



On the straight and narrow

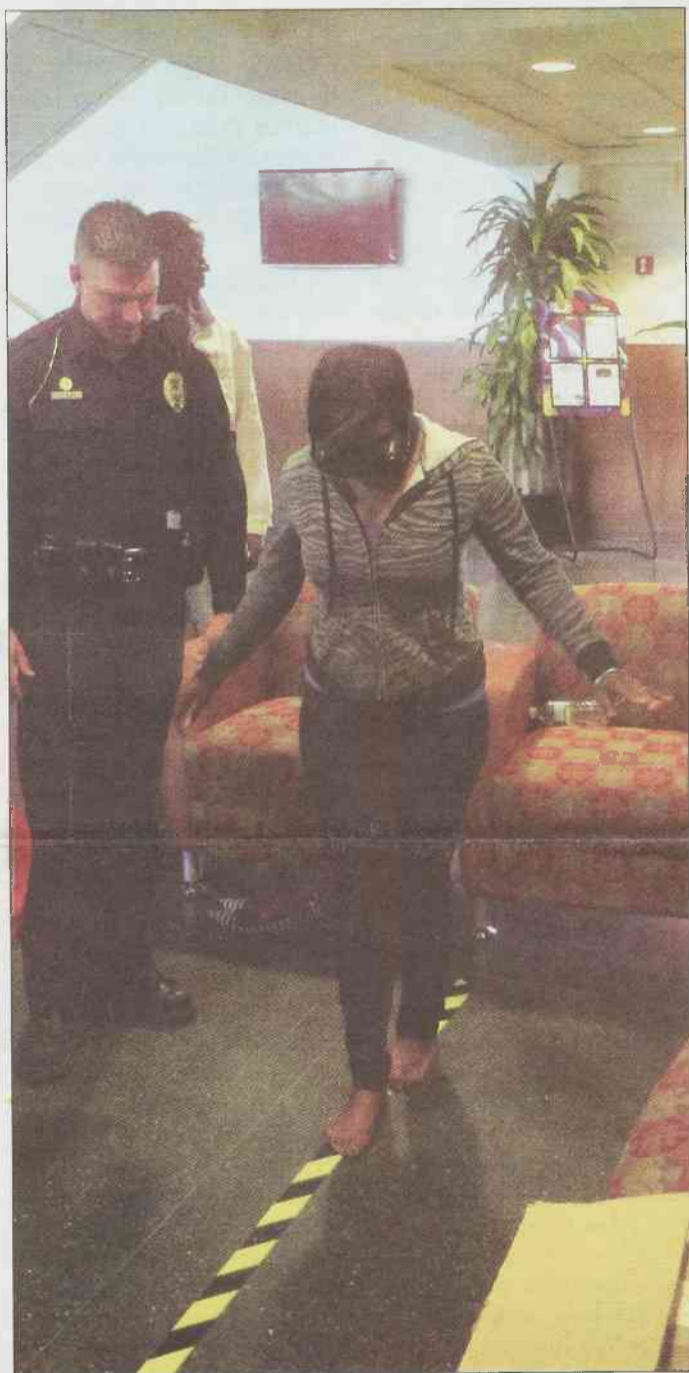


Photo by Jaye Cole

Sophomore Rachael Creekmur, a History/African-American Studies double-major, attempts to walk "the line of sobriety" wearing beer goggles as a Winston-Salem Police officer looks on in the Thompson Center Lobby. The mock field sobriety test and the entire DUI awareness initiative was sponsored by the University Counseling Center. DUI's accounted for 32 percent of all traffic deaths last year.

Liberal Learning Seminars introduce new curriculum for 1st year students

Victoria Staples
STAFF REPORTER
vstaples107@wssu.edu

Ever want to take a course that piques your interest -- just by the title, such as "Pop Culture" and "Deeper Than Rap"?

Now you can by enrolling in a Liberal Learning Seminar.

The Academic Standards and Curriculum committee approved the deletion of the freshman seminar requirement effective May 16.

Provost Brenda Allen began working with the task force October 2009 to continue the general education curriculum reform.

Liberal Learning Seminars are a part of the General Education Task Force mission of curriculum reform.

Allen said that LLS are designed to offer first-year students a unique experience with small class sizes that will form an intimate relationship with a faculty member and a cohort of students.

When Allen provided the opportunity for faculty members to submit proposals for classes they would like to develop and instruct, some quickly responded.

In the Spring 2010 semester, some faculty members submitted proposals to teach a LLS. That summer, they participated in a three-week series of workshops to develop new courses.

"It [the workshop] was a wonderful experience because it gave you a chance to really focus in on one thing and develop it from start to finish," said Michael Brookshaw, an associate professor in the English and Foreign Languages Department.

About 12 LLS were offered for the Fall 2010 semester, and 20 LLS were offered this semester.

The workshops also covered high impact practices which focus on how to improve student engagement in the classroom.

"Liberal Learning Seminars, writing across the curriculum, having more hands-on research, integrating the classroom and service learning are high impact practices," Allen said.

Allen and several faculty members, conducted some of the workshops.

"Whether your seminar was going to be writing intensive or quantitative skills, we wanted

LLS
continued on Page 2

Q&A with Chancellor Reaves

Jaye Cole
COPY DESK CHIEF
jjcole2010@gmail.com

Spring 2011 semester has brought many changes to the campus of Winston-Salem State. These including the return of Rams baseball, a budget crisis, a newly appointed vice chancellor, as well as the groundbreaking of the new Student Activities Center. The News Argus interviewed Chancellor Donald Reaves Feb. 24 and discussed campus current events and some topics from Ramble Online.

News Argus: The sports teams have made a tremendous turnaround from last year. How does the Athletic

Department's accomplishments make you feel.

Chancellor Reaves: Obviously it makes me feel really great. I've been telling every one that I've talked to 'what a difference a year makes.' The decision to remain in Division II, I'm convinced as much as I was a year ago, is where we belong. The fact of the matter is, we are a Division II school.

News Argus: A lot of people were supportive of coach Maynor's pay raise and new contract but there were also some who were skeptical. How soon can WSSU expect to see dividends?

Chancellor Reaves: I think we've seen some of it already, but after the raise I think the expectations soared. When we stepped back into Division II we decided that we were going to run a competitive program. It's important to have the right people on your staff, especially when it comes to football. We felt that Connell [Maynor] was a good fit.

News Argus: How will the changes to general education affect incoming students?

Reaves
continued on Page 2

Rankin, first congresswoman

Jeannette Rankin, a Republican from Montana, was the first woman elected to serve in Congress and the first woman elected to a national legislature in any western democracy. She was the only member of Congress to vote against entering World War II. In 1917, she opened the congressional debate on the Susan B. Anthony Amendment, and in 1918 it became the 19th Amendment. She was elected in both 1916 and 1940. Source: womenshistory.about.com

Mother's Day 1908

The first Mother's Day was held on May 10, 1908, and was organized by Anna Jarvis in West Virginia and Philadelphia. As the event gained popularity throughout the country, in 1914 Congress designated the second Sunday in May as a national day of recognition for mothers. Source: www.wssu.edu

Woodhull for president

Victoria Woodhull was the first woman to run for President of the United States in 1872. Woodhull was nominated by the Equal Rights Party. She was the publisher of a New York journal, "Woodhull & Claflin's Weekly." She owned a stock brokerage, "Woodhull, Claflin & Company." Source: victoria-woodhull.com

