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Marchers make their way to the Board of Elections.

Sunday voting not for the impatient

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Jeffvory Campbell and Erica Young didn't seem the least bit twitchy Sunday as they stood at the very end of a very long line outside of the Forsyth County Board of Elections office.

This day marked the only Sunday that early voting pools would be opened and seemly hundreds left church services and headed straight to the polls, which opened at noon. By 1:30, the wait for folks like Campbell and Young — who are both in their early 20s — was about two hours. The dozens who eventually lined up behind them faced an even longer time on their feet.

"I don't mind," Campbell said of the lull. "People marched, fought and died so that I could wait and vote, so this is really nothing for me."

Sunday was not your typical day at the polls. There was carnival atmosphere on Chestnut Street outside of the Forsyth County Government Center (where the BOE is housed). Local organizations, mainly the city's Obama for President Office,



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Golden and Cathy Jeffreys wait to vote outside of the Government Center with their daughter, Jalen.

New Miss WSSU Alumni raises record cash

BY TODD LUCK
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Winston-Salem State University's newest Miss Alumni was crowned last Friday night as part of the university's annual homecoming festivities.

College queens are known for their grace, beauty and poise. Miss Alumni has all the above but those didn't qualify her for the crown. There are no young contestants strutting around in swimsuits and evening gowns in this competition. Instead, Miss Alumni is a contest of devotion and fundraising skill. Contestants, who ranged from young professionals to retirees, were charged with trying to raise the most money for their beloved WSSU.

Since 1945, the WSSU National Alumni Association has held the Miss Alumni contest



Photo by Garrett Gertz/WSSU

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Jacqueline Pittman Cureton is crowned Miss Alumni.

HALLOWEEN HUMANITARIANS

WFU students host holiday event for children for 20th time

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Candy. Costumes. Scary stories. Haunted houses and, of course, trick-or-treating. Wake Forest University's 20th Annual Project Pumpkin event had it all. Black and orange streamers adorned the trees as Wake Forest students, dressed in full Halloween regalia, led groups of children from one station to the next; balloon animals, live music and bean bag tosses were among the stops on the tour for the hundreds of school-age children who visited the campus Tuesday afternoon.

"It's actually been fun... It's kind of a chance for us to be kids too — we don't get many opportunities to wear costumes," quipped Maddie Simpson, a senior, sociology major and coordinator of the 2008 event. "It's a bit of a break from school for both us and the kids."

What began as a student's project two decades ago has grown considerably.



Photo by Layla Farmer

Young trick-or-treaters invade the WFU campus Tuesday.

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Anti-drug agency hands out its annual service honors

BY LAYLA FARMER

Three individuals and one organization were honored with Community Service Awards at The Coalition for Drug Abuse Prevention's annual reception Thursday night.

Held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the event is a long held tradition for the nearly 20-year-old coalition, which seeks to prevent drug and alcohol abuse through awareness campaigns and outreach efforts.

Xavia McCarter, Sandra Sherrill, Claudette Weston and The Darryl Hunt Project for Freedom and Justice were chosen from more than 20 nominees to become recipients of the organization's 2008 Community Service Awards.

"It's just amazing what some people in the community are doing and they do it so quietly," commented Education Director Leanna Lee, coordinator of the event. "We have a lot of wonderful people in Winston-Salem, and that's the reason for these awards."



Photo by Layla Farmer

School Resource Officer Derrick Crews prepares to accept his award.

According to Parent Services Director Angela Farms, Coach Xavia McCarter, who once headed the JV squad at Parkland, "passionately devotes much time and energy towards creating ... outlets for youth.

"I don't think there's a finer individual who is more deserving of this honor," Farms added. "It has been a long time coming."

Sherrill is the founder of the Hosanna House, which offers housing, Bible study and life skills training to recovering addicts and exoffenders.

"Sandra is a generous and hardworking person," said Sharon Stewart in presenting the award. "She contributes a significant amount of her own money to keep the program running smoothly on a daily basis ... She will teach you how to make a way out of no way."

Presenter Danetta Fitz said Claudette Weston of Weston & Associates, Inc., a meeting management and special events company, is known for philanthropic efforts.

"She is a remarkable woman who has time to be involved

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GIVE ME SHELTER



Photo by Kevin Walker

Roosevelt Hudson shields himself and his son, Roedarious Lazaveon, from the rain Saturday as the Winston-Salem State University Homecoming Parade makes its way down Fourth Street.



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