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Miss NCCU Named Miss Atlantic City Klassix

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ATLANTIC CITY- On December 18, 1993 Laurie Nicole Robinson, (Miss NCCU) vied for the title of Miss Atlantic City Holiday Klassix. The pageant was held in order to highlight the talent, personalities, and intellect of female students attending black colleges, and to encourage these students attending colleges, and to encourage these students to communicate and network with each other for the betterment of their institutions and fellow students.

During the judging, the eleven Campus Queen participants were judged in the

following categories: oratory, talent, poise/projection, and interview. During the oratory portion of the pageant, contestants spoke on issues from strengthening the family to promoting pride and education. Laurie's oratory was titled "Black Colleges Roots Of The Black Community."

This was Ms. Robinson's second outside pageant. Last semester she won 4th While in Atlantic City, Laurie and the other contestants visited the Atlantic City Hospital and distributed Christmas toys to children. In addition, they visited the Atlantic City High School to encourage students to continue their education. The part Laurie enjoyed most was the opportunity to not only represent N.C. Central University but also the Durham Community.

As Miss Atlantic City Klassix, Laurie won a \$1500 scholarship and a four day three night trip to the Bahamas. Laurie previously won fourth runner up at the National Black Alumni Hall of Fame Pageant and now is preparing for the Miss Collegiate African-American Pageant, which will be held at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Miss Robinson says she enjoys educating the uninformed about N.C. Central which she is able to do while representing the school in these pageants. "These pageants show the intelligent and somewhat sophisticated side of North Carolina Central University," she states. Laurie also says that the pageants have a warm atmosphere for



Laurie Robinson, Miss NCCU

contestants to congregate. "It's nice because every one is on the same level and we just have fun getting to know each other," she says.

Though the title is mostly promotional and this is the pageant's first run, it will hopefully compare to the Bayou Classic in years to come.

NCCU Mourns Fourth Death of the Year

Heart disease suspected as cause of death

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Faculty and students at North Carolina Central University experienced their fourth tragic death of the 1993-94 academic year.

Stephanie L. Downey, a 22-year-old freshman transfer student from Oxford, N.C., died shortly after she collapsed due

to heart disease.

April Chappelle, junior education major from Norfolk, Va. found Downey lying on her stomach just before her 8:00 a.m. math class.

"The other four people in the class were in shock, so when I saw her lying on her stomach, I turned her over, and she started breathing better," said Chappelle.

Chappelle said another student went to get help, while

she stayed with Downey, constantly checking her pulse and monitoring her breathing until NCCU security arrived.

Chappelle said Downey stopped breathing just before security arrived at 8 a.m. When security arrived, one of the officers began administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until paramedics came about 8:10 a.m.

"I think she could have been saved if she had gotten

attention sooner," said Chappelle. "No one knew cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR)," she said.

As a result of her experience, Chappelle has made CPR education on campus a personal project. I'm proposing to the Chancellor, that everyone in each department know CPR so situations like this will not occur again, she said.

In a statement released to

the press Chancellor Julius Chambers sated, "On behalf of N.C. Central University, I wish to express heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Downey, the parents of Stephanie L. Downey. It is always saddening to see the end of a young life like hers, with so many dreams wishes, and promises unfulfilled."

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 27 at Wright Funeral Home's chapel by the Rev. Ervin Thompson.

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