an average month, the library can circulate several thousand DVDs. For example, in December more than 3,000 DVDs were circulated.

"With this type of circulation, there's a lot of potential for things to go wrong, but our staff is great and they do very well at keeping things in order," McGill said.

The DVD collection is maintained by library staff with the help of two \$3,000 machines that clean, polish, and buff out any scratches that may be on the discs.

"Caring for the DVDs is a very labor intensive process," McGill said. The collection is kept by a numerical system but is easy to get mixed up. If one places a DVD in the wrong case, it can take days to

find it and place it in the correct case. This can keep others from being able to check out the DVD until it is located.

Checking out a DVD is done the same way as checking out a book. The service is available to all WSSU students, faculty, and staff. All patrons in good standing

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—Jeffrey McGill,
Media coordinator

with the library are allowed to check out up to three DVDs at a time, for a period of three days. Borrowers must present a valid Ram Card in order to check out the DVDs.

Budget decreases and late returns have caused a backlog in new release check-

outs. According to the library staff, the ratio of purchasing popular DVDs has decreased by 50 percent.

In the past two years, late returns have become such a problem that the library has become more vigilant in its DVD check-out policy. Borrowers who return their DVDs late will have a block put on their account and will not be allowed to checkout DVDs for 30 days.

This does not prevent use of other library resources, just the popular DVDs.

If a DVD is never returned, the patron will be charged the replacement cost of the DVD as well as a non-refundable \$25 fee.

Of all the DVDs that the library checks out four out of 10 are returned late, and two out of 100 are never returned.

McGill said that the library wants people to check out what they can watch in three days so that others may have a chance to watch the popular movies.

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Student wins tickets to Panthers game



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A contest during the "Rams Have Heart" project in October gave one lucky Winston-Salem State student a chance to attend a Carolina

Panthers game.

Tazjanne Swinnie, a sophomore Exercise Science major from Rockingham won tickets to see the Carolina Panthers play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Dec. 6 in Charlotte.

"Rams Have Heart" was created to inform Winston-Salem State students and the community about heart health. Students who participated in cardiovascular

screenings registered for a drawing to win two tickets to see the Carolina Panthers play.

Dr. Archie Roberts, the founder of Living healthy Partners helped conduct the project. Equipment for the screenings was provided by the Community Care Center. Ninety one students were recruited for the project. Of those students, Swinnie was chosen through a drawing as the winner.

"I was shocked when I received the news about winning," Swinnie said. I never win anything."

Swinnie said she heard about the "Rams Have Heart" project through the Honors Program. During a monthly meeting SGA President Whitney McCoy announced that WSSU was sponsoring

the heart drive and that students could receive volunteer hours for participating.

Swinnie said she participated in the project for more than volunteer hours.

"My mother had a heart attack at the age of 38," Swinnie said. "So I wanted to make sure I wasn't at risk."

She said she enjoyed everything about the Panthers game. "That was my first NFL game," Swinnie said.

The Panthers beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 16-6.

During her cardiovascular screening, Swinnie said she learned techniques to keep a healthy heart such as good nutrition and exercise.

"The nurses were trying to teach me how to read the EKG."

Swinnie said students at WSSU should learn more about cardiovascular health.

"The diet and lack of exercise of a college student is horrible. The screenings will definitely help them catch and prevent heart problems."

Dr. Vanessa Duren-Winfield, research coordinator and assistant professor in the school of Health and Science says it is important for college students between the ages of 18-23 to get cardiovascular screenings.

"Certain diseases are predisposed to the children from their parents and it is a good time to get the screening so that they can take steps to good health," Winfield said.

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