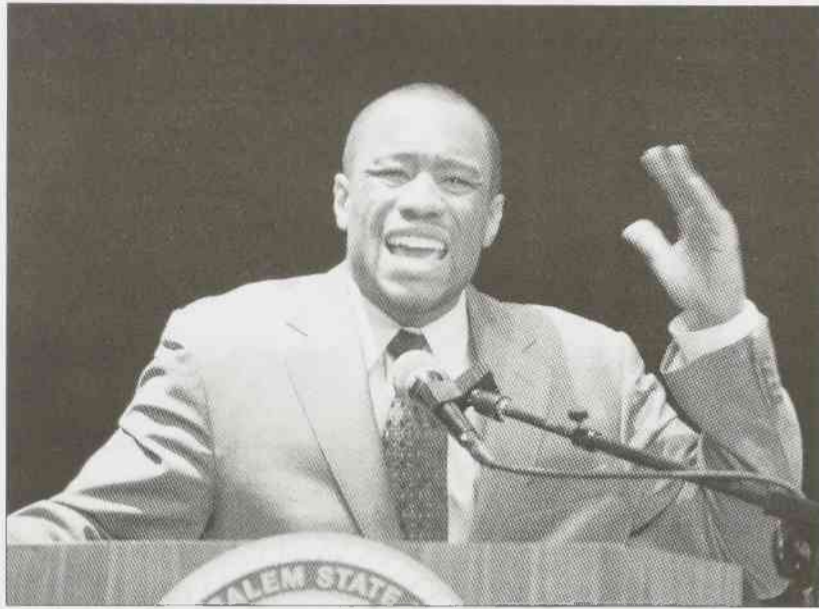


## Hill says 'get ya mind right'



Hill addressing the WSSU campus community at the Black Male Symposium Feb. 17 in Dillard Auditorium. His lecture focused on issues within the black community the importance of education and encouraged the campus community to become activists.

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Marc Lamont Hill delivered a powerful and vital message on the state of education in the black community at the Black Male Symposium Feb. 17 in Dillard Auditorium.

The program was presented by Black Men for Change.

BMC is a student organization founded in 2003 to help empower African-American males to rise above negative stereotypes and become productive citizens to their community.

The theme of the Hill's lecture was "Get Ya mind Right."

In front of an audience of Winston-Salem State students and faculty, Hill talked about the problems impacting education and what measures should be taken to correct them.

Hill, a professor, author, speaker and activist has covered topics including politics, culture and education.

He has provided commentary on media outlets including NPR, Essence magazine, The New York Times and The O'Reilly Factor television news program.

He is the author of "Beats, Rhymes, and Classroom Life: Hip-Hop Pedagogy" and "The

Politics of Identity."

Hill told the audience how grateful he was to come to WSSU and how activism should be instilled in college students.

"I want to talk about the idea of getting your mind right and the educational crisis in the black community," Hill said.

Hill discussed the reasons for an educational crisis.

He said that we are a few decades beyond the things that have oppressed African Americans.

"Black folks use to risk their lives to read books, but they said 'we don't want education'... 'Black folks are lazy...' but they made us slaves," Hill said.

"When you're looking at education in America in 2011, you see a certain tradition.

"You see a certain reality and it represents the huge gap between what we get and what we deserve."

Hill said standardized testing should not determine if a student has obtained knowledge of a subject.

"The idea of testing gets in the way of actually teaching something," Hill said.

"The SAT is not going to determine whether you graduate from college or not, statistically it's not."

Hill said that college students should not think college will provide everything for success. Personal enrichment goes "beyond what we learn in the curriculums."

Hill also talked about the correlation between schools and penal system.

Following the lecture, students shared their feelings about what Hill said.

"I do agree with Dr. Hill's message because it's not just young people that need to be involved and there are issues in our society that need to be changed said Joy Lowery, a junior rehab studies major from Charlotte.

Justin Redd, the president of BMC said that Hill's lecture was motivational and was something that all students needed to hear.

"I just hope the lucky few who had a chance to listen were as inspired as I was," Redd said.

"I hope goals were created, aspirations modified, and I hope to have a chance to work with him in the future."

Hill's final remark to his audience was a pivotal question to WSSU students.

"What are you willing to fight and struggle for?"

## Spring fashions to feature graphics, vintage prints

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When the snow melts and the clouds reveal the sun, the same happens to fashion.

Sunny colors and patterns are filling the shelves of stores everywhere. One of the biggest trends to watch out for this season: graphic prints, from floral to stripes these statement making pieces can be combined with one another to dress up even the drabest outfit.

Glamour magazine recommends sticking to one or two colors within the same family when mixing patterns in order to avoid the "crazy-lady look."

"Scarves are a great way to mix patterns for people who aren't used to the idea," said Gabriella Brown customer experience supervisor at dELIA's a teenager's clothing store in Hane's Mall.

Crochet and sheer layers are another trend that women can appreciate. Lace provides an answer to cooler layering options that won't weigh too heavily.

Matt Beane, a Forever 21 visual manager, recommends women wear a solid top over something sheer so that there is a thin filmy layer showing from underneath.

Forever 21 is a store in Hane's Mall that offers women's and some men clothing.

"Paired with a pair of flats or wedges the look is ultra feminine," Beane said.

Glamour magazine urges women to stay away from x-rated looks that leave nothing to the imagination.

This season is all about bright and bold. Citrus colors like orange and yellow make it easy to update last summer's cobalt and aquamarine colored pieces.

Vogue and Lucky magazines recommend mixing bright colors with other solids to cre-

ate a fun color block effect. Primary colors work best for this look, especially when paired with bright white jeans.

White jeans are another must have for the spring season. Perfect for pairing with any bright color, white jeans and slacks are in high demand.

"We've had so many people ask about white jeans. I love them because they go with everything and make it easy to mix different trends," Brown said.

1970's style high-waisted pants and shorts are making a comeback. Wide-leg twill pants look great paired with striped tops, platforms and wedges. Another pants option for this season is the boyfriend jean. A slouchy straight leg jean that fits most every woman's body type.

"There's a very beatnik feel to this season, prints and wide leg pants give it a very Twiggy-esque look," Brown said.

"These pants are a nice change of pace from all of the tightly-fitted jeggings of the winter."

Being comfortable doesn't mean looking sloppy. At a recent interview with Glamour magazine, fashion designer Michael Kors declared

It's time to get rid of all of those painful heels and too-tight dresses," spring will bring loose breezy fitting shapes. Long, billowy blouses and swingy dresses are going to be very popular in stores this season.

With accessories this season it's important to remember that less is more.

Spring's coolest pieces are low key and come in desert-inspired colors like rust, sienna and sand.

Woven bracelets and dad's old watch are great to wear with tasseled loafers and striped totes.

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