



Student safety the priority on MLK



Photo by Brandon Wainright, Staff Photographer

A new wrought iron fence stretches through campus from Cromartie Street to Reynolds Park Road along Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. The city of Winston-Salem started installing the fence during the summer and completed it the first week of classes. It was built to facilitate the use of crosswalks.

Direct loans ease aid

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Most Winston-Salem State students, as well as students all over the state agree that financial aid is the most tedious part of college.

In March, President Barack Obama signed a health care bill that included education reform. In that bill, private lenders were eliminated and the U.S. Department of Education became the sole provider of financial aid to students at state colleges and universities.

"The process is more seamless after procuring the federal government as your lender," said Tomikia LeGrande, assistant vice chancellor of enrollment management.

"The money comes to the institutions on a much more rapid basis.

"Because the money comes faster, and the interest rates are lower with a more flexible schedule payment, students seem excited about the benefits and the change to direct lending," LeGrande said.

Some students do not agree. "This is my fifth semester at WSSU, and it's the first time I haven't gotten my refund check during the first disbursement," said Julisa Fields, a junior business administration major from Hickory.

Students that completed all paperwork before July 15

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WSSU correcting four SACS cites

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Winston-Salem State has taken steps to correct the areas that were cited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accrediting agency in March.

The eight-member team examined the University in several aspects to determine its accreditation status.

WSSU was cited in four areas: not publishing information in the undergraduate catalog; two issues within financial aid; and faculty competence.

The administration has taken note and already begun to address these issues.

Correcting them include placing the SACS logo and the five general education outcomes in the undergraduate catalog, ensuring that the courses professors teach are within their discipline and a full report

from the Financial Aid Office.

"We have taken actions to comply with all SACS requirements," said Senior Associate Provost Merdis McCarter.

In terms of academe, WSSU fared well, even garnering a mark of distinction for Rams Write, a program implemented

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Constitution Day celebrated

Winston-Salem State will be celebrating Constitution Day Sept. 23. In observance of Constitution Day, instructors are asked to engage their students in any discussion, project or activity that relates to the U.S. Constitution.

Source: www.wssu.edu

Flu shots available on campus

WSSU has partnered with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NC and Maxim Health Systems to give Flu and Pneumonia vaccines Sept. 21 and Oct. 18-19 at F.L. Atkins for faculty and staff and their families. A BCBSNC card and photo identification are required for shots.

Source: www.wssu.edu

WFU reports bed bug issue

Wake Forest University reported a bed bug infestation. University officials said as of Sept. 10, all rooms identified as having evidence of bed bugs have been treated, either by conventional or heat treatments, including a few rooms in upper-class residence halls found during canine inspections.

Source: www.bedbugger.com

