

WSSU Homecoming Parade Bridges All Age Gaps

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Eric Brown is 8 and Mamie Waiters is 88.

There are serious generational differences here but that doesn't mean they can't enjoy a common experience like the one they shared with thousands of others at Winston-Salem State University's homecoming parade Saturday morning.

Brown, a third-grader, said he was there to catch some of his classmates marching in the parade that started at Fourth and Broad Streets around 10 a.m. and headed into East Winston. The best part about the parade, he said, was the dancing and the music.

Waiters, sitting on a folding chair beneath the shade of an oak at the corner of Fourth and Woodland streets, said her first homecoming parade was in 1914. Though not a WSSU graduate, she comes out every year.

"Thank God for being here that long," she said, after revealing her age.

WSSU's 101st homecoming parade brought out the best in the participants and the weather. Floats, school bands, shiny cars showing off attractive women, or children



Staff and children from the WSSU Early Childhood Learning Center ride on float Saturday.

attempting their first at public choreography all drifted eastward under a benevolent sun.

The colorful floats were either showing off the best beauties of campus organizations or local businesses. The many high school bands paused occasionally along the six-

mile route to strut their stuff.

Mayor Martha S. Wood waved from the back of a black limousine, and Joseph Dudley, president of Dudley Products, smiled and acknowledged the crowd as he walked.

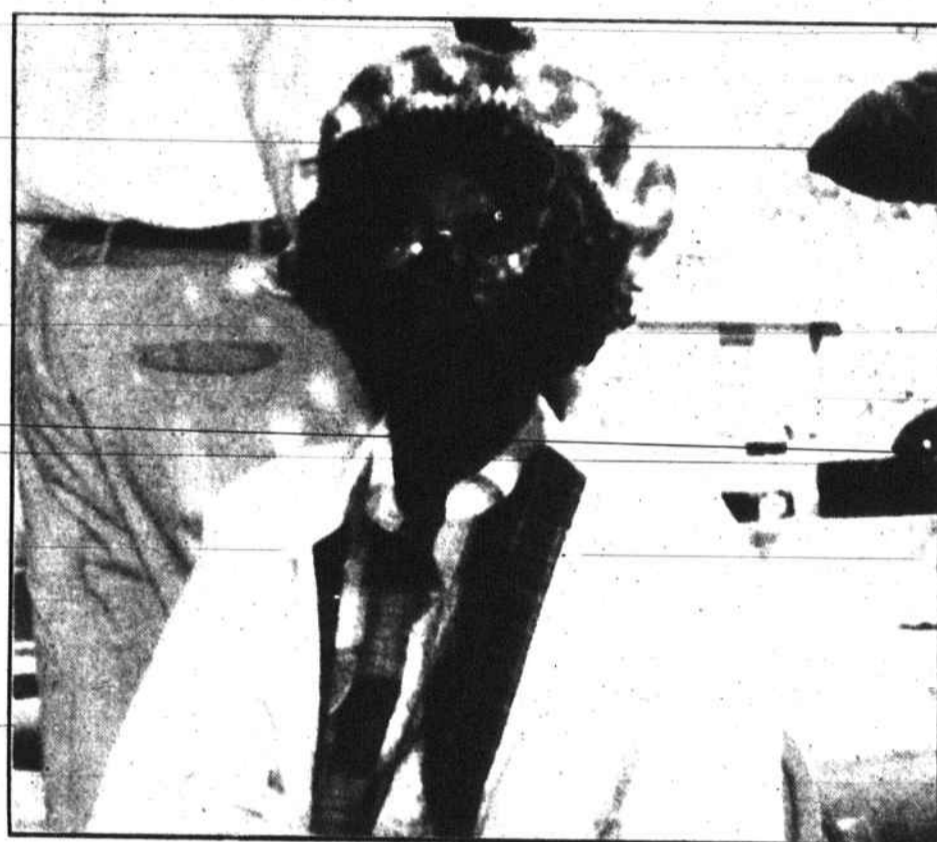
Two young band members

from different high school, who began to feel faint and nauseous, required some rest and shade, but no immediate emergency care.

Shirley Carter, who helped tend to one of the sickened youngsters, said she's been attending the parade since elementary school.



These two little girls seem to be enjoying the parade's festivities.



Mamie Waiters, 88, attended her first homecoming parade in 1914.



Members of Iota Phi Lambda on float at the parade.

Sorority Showcases Programs at Parade

The sorors of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc., a sorority for business and professional women, showcased some of their local and national programs Saturday in the Winston-Salem State University homecoming parade.

The GEMS, a group of elementary through middle school-aged girls, rode on the sorority's green and white float during the parade. The GEMS program offers friendship and guidance to girls of average ability and attempts to raise their levels of aspirations.

Tanethia Livingston is a GEMS representative.

Moshay Cotton represented FIGS, a group of high school girls who are interested in pursuing careers in business.

LaTea Ambush, a debutante, represented all past and future debutantes by riding at the head of the float.

Thelma Barnette represented pelatis of the sorority, a group of women dedicated to programs which help impact the problems that women of color experience daily.

Arrie N. Wright, Odessa Gaither and Virginia E. Wright also rode on the float.

Members of the homecoming committee were: Peggy Galloway,

Diana Williams-Cotton, Virginia Wright and Arrie Wright.



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In front of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority float: LaTea Ambush. (Back: l to r): Odessa Gaither, Thelma Barnette, Arrie Wright and Virginia Wright.

Sims Center to Host Carnival

The William C. Sims Recreation Center will host its annual Halloween Carnival on Oct. 29 from 6-8 p.m. for children, ages 2-13.

There will be games, candy, prizes, magazines, coupons, records and posters.

Donations are requested to help with the carnival. Contact Ben Piggett, Clarence Brown or Belinda Hardy at 727-2837, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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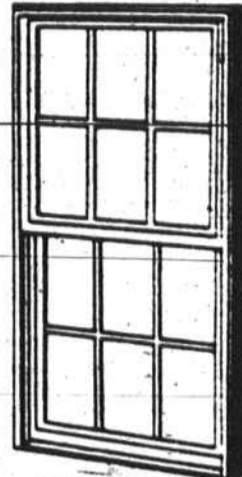
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