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Photo by Garrett Garms

Austin performance benefits scholarship fund

Accompanied by The Burke Singers, Austin performed in K.R Williams Auditorium on March 24.

SGA, Royal Court elections April 1

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Student Government Association elections will be tomorrow, and the candidates have spent the better part of this month on the campaign trail.

Voting will take place online and last from 8 a.m. on April 1 until 8 a.m. on April 2.

Thirty-eight candidates began the official 2009-2010 student elections campaign season, delivering speeches to the student body in the Thompson Center on March 16. Students and teachers packed the Thompson Center leaving standing room only, as they listened to the candidates' arguments.

"The speeches were very persuasive," said Rudy Jones, a senior from Dover, Del.

"The candidates were charismatic, but it really takes more than just a speech to be a leader. It should be natural."

This election year, the candidates' approaches varied. Some sang, others presented slide shows and even encouraged students to visit their Web sites.

Slogans like "Check the Box for Jalessa Cox" and "Give Change a Chance," were a few of the mottos.

Candidates for the Royal Court, including Mr. Ram and Miss WSSU also spoke.

Davril Massey, a candidate

for Mr. Ram, began his speech with slight humor and wit, poking fun at his hometown, Waxsaw, a small town near Charlotte.

Massey also talked about his leadership and experience, including being captain of the track team and singing in the university choir.

The roster for Miss WSSU is loaded with six candidates: Ebony S. Denman, Courtney DuBose, Starus Dyson, Jessica James, Diedra Midgett, and Shatina Morgan. Each young woman delivered speeches about her different qualities to bring to the university as Miss WSSU.

"I am here to promote self-motivation, school pride, self-confidence and educational awareness," Dyson said.

James gave spunk and attitude in her speech with an excerpt from the poem "Phenomenal Woman" by Maya Angelou.

"The speeches went well," said Terri Williams, a senior marketing major.

"I don't believe anyone stood out. It will be a close competition. The people that stay consistent will win," Williams said.

"This is an exciting time for all students, but we can't vote by popularity but by who will

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Health Center gets certified WSSU joins four other state universities on list

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A.H. Ray Student Health Services Center was recently certified by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

This accreditation is effective from February 2009 through November 2011.

AAAHC it is the highest form of professional and public recognition for quality health-care provided. It forces and

supports the delivery of high quality care and services. This agency enhances marketing, branding, and alliance building in the community.

"The benefit of accreditation allows the student population to increase," said Nurse Ether Joe, director of the health center.

"It paves the way for better access to care," she said.

"It is important to set high standards for health care," said

Michael Isler, a registered nurse at the health center.

"It makes the department more accountable to customers," he said.

"When people come to our facilities, they will know we made federal standards for health care. Now that we are accredited, our staff feels the

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The United Negro College Fund is set to aid students threatened with not graduating or being dropped from some HBCUs because they have run out of money. In an effort to help students, UNCF, the nation's largest minority education organization, started an Emergency Student Aid Campaign March 1 to raise additional money, especially for seniors set to graduate this spring.

Source: chicagodefender.com

Smart or thin? Women still have complex relationships with their own image according to a poll released on March 24 that found 25 percent of those questioned would rather win the "America's Next Top Model" TV show than the Nobel Peace Prize. Seventy-five percent of women surveyed said they'd be willing to shave their heads to save the life of a stranger, if it meant they could be thin.

Source: reuters.com

WSSU Homecoming game kickoff time has been changed from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. According to a press release by the athletic department, the reason for the change was to avoid time conflicts with the other homecoming games for North Carolina A&T and North Carolina Central University. The Rams play the Hampton University Pirates Oct. 31.

Source: WSSU Athletic Department

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