

Miss WSSU

Graceful Campus Queen



Candice Michaux Miss WSSU

by Vivian McMillan Special Correspondent

"People get on me for walking so fast but I tell them I'm in a hurry and will be until I get where I'm going."

This philosophical comment comes from pretty Ms. Candice Micheax who will reign as Miss Winston-Salem State University (WSSU), 1975-76. Ms. Micheax is a senior art major who has adopted Winston-Salem as her home. She was born in Indiana but her family migrated to Lenoir (NC) when she was very young.

"Lenoir is my father's home," she said recently.

"When he died, we moved to Winston-Salem which is my mother's home." Ms. Micheax has lived here for the last seven years but has traveled extensively and feels that her exposure to people, along with experience, has been her greatest teachers.

She is the eldest of 10 children and recounts the times the truant officer visited their home when she was in elementary school. "I was absent from school a lot but someone had to keep my younger brothers and sisters," she explained. "Since I was the oldest, the responsibility fell on me."

As a result she describes herself as a self-taught, independent, ambitious but conscientious, competitive but sensitive go-getter. "I don't like laziness," she says. "I firmly believe that you can do anything you want to do."

Ms. Micheax has been involved in various community activities. She worked in the Public School Systems for seven years as a teacher's aid.

She works with the Arts Council and has worked with The Summer Youth Program. She presently works with the Homecoming and Lyceum Committees.

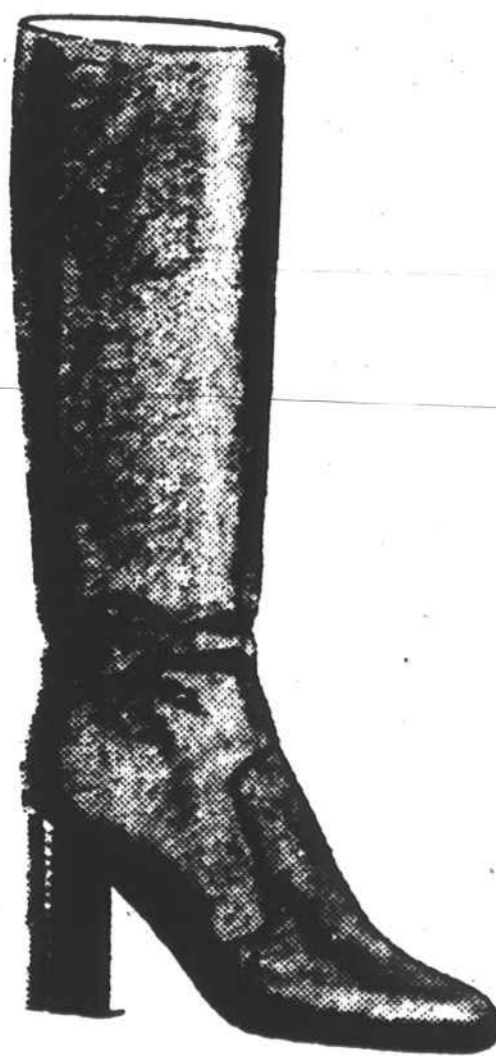
Ms. Micheax plans to further her studies in fashion and retail merchandising. She hasn't decided where she will matriculate but has narrowed her choices to N.C. State, Ohio State, or Howard University.

Ms. Micheax said the only not-so-positive aspect of her role as Ms. WSSU is meeting up to everyone's expectations. "Everyone has their idea of what I should be like," she said. "People expect me to be an exceptional student and representative of a perfect co-ed." And indeed Ms. Micheax expects to graduate with honors. Her academic average is "between A and B". She will be the first Ms. WSSU to graduate with academic honors if she maintains her average.

Since Ms. Micheax is not a boarding student, she is also the first Day Student to win this honor.

As she energetically speaks of her family and her future goals, Ms. Micheax seems to wrap things up in one statement.

"I'm achievement conscious," she says, "but I think I'm going to be successful..."



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