

'ALWAYS WATCHING'



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Weeks after Hurricane Ike hit the southern Texas coast, gas prices continued to skyrocket as well as causing sporadic gas shortfalls across North Carolina.

Because gasoline delivery disruptions occurred in western North Carolina, Asheville's city offices, community colleges, parks, and recreation centers temporarily closed.

With the average price for gas in North Carolina \$3.83, it's been a squeeze for everyone at the pump. The serious complications in Asheville have not reached Winston-Salem yet. However, as I drive around town, I often see covered pumps or posted signs indicating there is no gas at those service stations.

Where gas is available, customers may wait in line for hours. The media have reported people in Charlotte were fighting after being accused of cutting in line.

Recently, I encountered this problem when I trying to fill up my tank. I drove around just to find a gas station that had the type of gas my vehicle requires. When I found that station, I was surprised to read on a posted sign: "Please limit to 10 gallons per person."

I was only allowed 14 gallons, before they cut off my pump.

I drive a large vehicle and getting to a gas station that actually has gas is the important. When I cannot get a full tank, I get frustrated.

In a recent article published in The Winston-Salem

Journal, Carol Gifford, an AAA Carolinas spokesperson said stations are getting gas deliveries daily. However, this does not seem to alleviate the deficit.

"When they get deliveries, it's sold out within a few hours because there is such a pent-up demand," she said.

I feel bad for people that have to commute to work for more than 20 minutes. Prices will always change, people will pay the price, but something must be done to combat the shortage.

I will not physically attack anyone to get gas like people in Charlotte. And I refuse to change my lifestyle. Maybe I will pull out my old bike from home so I can arrive sweaty to class daily. Being sweaty is being green right?

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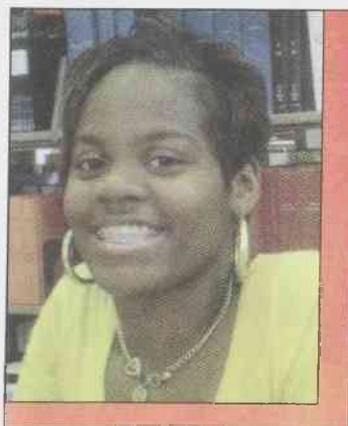
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How has your college experience been thus far as a freshman?



ALYSSA S. LATNEY
FRESHMAN

"My experience has been fun and interesting. College is fun if you make it fun."



AUBREY ANNOH-YEBOAH
FRESHMAN

"My experience has been worthwhile and I made the right decision to attend WSSU."



JANETTA MELLIS
FRESHMAN

"My overall experience has been nice and it's better than I expected."



KIERA HOLMES
FRESHMAN

"I came to experience new things and to get away from my hometown. I enjoy my friends and my classes."



KIMBERLY PARRIS
FRESHMAN

"The people are very nice and have unique southern hospitality."