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Those enrolled in the program will become students at both institutions, which gives them access to facilities and academic advisers on both campuses.

Students working toward an associate's degree will be enrolled in classes at FTCC but will be allowed to take nine credit hours at WSSU.

While working toward an associate's degree, the students will pay Forsyth Tech's rate of \$50 per credit hour at both institutions. After earning an associate's degree, the students will pay \$122 per credit hour at WSSU.

Upon earning an associate's degree at FTCC, students are guaranteed automatic admission in a related degree program at WSSU.

In a Dec. 4 article of the

Winston-Salem Journal, Green said community colleges are great for preparing students.

"We take great pride in meeting the needs of these students, who come to us with all their strengths and weaknesses," Green said.

"This [dual admission] is a road map to a bachelor's degree, regardless of their academic preparation when they started."

Any student who is not accepted at WSSU will be informed about the dual admissions program.

For the first year, 25 students will be chosen for the program. Each year the number of students accepted in the program will double.

Improving graduation and retention rates have been on Reaves' list of top priorities

since he came to WSSU in 2007.

"I believe this approach will help both institutions," Reaves said during the press conference.

"It can certainly be beneficial as we work to improve our retention and graduation rates – particularly with young men of color."

Academic advising will closely monitor every students' transition from FTCC to WSSU.

"Coordinated academic advising will ensure that the appropriate coursework is completed and that students are able to develop their entire degree plan at the beginning of their studies.

"These students will always know exactly where they stand in the process," Reaves said.

High Point.

Haiti is the poorest and least developed countries in the western hemisphere. It is ranked 154 out of 177 underdeveloped countries by the United Nations.

"I think it was important for my students to hear not only what the media outlets are saying about the tragedy in Haiti, but also hear the voice of a fellow classmate who has family ties in that country," said Andrea Patterson, speech communication instructor.

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"I remain hopeful that some people, including my parents, are just displaced," Davis said.

"They could be in a village or some type of medical camp."

Davis was unable to conceal her emotions, tearing up as she spoke of her parents and the desolation of her country.

"It weighs heavy on my heart to hear the pain in her voice and to see the hurt on her face," said Rashad Little, a senior English major from

Locks, braids in 'business world'

The School of Business and Economics at Winston-Salem State enforces a dress policy for all its majors to prepare them for the business world.

This policy does not address popular hair styles, like braids and locks.

Locks, dreadlocks or dreads are matted coils of hair intentionally formed. Various methods are used to form locks, such as backcombing sections of the hair or twisting.

Beth Schneider, an SBE faculty member said she has mixed emotions on the topic hair styles. She said that students who wear braids and locks can be successful in the business world and in the SBE because hairstyles have nothing to do with a person's competency to complete a job.

Schneider said that students should remember that everyone in the business world will not accept certain hairstyles, tattoos, or men who wear earrings.

"You never know what you may be judged on," Schneider said.

"The thing to remember is to make sure your competency shines through and people who are concerned with managing effective companies will judge you for your ability, not your choice of hairstyle."

Hasaan Nelson, a junior marketing major from Charlotte, wears locks.



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"There is a difference between dreadlocks on men and women," Nelson said.

Men with locks are considered "gang related" or viewed as "thugs" but this is not always the case; women are not.

Nelson said braids and locks appear very professional to him, but if he were given an ultimatum, although he would be disappointed, he would cut them for a desirable job.

Beverly Lindsey, an adjunct in SBE, said that all aspects of personal appearance make a difference when a person is interviewing for a job.

She said that if she were doing the hiring, she would employ a person with braids or locks because she has gained a different perception of people through her experience at WSSU.

"Wearing dreads is a representation of an individual that should be respected," Lindsey said.

"My experience has shown me that overwhelming dreads are not acceptable in business. Although we may not agree with this standard [braids or locks], we will have to make choices about what parts of our individuality we are willing to change, until we are in a position of power to set our own standards."

Dr. Jessica Bailey, SBE dean, said the SBE does not have any concerns about braids or locks.

LaTasha Miles SPORTS EDITOR

The News Argus recently won eight awards for journalism and design.

The staff earned five awards at the third annual NC College Media Conference at Elon University Feb. 20.

And three awards at the 12th annual National HBCU Student News Media Conference at Jackson State University Feb. 13.

During the NC College Media Conference, *The News Argus* competed against 40 other North Carolina schools such as East Carolina University, NC State, and the UNC-Chapel Hill.

Editor in Chief Tiffany Gibson won 3rd place at Elon in the "News Writing" category.

The Argus also won 3rd place for "Best in Show" for an Online News Site which is managed by Chief Online Producer James Cherry.

Corderius Cowans won Honorable Mention for "Photography."

Graphics Artist Brandon Coley won an award in the "Design" category.

Sports Editor LaTasha Miles also won Honorable Mention for "Sports Writing."

At Jackson State, *The Argus* competed nationally against opponents including Florida A&M, NC A&T, and NC Central.

Copy Desk Chief Marcus Cunningham won first place in the "Best News Coverage" category.

Coley and Miles won third place for "Best Informational Graphic." Coley designed the graphic and Miles composed the text.

Gibson won third place for "Best News Series, Investigative or In-depth Story."

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