

Miss N.C. A&T Retains Aggie Pride

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Selma, North Carolina may not be the Selma that Martin Luther King, Jr., marched through, nor one of the states most recognized towns, but in the hearts and minds of N.C. A&T students, faculty and alumni it is known as the "Queen's City". Miss Sharon Jenkins is Miss N.C. A&T State University for 1990-1991. She is from Selma, N.C. Just five years ago, Sharon's sister, Debra was chosen for the same honor. It's a first at N.C. A&T and will probably be some time before it is duplicated (sisters being crowned Miss N.C. A&T).

Sharon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Lee Jenkins. She has six brothers (Harris, Anthony, Spencer, Terrence, Willie and Ebony) as well as her sister Debra.

Miss Jenkins is a chemistry major with a career goal of being a pathologist. "I plan to spend two additional years at A&T for graduate studies, and then I hope to enroll at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for medical school," said Ms. Jenkins.

Up until the present, she has been active in the American Medical Society, NAACP, and Gospel Choir. In her college career she has served as Miss Freshman and Miss Gospel Choir.

Miss Jenkins is blessed with beauty, charisma, and intellect, but her strongest quality could be an inner-blackness that runs as deep as the Nile. "A black college campus queen really needs to be a God-fearing person. She should be one who loves herself, as well as others. She should be open-minded and aware of her history and heritage, because that is the backbone of our stability," said Ms. Jenkins.

Miss N.C. A&T has set goals for the 1990-1991



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academic year, and she has already accomplished others. "I've established an organization on campus called 'Queens', said Jenkins. "The purpose is to promote unity. We will be doing things in the community and making people more aware of black history," added Ms. Jenkins. She admits being Miss A&T State University is a full-time job, but she enjoys her role to the fullest. "I will do a lot of traveling and speaking on behalf of the Aggies family," she said. "Miss N.C. A&T should represent the essence of the true black woman", she added.

Miss Jenkins credits her parents and their guidance for steering her in the right direction. "My parents raised me in a Christian environment," she said. "When you are raised in that type household everything else falls into place", she added.

Ask why she choose N.C. A&T over other colleges she responded: "I've always known I would attend a black college in North Carolina. N.C. A&T not only has some of the top programs in black colleges, they have some of the best in the country."

Miss N.C. A&T 1990-1991 is also Miss National College Alumni Hall of Fame 1990-1991. Miss Jenkins won this BET televised pageant less than one and a half months ago in Atlanta, Georgia. "A lot of people don't know the magnitude of this honor, but I will represent it with as much pride as I do as Miss N.C. A&T", she stated. "I will never forget the

people I met (Kim Fields, Henry Aaron, Janet Dubois, Tasha Scott, Vince Williams) nor the total experience", she added.

Sharon is a very warm, bright and well-rounded individual. She commented on two topics that are imported to both the world and black people.

a) The Iraq-Kuwait Situation:

"I don't agree with what the American government is doing. It's a lot more political than they'll ever admit and it's having a direct effect on our economy. It's not quite as important to us as the propaganda makes it appear."

b) The demise of the black male:

"First of all the black woman has the responsibility of standing behind the black man. Since the first slave ship came to America the majority has undermined the intelligence and integrity of the black male. It's our responsibility to make sure our children are truly educated about the black man. We need to teach them because others have no intention of doing so."

Miss Jenkins elaborated on "Aggie Pride". Her analysis should make Aggie students, alumni and fans proud. "It's all about brotherhood. Historically Aggies have had no problems in fighting for the things that they felt strongly about. The marches and the sit-ins are etched in history books across the country. History itself is in the walls of N.C. A&T State University", said Ms. Jenkins.

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