



Varsity cheerleading squad takes time to pose for camera.

Cheerleading Should Be An Official Sport

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The time was 6 a.m. It was one week before school officially opened. On Winston-Salem State University's practice field, an elite squad of students met to begin practicing for their upcoming seasons.

Since then, this group has run hundreds of miles, done hundreds of sit-ups, jumped, tumbled and chanted. No, they aren't the grapplers of the WSSU Football Team, nor members of the Marching Band, or the ROTC. These are the daring young men and women on WSSU's Varsity Cheerleading Squad.

Kristie Moore and Bridget Breeden, serve as Captain and Co-Captain of this year's squad. According to Moore, the hardest thing about being captain of the squad is "giving demerits when someone is late or caught chewing gum."

Although cheerleading is not an official sport, Moore says WSSU cheering squad members must adhere to certain rules and

regulations which include: maintaining a 2.0 grade point average (gpa); running a mile and doing 75 sit-ups daily; and memorizing 175 football and 200 basketball chants. Additionally, at the beginning of football season, each member must bring in two new chants and one cheer to be taught to other squad members.

Body strength is one attribute that squad members must possess. This season, Tommy Tyson and Demont Cox, two males have joined the squad to add to its strength. The addition of males to the squad has enabled them to be able to perform more difficult routines and stunts.

"To be a cheerleader, it takes self discipline, dedication, motivation and total body strength," explained Tyson.

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Campus Parking: A Solution Is On The Way

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Parking has become a very big problem at WSSU. It seems that almost everyday on campus there is a vehicle being towed from a parking space or being ticketed.

One of the main reasons for this problem is that some drivers haven't even bothered to purchase a parking decal which cost \$30 for students, and \$50 for faculty. Many commuting students feel that they pay too much for a parking decal and still have to walk across campus to their classes. This results in them taking the first available parking space no matter what the consequences.

Many students and faculty members who drive to campus feel that the parking is very limited and inadequate. Additionally, they feel the parking crunch is at it's worst during the day when many students have morning classes and staff members have already arrived on campus.

The worst and most congested areas to park during the day are near Hall-Patterson and R. J.

Reynolds Buildings and the C. E. Gaines Center. Drivers park their cars in front of entrances or in driveways which could result in causing an accident.

Because of this, the Campus Security has initiated a Color Coded (parking zones) System to help prevent people from parking in the wrong locations.

James Lewis, WSSU's director of Security, feels that the color coded system and zones will be helpful in keeping people from parking illegally.

If you drive to campus you have probably noticed that the parking spaces have a little color bar at the end of each space. The red color bars indicate that the spaces are for faculty parking only; the green bars indicate commuting students; the brown bar is for boarding students; and the blue is for handicapped.

The color bar on the parking space should match the type of decal you have on your vehicle. If it doesn't then the vehicle will receive a ticket.

So if you live by the old cliché "first come, first served" then you better make sure that the colors match.

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