

'Keep It Positive'

An Interview With Miss FSU

Just who is Miss Fayetteville State University? Well, she is Miss Dianna Cooper, a native of Nesmith, South Carolina. Dianna is a transfer student from Bennett College where she received many academic awards. She is a senior majoring in Mathematics, Computer Science with a minor in physics. Dianna plans to continue her education by getting a master's degree in applied mathematics. One of her possible college choices is North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. (NC A&T).

Dianna has not decided exactly what she wants to do with her degree. But, she would like to work with people or computers. Dianna said that she likes to work with people, and that is why she works a tutor in the Special Services program. She also works as an individual tutor.

"It is the responsibility of every queen to work to remove the stereotypical image that all queens are 'airheads'," says Dianna. "A queen has to be able to talk to anyone about any subject. For example, if I'm visiting another university, and their queen and SGA president are discussing a topic, I have to be able to join in the conversation."

Miss FSU says that her reign has been very exciting. One of the most exciting times for her was during coronation week. This year, Miss FSU decided to make some changes in the coronation procedures. "Tradition is fine, but the coronation should reflect

some of the individuality of each queen."

"Being queen is a lot of hard work," says Dianna. "The queen is the official hostess for the university. This means that she was to attend different programs, write speeches and go to other colleges to represent the university." However, throughout all of the activity, "academics must come first, everything else is secondary. We have to study, and work hard. I'm not saying we have to be bookworms, but we have to work hard to do the best we can possibly do."

Dianna says that most students have been supportive during her reign. Although she does admit that some have criticized. "But," says Dianna, "there will always be critics. We must learn to overlook our critics and keep looking upwards with a positive attitude. FSU and the world would be a better place if we could all learn to overlook some of the critics and keep things positive."

Editor's Note: Miss FSU asked if she could have some space to thank those people who have been supportive during her reign. S.C.

"I would like to thank the following people: Dr. Wilma Henry, Vice Chancellor Nixon, Chancellor Lyons, LaWanna Carson, Louise Driver, Escalene Smith, Dr. Fisher, the student body, the coronation committee, my attendants, my entire family, especially sisters and mother, and everyone else who helped me during my reign."



Dianna Cooper

Freida High

Frieda High-Tesfagiorgis is an Associate Professor of African and Afro-American Art in the Department of Afro-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She received the Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education from Northern Illinois University and the Master of Arts and the Master of Fine Arts and Painting from the University of Wisconsin.

Of the many awards that High-Tesfagiorgis has received, some of the more prominent ones are: "Who's Who in America Art", "World Who's Who Among Women", "Who's Who Among Black Americans", and "Outstanding Young Women in America". She is also a member of the National Conference of Artists and the National Council of Black

Studies.

During the Month of February, in honor of Black History Month, High-Tesfagiorgis' work was on display in the Rosenthal Gallery. The works include some drawings and relief prints. Some of the works reflect the socio-political turmoil of the sixties and early seventies. Her works also reflect her intensive research in Africa. Some of her abstract works focus on "aspects of America's hidden memories and a crusade against lynchings." This series is called "American Culture Series". This work is done in mixed media, pastels, letters, and collage.

This art show was

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(2)-Entries will address in 500 to 1,000 words the subject "The Minority Viewpoint: The Role of Family, Community and Student in Motivating Minorities Toward Achieving Academic Excellence."

(3)-All entries must be typewritten and double spaced or legibly handwritten and must include participant's full name and permanent address.

(4)-Entries will be judged for content, originality, organization, style, grammar, spelling, punctuation and neatness.

(5)-Winning essays will be selected by the Education Advisory Committee of the National Urban League. Winners will be notified before May 31, 1986.

(6)-Participants are limited to one entry only.

(7)-A copy of a letter of acceptance from an accredited institution of higher learning must accompany the entry of those who are entering freshmen. A recent transcript (photo-copy will suffice) must be submitted with the entry by those returning undergraduate college students.

Participants are requested to include the name and address of their parents' home-name and

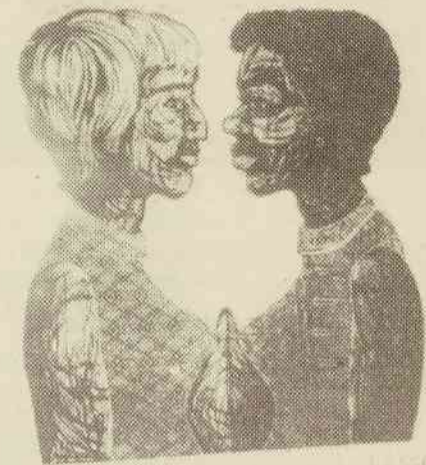
Participants are requested to include the name and address of their parents' hometown newspaper, so that the press may be properly notified of the winners' accomplishments.

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Celebrating Our Black History

February is set aside to be called Black History Month. But what exactly is Black History Month? We are Black History. Some of the famous Blacks were: *Thurgood Marshall* who was the first Black associate justice of the United States Supreme Court. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, he received his Bachelor of Science degree from Howard University.

Mary McLeod Bethune was founder of Bethune-Cookman College and the National Council of Negro Women. Born a slave she became advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Hank Aaron succeeded in overthrowing Babe Ruth's lifetime home run record in 1974. He also holds the record for most seasons leading outfielders in double plays.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown, an educator and club woman, founded Palmer Memorial

Institute, a private secondary in North Carolina.

Benjamin O. Davis, Sr.

Black History Month is a time to honor accomplishments of men and women of the past.

And a time to look ahead to

many accomplishments in the future.

Let's not celebrate Black History Month every February; let's celebrate it everyday.

By Susan Thompson



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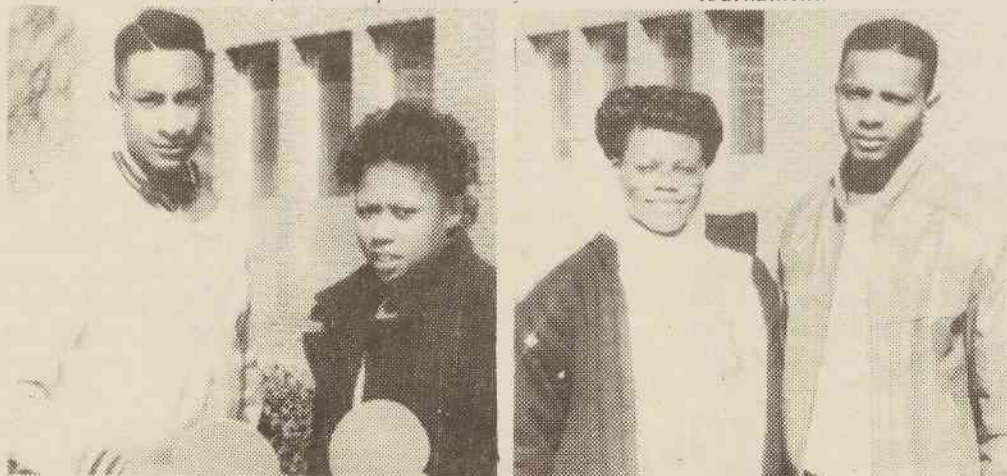
FSU Students Attend ACU-I Tournament

Anthony Grear, Lisa Harley, Jacqueline Harris and Kenneth Moore attended the Association of College Unions-International Regional Tournament held February 13-15 at Virginia

Tech University.

These students were winners in the campus tournament held January 14-15, in the Student Center. Students from our campus represented Fayetteville State

University in table tennis and billiard during the tournament. Mr. Jerry Williams, Program Director in the Student Center served as coach and advisor during the tournament.



Tournament Attendees