

In Sports

Candice Council Reflects On Growing Controversy

Candice Council, Johnson C. Smith's star women's swimming team member, ponders a moment smiles and imagines herself in the locker-room of the 1980 Olympic Village after winning a gold medal.

"That is definitely my goal," said the smiling former Charlotte Post Beauty of the Week.

"I would be so happy because that would be the ultimate," she added.

Candice reflected on a growing controversy in the sports world for a moment as she answered the question, "What would you do if a male reporter came into the ladies locker room for your interview?"

"If I had just won a medal, I would be thrilled," she said.

"I wouldn't mind who came to interview me." All I would have to do is to keep my clothes on until the interview was over," she smiled.

Council, a 22-year-old Johnson C. Smith University physical education major, anchored the women's swimming team recently during competition in Atlanta, Georgia. Her team won a first place in the women's division beating out Albany state of Georgia.

The most valuable player on the swimming team placed third in the 50 yard butterfly, the highest of any of her team members.

Ms. Council swims the 100 yard free style, and the 100 yard breast stroke in addition to the butterfly.

A certified life guard, she sees no disadvantage for women in the water.

"Women can save men or women just as easily as a man can," she said.

This is Candice's first year at Smith. She spent a year at North Carolina Central and a year at Barber-Scotia before finding her place in the sun.

The daughter of Ms. Geraldine Council of North Charlotte, she attends Clinton Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church and swims, plays softball and tennis in her spare time.

"In the summer I play for the North Charlotte All-stars," she said.

She has been a swimmer since the third grade and most of her summers were spent at

Cordelia Pool.

Her pet peeve is competitiveness.

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