

WSSU Coed Wins Miss Africa/African-American

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Dionne Whitted, a freshman at Winston-Salem State University, was crowned Miss Africa/African-American last Saturday at the third annual Miss Africa/African-American Educational Queen's Pageant.

The first runner-up was Sonya Clyburn, a senior psychology major at WSSU, who is also Miss Winston-Salem State University. The second runner up was Allison Griffen-Walser, a Carver High School senior.

Delores "Dee" Smith, executive director of the Winston-Salem Urban League, said in her opening remarks that although the nine contestants were having a good time backstage, there were "challenges" of a more serious nature that she wanted them to accept. One of them, she said, was accepting the challenge of "saving the child from all forms of child abuse."

There was a time when the village raised the child, she said. "We must go back to the belief that it takes all of us to raise our children," she said.

She said it was important for them to remember such activists and leaders as Ida B. Wells and Rosa B. Parks.

During the "Spring Fling" part of the pageant, the contestants, each

of whom represented African nations, paraded before the judges wearing casual outfits while announcers read biographical information about each of them.

"An Evening of Elegance" was the title of the segment in which the young women got a chance to show off their formal wear. During the "Motherland Mirage" showcase, the young women wore colorful African garb while announcers read data about the African countries each of the contestants represented.

The spotlight was put on each of the women when they were asked to respond to randomly selected issues and questions. The women were asked to expound upon such topics as drugs, teen-age pregnancy and the type of administration they would have if they were President. The highlight of the evening was the exciting performances of the Otesha Creative Arts Ensemble, a dance and percussion group that brought the drumbeat of Africa to the auditorium.

The pageant, sponsored by the Liberian Organization of the Piedmont, was held at the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium on WSSU's campus and was attended by about 250 people.

The first place winner received a \$500 scholarship; the first-runner \$300; and the second runner-up \$200.



Dionne Whitted after being crowned Miss Africa/African-American. photo by Preston Wyles

Twenty-Five Students Selected for Governor's School

Twenty-five Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools students have been selected to attend the 1993 Governor's school this summer. Governor's school is a six-week summer program for 800 North Carolina rising juniors and seniors who are gifted in the arts or academics. The program is held on the campuses of Salem College (Governor's School West) and St. Andrew's College in Laurinburg (Governor's School East).

Nominees from across the state were selected by a committee of the Division for Exceptional Children of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Local students selected, their high schools and their subject area of concentration, are listed below:

Dionne Piggott, Carver, Spanish; Amy Gordon, Glenn, Dance; Jonathan Wagoner, Glenn, English; Natalie Batten, Mt. Tabor, Mathematics; Maria Bost, Mt. Tabor, Natural Science; Lauren Escott, Mt. Tabor, Oboe; Allison Gordon, Mt. Tabor, Cello; Leigh Miller, Mt. Tabor, Flute; Kacie Miller, Mt. Tabor, Clarinet; Bradley Pogue, Mt. Tabor, Natural Science; Marie Rangel, Mt. Tabor, Dance; Sona Shandilya, Mt. Tabor, English; Elissa Smith, Mt. Tabor, Dance;

William Vaughn, Mt. Tabor, Drama; Heidi Zinzow, Mt. Tabor, Violin; Sanjay Banerjee, North Forsyth, Mathematics; Heather Harris, North Forsyth, Mathematics; Christopher White, North Forsyth, Mathematics; Jaime Jenkins, Parkland, Dance; Cameron Snyder, Parkland, Trumpet; Halbert Jones, Reynolds, Social Science; Ashley Knight, Reynolds, Tenor Voice; Isabel Newton, Reynolds, Natural Science; Mark Snow, Reynolds, Viola; Cory Parsons, West Forsyth, English.

CROP Walk Raises \$50,000

Forsyth County's 1992 CROP Walk for the Hungry raised nearly \$50,000 to fight hunger locally, nationally and internationally.

Nearly 2,000 walkers from more than 70 area churches, schools, companies, service organizations and a retirement home par-

ticipated in last fall's walk. Twenty-five percent, more than \$12,000 of the funds raised, will go towards fighting hunger in Winston-Salem Community. The 1993 CROP Walk will be held Oct. 17. For more information about the walk and how to get involved, call 7240-6303.



WSSU senior art majors (l. to r.): (back row) Terry Mitchell, Antonio Hargrove, Wanda Bowman; (front row) Lucretia Rawlinson, Cheryl Dickson, Dena Jones, Paulette Kuzmanovich.

WSSU Seniors Display Art

An exhibition highlighting works by senior art majors of Winston-Salem State University is on display through May 15 at the Diggs Gallery.

"Reflections: Our Journey through Time" features paintings, prints, photographs, drawings and sculpture by graduating artists Wanda Bowman, Cheryl W. Dickson, Antonio Hargrove, Dena N. Jones, Paulette Carol Kuzmanovich, Terry D. Mitchell and Lucretia Rawlinson.

The students have also designed the exhibition space and

installed the collection.

A second exhibition on display, "Row Upon Row: Sea Grass Baskets of the South Carolina Lowcountry," highlights the rich tradition of African-American sea grass basket-making. The exhibit features 37 baskets, photomurals and illustrated text panels explaining the traditions of sea grass baskets.

The exhibits are free and open to the public. The gallery, located in the lower level of O'Kelly Library, is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. For information call 750-2458.

Life After 40: Changes, Choices & Challenges

Parenting parents, changing jobs, evolving relationships, the empty nest, financial security ... just a few of the challenges of life after 40.

In this session, Linda Jackson, M.A. Ed. and Carol Collins, M.A. Ed. will talk about ways to cope with the changes, meet the challenges and make the best choices. Plus, they'll answer your questions about midlife transitions.

Co-Sponsors: The Women's Center at Forsyth and Medical Park Hospital

This seminar is free; however, seating is limited. Please call Health Connections at 760-0122 or 1-800-933-4568 to reserve your place.

Date: Thursday, May 6th
Time: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.,
Refreshments 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.,
Program

Place: Knollwood Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 330 Knollwood St.

For: Men and women over 40 and any one who wishes to learn more about life after 40.

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