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## Early voters not discouraged by e-mail hoax



Photo by Stephanie Douthit

The average wait time to early vote at the Anderson Center was about 90 minutes Oct. 27 to Nov. 1

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This historic 2008 presidential election has fostered hope and change. It has also led to an increase in voter registration in record numbers among college students throughout the county.

However, these exceptions have not overshadowed the racial and political tensions among the voting constituents.

In early October, several anonymous e-mails circulated stating voters would not be allowed to wear campaign paraphernalia to the polls on Nov. 4.

According to the e-mails anyone wearing political paraphernalia would be turned away from the polls and they would not be permitted to cast their votes.

"This is not true at all," said a Forsyth County Board of Elections representative.

"Voters can wear shirts, buttons, stickers and all other campaign paraphernalia."

Stipulations, however, apply to campaigning. Campaigning for any candidate can not take place inside the building or within the 50-foot boundary at the Forsyth County Government Center in downtown Winston-Salem.

"I believe that people who sent the e-mails didn't want to give voters a reason to be turned away," said senior Corrine Bryant. Bryant already cast her vote early when Winston-Salem State students marched to the polls Oct. 16. She was wearing political paraphernalia when she marched.

Some states, however, prohibit wearing campaign paraphernalia: Virginia, Maine, Montana, Vermont and Kansas.

A recent article in the Winston-Salem Journal stated that the Virginia State Board of Elections voted to ban clothing, hats and other paraphernalia at the polls.

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## Campus police report two robberies, one attempt

STAFF REPORT

The WSSU Campus Police department has increased patrols on campus and is actively investigating three criminal incidents.

All the incidents occurred within an hour of each other Oct. 23.

A Brown Hall resident reported the first crime about 11:30 p.m. He described the assailant as an unknown black male. According to the student, as he entered the residence hall stairwell, a black male tried to take his laptop. The suspect was unsuccessful.

According to an e-mail from Chief of Police Patricia Norris, shortly after this crime was reported, two students reported they were robbed at gunpoint in the Anderson Center parking lot by two black males. One of the suspects fit the description of the earlier robbery attempt.

The third crime involved two students who were robbed at gunpoint near the Gleason-Hairston Terrace parking lot.

All three suspects are described as black males between the ages of 19 to 22 years old. One of

the suspects is approximately 5'7" tall and the other 6'1" tall.

Norris told The Argus that this is the first crime reported on campus.

Norris said that students need to pay more attention to their surrounding. "I know a lot of students like to talk on their cell phones or text on their cell phones and they are not really paying attention to their surroundings," Norris said.

According to Norris, some suspects have been arrested.

### BRIEFLY STATED

**November is American Diabetes Month.** Throughout the month, the American Diabetes Association provides opportunities both nationally and locally to raise awareness about diabetes and its serious complications such as heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, blindness and amputation. The importance of proper diabetes control is also emphasized. Diabetes is the fifth leading cause of death among African-Americans.  
Source: diabetes.org

**Three FAMU students** were charged after being accused of gaining unauthorized access to FAMU computer records. The trio changed the grades and residency status of numerous students. The students installed "keystroke loggers" onto computers in the registrar's office to obtain passwords and usernames of the employees in the office.  
Source: Black College Wire

**The economic crisis** has undoubtedly sparked an increased level of support for Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama. It's unclear whether the issue of the economy has significantly changed the minds of young voters. A USA Today/MTV/Gallup poll from earlier this month found that 61 percent of voters age 18 to 29 plan to vote for Obama, while 32 percent plan to vote for John McCain.  
Source: UWIRE

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