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affairs for the Student Government Association. The similar scheduling has also created somewhat of a competition amongst the schools.

SGA President McCoy said the three schools competed over acts.

"The competition is fun, especially this year," Jackson said.

"April is when we begin planning [homecoming]," Jackson said.

"This year I set a personal goal of July 15 for our [SGA event] schedule.

"We have been in implementation mode ever since."



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McCoy said she and Jackson spend their summers in Winston-Salem to plan homecoming.

SGA created surveys to account for the interest of the student body and attended numerous meetings to decide performing acts and venues.

Jackson said during the meetings SGA has to create arrangements for security, sound, the fire code and a marketing strategy.

SGA uses feedback from the year before to look at what strategies need to be fixed.

"Trying to find an artist takes all summer," Jackson said. He added that it is important to

pick an artist that will please the entire student body and will have a buzz around homecoming time.

Jackson said it is important to budget because homecoming funds come from the overall operation funds of SGA for the entire school year.

This year SGA has received an increase in funds from \$100,000 to \$150,000. Jackson said they have used about \$80,000 to plan homecoming.

McCoy said the increased budget has made it easier to sign bigger acts than in previous years.

A lot of the funds go to paying artist.

Jackson said the range of cost for signing an artist can be as low as \$6,000 or as high as \$650,000.

The SGA uses fliers, posters and other marketing tactics to promote the events because they have to reach the WSSU students, alumni and the neighboring Winston-Salem community.

SGA begins creating a homecoming buzz as soon as the students return for the fall semester.

"The purpose of homecoming is why you love WSSU and supporting your school, despite what's happening at surrounding schools," Jackson said.

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Sept. 19 - Sept. 29

CAMPUS CRIME BLOTTER

The Campus Crime Blotter is a concise summary of the up-to-date incidents that affect the Winston-Salem State population. Certain incidents may lead to News Argus articles that discuss them at great length.

Saturday, Sept. 19

At 2:30 a.m. an officer was called to investigate a drug violation at Gleason-Hairston Terrace after a staff member reported a strong odor of marijuana coming from one of the rooms. The case is now closed.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

At 1:34 p.m. officers responded to the report of an attempted suicide in Foundation Heights. EMS was contacted, and the case is now closed.

Thursday, Sept. 24

At 10 a.m. a staff member reported a fight in Foundation Heights. Officers responded to investigate, and one arrest was made. The case is now closed.

Friday, Sept. 25

At 10:27 a.m. there was a hit and run on Martin Luther King and Stadium Drive. It was reported that a student was the victim. An officer responded and EMS was contacted. The student was transported to Baptist Hospital. The case is now closed.

Friday, Sept. 25

At 1:35 p.m. a staff member reported a toxic chemical spill in A.H. Ray Health Center. An officer responded and a Health and Safety Officer was contacted. The case is now closed.

Sunday, Sept. 27

At 1:50 p.m. an officer responded to a report of an infant being locked in a vehicle in the Diggs Gallery parking area. Upon request by the mother (student), the officer broke the window. The case is now closed.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

At 1:45 a.m. a staff member in Foundation Heights reported that someone dispersed a fire extinguisher in the hallway. An officer responded, and the case is now closed.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

At 12:45 p.m. WSSU police received a phone call from Human Resources to report a possible employee being a victim of abuse by the supervisor. An officer responded and the case is now closed.

Source: WSSU Department of Police and Public Safety

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Four alumni 'Achievers' recognized at Convocation



Ms. Lou E. Tillman
Class of 1990



Dr. James Winbush
Class of 1978



Mr. Elliott T. Lemon
Class of 1983

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During the Convocation there will be a 2009 Alumni Achiever Award sponsored by the Alumni Relations Department.

The award is made to celebrate alumni that meet the criteria of great career accomplishments and service or work in the community or University.

Four recipients were chosen by deans from colleges and schools at Winston-Salem State.

Lou Tillman graduated in 1990, and has been working with the Department of Defense for the past 22 years. Tillman was selected by Dr. Charles Ford of the College of Arts & Sciences.

Tillman is the Systems Engineering Curriculum Manager in the Associate Directorate for Education and Training.

"I am grateful for the solid foundation built and life lessons learned while attending WSSU," Tillman said.

"Much of my success over the years can be attributed to the guidance and leadership provided by my WSSU family, mentors and role models."

Elliott Lemon was chosen by Jessica Bailey, dean of the School of Business &

Economics.

Lemon graduated in 1983, and has since become a financial advisor at Waddell & Reed in Charlotte.

"I am very honored to be a recipient of this distinguished award," Lemon said.

"My achievements are a direct reflection of the experiences and knowledge gained during my years at WSSU."

Dr. Cynthia Jackson-Hammond from the School of Education chose to honor Class of 1978 recipient Dr. James Winbush.

Winbush spent 25 years in the military and retired at the rank of lieutenant colonel. During the past seven years, Winbush has worked at Baptist Hill Middle School in Hollywood, S.C.

Of those seven years, he spent more than five as the school's principal.

"Early on in my years at WSSU," Winbush said, "I realized that whether I was in the classroom or on the football field, I decided with the help of some fantastic friends that success is always by choice and not by chance and that the choices you make will dictate the life you will live."

Russell Clinding from the class of 2001, was selected Dr. Peggy Valentine from the School of Health Sciences. Clinding was not available for contact at press time.

Alumnae reminisce about school spirit

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The alumni of Winston-Salem State have set a standard of school spirit.

Avis Gray, a professor in the English and Foreign Languages Department has fond memories of homecoming. Gray is from Windsor, N. C. and a 1991 alumna.

Gray said she always enjoyed the step show because it was one of the most popular events.

"I participated in the show as a member of Zeta Phi Beta."

Gray recalls students being more socially active and supportive.

"If the football team lost the game you couldn't tell," she said.

"It was as if they won because being together was the cause of celebration."

She advises students to be proud of WSSU, despite the problems they [the students] may have.

Gray returned to WSSU when the University contacted

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