



## 2010-11

### SGA Elected Members



**Jonathan Jackson**  
Mgmt. Info System  
Student Body  
President



**Cornell Jones**  
Mass Comm.  
Mr. WSSU



**Regan Hales**  
Spanish/Psych  
Miss WSSU



**A. Travis McGhee**  
Exercise Science  
VP External  
Affairs



**Yolanda Paylor**  
Biology  
VP Internal Affairs

## Fewer candidates, fewer votes in 2010-2011 SGA elections

**Jordan Howse**  
REPORTER

There were 6,222 students eligible to vote in the 2010-2011 Student Government Association elections March 31.

However, 1,005 students -- 16 percent voted.

"There's a percentage of students who are non-traditional that should be factored into the equation," said Marlena Baxter, a senior sociology major and education minor from Sumter, S.C. Baxter is the SGA executive

secretary.

"Also, some students just don't [vote]," Baxter said.

This percentage [16] is not abnormal. Last year, 22 percent of students voted in the SGA election. In the 2008-2009 election, 17 percent of students voted.

This year, the few candidates may have attributed to the low voter turnout.

"Due to the low number of individuals running for office, more students did not feel the need to participate," said Jonathan Jackson, vice

president of external affairs and president-elect 2010-2011.

"Students must realize and understand how important their votes are for these officials that make critical decisions for the University," Jackson said.

Some executive positions including president, secretary of commuter student affairs, secretary of the treasury, and Mr. WSSU had one candidate. Candidates running unopposed are consistent with previous years.

Last year, vice presidents of external and internal affairs and executive secretary all ran unopposed for 2009-2010.

"I feel I ran unopposed because there aren't enough black males on campus willing to step out of their shell and participate," said Cornell Jones, a junior mass communications major.

Jones is Mr. WSSU 2010-2011.

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**April 12-16:**

**REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE RENEW**

**Recycling** is one of the best ways for Rams to have a positive impact on the world.

**Recycling** is important to the natural environment. Walk or share a ride to campus one time this week. If you must drive, then carpool.

**Reduce** to prevent waste before it's created. The best way to reduce trash is to make less trash in the first place.

**Reuse** products again in their current form for the same purpose or another use. Recycle by making something old into something new.

## VP exits WSSU for Aggie Land

**Bianca Pender**  
REPORTER

Dr. Melody Pierce, vice chancellor of student affairs, will say goodbye to the Rams May 14. Pierce will assume the position of vice chancellor of student affairs at NC A&T.

"It is time for a change," Pierce said.

"I'm looking forward to new challenges."

Pierce has been the vice chancellor of student affairs at Winston-Salem State since July 2001. She will say hello to

**Dr. Pierce**  
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### Porn company pays FAMU \$105,000

RK Netmedia, a Miami-based pornographic production company has reached a settlement agreement to pay Florida A&M University \$105,000 in damages from the "Big Rattler 77" sex tape. The video was posted on Daredorm.com, an RK website. As a part of the settlement, RK has agreed to prevent and stop the display of the video.

Source: Blackcollegewire.org

### April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Alcohol abuse covers a number of demographic groups such as college students, pregnant women, working professionals and senior citizens. If you suspect that you have a drinking problem, or know someone who abuses alcohol, contact Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Health Information Network at 1-877-SAMHSA-7.

Source: Samhsa.gov

### There's a reason for the sneezin'

The pollen count is reaching record highs this year. In fact, the pollen count is three times the normal accumulation. The N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources Air Quality Division measured a sample of air that had 3,524 pollen grains per cubic meter April 7. A typical pollen count is between 1,000 and 1,500 in the spring.

Source: Newsobserver.com

