

Sorority recognizes young people at annual ball

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The Grand Promenade was the height of the evening. Young men and women performed choreographed dances, including the Swing Waltz and the box step to the tune of "The Cinderella Waltz" and Duke Ellington's "In a Sentimental Mood." Brittany Sheron Griffin and Jonathan Russell McCravey, Miss Cinderella 2002 and Master Prince 2002, had the honor of being the first couple to enter the center of the promenade line, shadowed on both sides by the other contestants. It was an evening of elegance.

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc., Beta Lambda Chapter, held its annual Cinderella Ball to recognize young men and women in the community with scholarships. Patsy Squire, president of the organization, recounted the fairy tale of Cinderella to inspire the youths toward progress and success. This household drudge, who with the help of her fairy godmother, marries a prince, symbolizes a person whose merit, value or

beauty is for a time unrecognized. Squire described her as a strong-willed character who refused to stop dreaming despite the obstacles in her way: her cruel stepmother, her awful stepsisters, and even the big clock in the church. When the invitation to the royal ball arrives, Cinderella has the self-esteem to accept the fact that "she has every right to attend," Squire said.

The sorors of Phi Delta Kappa want local youths to value themselves enough to prepare themselves to meet the challenges of today and the future. Daisy Staten, chairman of the Cinderella Ball, served as the mistress of ceremonies. Co-chairs Anne Moyer and Helen Johnson presented the court, the escorts, and the parents to the audience. Ingrid Medlock, choreographer for the Grand Promenade of the contestants, presented the sorors and their anthropos, or significant others, to the gathering.

The sorors extended honors to the young men and women who won the scholarship competition by raising funds on Saturday night at Benton Convention Cen-

ter. Yvonna Janise Cochran, daughter of Jeffery and Margo Cochran, was crowned Little Miss Cinderella 2002, and her escort, Romeo Haynes, was crowned as the young prince. Terre Rashawn Griffin, daughter of Derrick and Kimberly Dillard, escorted by Matthew Dillard, won second place. Mariah Frances Louise Lowery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lowery, escorted by Aaron Mack, placed third.

Queen Paris Thomas, who won the contest in 2001, crowned Brittany Sheron Griffin, daughter of William and Cynthia Patrick, Miss Cinderella 2002. Thomas explained that it has been a pleasure serving as the reigning Miss Cinderella. As she crowned Griffin, she said, "I know you will represent the sorority in a positive manner, and I wish you god-speed."

King Charles Sanders, who won the contest in 2001, crowned Jonathan Russell McCravey, son of Jonathan R. McCravey Sr. and Tracy L. Scales, Master Prince 2002. Before passing the crown to McCravey, Sanders thanked the members of the sorority for the



Soror Valeria Edwards crowns Cynthia Patrick, mother of Miss Cinderella 2002 Brittany Griffin as "The Fairy Godmother."

opportunity to represent them for the year, and he thanked his parents for their support. Brandy Patrice Jamison, daughter of Earnest and Patsy Squire, placed second in the competition. Jamison was escorted by her father.

Soror Valeria Edwards crowned Cynthia Patrick, the mother of Miss Cinderella 2002, as the fairy godmother.

Some of the contestants entertained the guests with their special talents. Brandy Jamison presented the poem "Phenomenal Woman" by Maya Angelou, and Brittany Griffin presented the poem "Growing Up." Nancy Hickman sang the worship song "I Love You." Her brother, Orlando Hickman, escorted her. Terre Griffin sang "There is Hope." Chairman Staten invited this reporter to present a song, and Felecia McMillan dedicated "God Bless the Child," by Billie Holiday, to the youths.

Soror Valeria Edwards awarded prizes for positive character traits the contestants displayed during Saturday workshops, dance rehearsals and the like. Shawn Coward, son of Timothy



Soror Valeria Edwards drapes Little Miss Cinderella 2002, Yvonna Janise Cochran and Little Prince 2002 Romeo Haynes.



Miss Cinderella 2002 Brittany Sheron Griffin and Master Prince 2002 Jonathan Russell McCravey take a victory stroll through the golden arch.

WSSU extends application deadline

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem State University is extending its deadline for accepting applications from qualified candidates for its master's of physical therapy program until April 19. The program is scheduled to begin May 13.

The two and a half year program provides opportunities for graduate assistantships, national and interna-

tional presentations of research, and national clinical experiences. Successful applicants must have completed a bachelor of science degree from an accredited institution, having maintained a minimum 3.0 grade point average; taken the graduate record examination and had the official scores forwarded to WSSU; completed at least 50 physical therapy observation hours; be computer literate; and have

three letters of recommendation.

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cations at WFU.

"We are really excited about Dr. West and all of the presenters because the topic of cross-cultural appreciation is especially relevant for today's young men (and women), who will become future leaders," said Lamaya Covington, assistant director of multicultural affairs at WFU.

The Multicultural Male Caucus was created in an effort to better relations between minority staff and students. Covington said the group grew to encompass all racial/ethnic backgrounds at WFU to foster more effective communication

between students of color. The concept for the summit came about so that the MMC could showcase what it is trying to accomplish on campus. Officials hope it will be the first of many annual events to come.

"We want it to be an annual event that will bring together different cultures, not just blacks, working to establish a cross-cultural respect and appreciation, even if at the lowest level of simply sharing information among one another," Covington said.

Male students of color from WFU will be joined by more than 150 students invited from Winston-Salem State University, N.C. State, N.C. A&T, UNC-Greensboro, UNC-Charlotte,

Johnson C. Smith, N.C. School of the Arts, N.C. Central, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Asheville, Duke, Appalachian State, Shaw, East Carolina and Elon College.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs hopes to have a culturally diverse group of attendees from public and private predominantly white colleges and universities (PWCUs) and historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) across the state come to WFU to be mentored by this group of regional, national and international leaders of diverse leadership.

The West event is free and open to the public. For information on attending the MMC Summit, call 758-5766.

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