

Recognizing Royalty

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On Saturday, October 11, 1997, 57,000 people were on hand as Mr. BSM, Winston Rozier, and Ms. BSM, Melanie Sellars, were crowned UNC's 1997 Homecoming King and Queen. Just one month earlier Rozier and Sellars were crowned Mr. and Ms. BSM respectively at the BSM's Annual Coronation Ball. This also marks the 5th year in a row that an African-American woman has been chosen as UNC's Homecoming Queen and the 2nd year in a row that the King has been an African-American man.

In both selection processes, candidates are required to submit an application, undergo interviews, and also create a community service project to be completed during their reign. Melanie Sellars' service entitled "Giving to Others Daily" is, according to her, a "three-day service...campaign which includes student, faculty and other university volunteers." The first day, volunteers will visit the North Carolina Children's Hospital and spend time with the patients during the afternoon. The second day volunteers will feed the less fortunate at the Inter-Faith Council Community House, and the third day will be a day of inter-faith celebration along with spiritual awareness.

Vinston Rozier has created two service projects to complete during his reign. His first service project will be a walk-a-thon for Breast Cancer, in which participants will have individuals pledge a specific amount of money for each mile or lap they walk. The second service project is a "Honor Jam" for elementary honor students who have made a significant improvement. During the "Honor Jam", "students will be honored by the university community and will enjoy entertainment from various student organizations." The Black Ink and The Black Student Movement would like to congratulate Vince and Melanie on their achievement and wish them well during their reign.



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