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At Homecoming and Always

## Love, Service and Devotion



Delores McLeod - Miss Homecoming 1974

To Miss Homecoming 1974, Love, Service and Devotion for WSSU is more than a mere theme, it's a personal commitment. In the four years Miss Delores McLeod has been here, she's seen a lot of changes, all, she feels for the betterment of university life. Despite all the progress already made, Delores feels there's still room for improvement. But without student support, loyalty and involvement, WSSU cannot go forward.

It was the lack of student involvement that prompted Delores to enter the Miss Homecoming competition last spring. With the female enrollment so high, Delores viewed it pathetic that the women of the university would allow a queen contestant to be unchallenged as was previously the case.

It was not solely that she wished to win, but more importantly, that the voters had a choice at the polls.

Delores McLeod, the oldest of seven children, lives with her grandmother, Mrs. Willie Cromartie, in Lumberton, N.C. Majoring in Nursing, Delores plans to go on to graduate school and specialize in obstetrics.

As Miss Homecoming, Delores shares the responsibility with Miss WSSU of officially representing WSSU at areas universities' homecomings. The highlight of her reign came when

she was crowned at the annual Coronation Ball by Mr. Clarence "Jeep" Jones, president of the Winston-Salem State University Alumni Association.

"It's a good feeling," explained Delores, "to be Miss Homecoming, but even a queen has problems." The major pet peeve of the queen seemed to be the hassle involved in obtaining transportation to various schools when on official business. To remedy this situation, Delores suggest that the school should include allotments for transportation, lodging, etc. of its queens in the annual budget. If this is done and enough advance planning is implemented then, Delores feels, future Miss Homecomings and Miss WSSUs will be better able to represent WSSU.

Miss Homecoming feels strongly that this year's

homecoming should prove to be one of the best yet. Even though this will be our first attempt at having shows in the coliseum, Delores believes the people are going to have a good time wherever they are.

Miss McLeod would like to see more alumni included in homecoming activities so that they will have more to "come home to." The Alumni Association is still an integral part of the WSSU family (though the majority of the students aren't aware of this) and should be treated thusly.

Things have improved over the years for the queens. So if you've got the interest, the time and the talent, Delores urges all women of the university to get involved. It's both a worthwhile and an enjoyable experience.

by Rubie Gibson



Sondra Melvin - Miss WSSU 1974

### Miss WSSU Encourages Student Involvement

If there's truth in the saying "Life is what you make it" then things can only get better as the year progresses for Miss WSSU. Believing strongly that things don't just happen, you have to make them happen - good or bad, Miss Sondra Melvin has set some high yet obtainable goals for WSSU. She hopes to see the enrollment here increased even

more through recruitment and personal involvement along with the acquisition of adequate facilities.

Another area being tackled by the reigning queen is the apathy of students toward college life. "We've got a good school," says Miss WSSU, "but we can make it better." But this can only happen if every student becomes

concerned about and active in our campus life.

Sondra Giselle Melvin began her reign as Miss WSSU this fall. She's the oldest and only daughter of the six children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Melvin of Goldsboro, N.C. Her leadership ability has gained her the office of president of the Omega chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated and the Student Nurses' Association.

A senior Nursing major, Sondra will seek a master's degree and specialize in the field of obstetrics. Those who know Sondra generally agree that she's a dedicated, hard worker with a gift of making those around her feel it's good to be alive!

During her reign, Sondra will serve as a member of the Recruitment Committee, as official hostess for WSSU and as official representative of the university. Although it's a great responsibility, Miss WSSU readily adds that she loves it. She feels it an honor to greet and entertain visitors, guest speakers and other dignitaries visiting our university. But then, thanks to Sondra's gift of gab, she's never been at a loss for words and no one is a stranger.

As the homecoming season is upon us, Sondra wishes to insure all that Homecoming '74 will certainly be "doing it up" in all aspects. There's been an awful lot of hard work put into it's planning and execution so if you want to have a good time, it's definitely here.

### Homecoming Activities

Friday - Red and White Day Parade - 1:00 P.M.

Homecoming extravaganza at Winston-Salem Coliseum featuring the fantastic GRAHAM CENTRAL STATION, the exotic BETTY DAVIS and the dynamic BRUTE - 10:00 P.M. - 2:00 A.M.

Pre-dawn Dance with ELECTRIC FUDGE - Whitaker Gym - 3:30 - 7:30 A.M.

Alumni Dance - Benton Convention Center - 10:00 P.M. - 2:00 A.M.

Coronation at Midnight!

Saturday - Homecoming Parade - 9:00 A.M.

Pre-Game Show - 1:00 P.M.

Homecoming Game WSSU vs. Morris Brown - Bowman Gray Stadium - 1:30 P.M.

Homecoming extravaganza featuring the ridiculously ready RIPPLE, the South African man himself BOHANNON and will do it feel sanctified behind the machine gunning COMMADORS! Winston-Salem Coliseum - 10:00 P.M. - 2:00 A.M.

Alumni Hall of Fame Banquet - 6:30 P.M.

Alumni Cabaret Dance - Benton Convention Center - 10:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.

Miss WSSU extends to alumni and friends a very special welcome and thanks for their continuous support not only at homecomings but throughout the year. To fellow Rams, old and new, near and far, Miss WSSU says, "Support the Rams, support the university and equally, support our Alumni Association."

by Rubie Gibson



Winston-Salem State University's 1974 Homecoming Parade will begin at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, November 9. After leaving the WSSU campus, the parade route is as follows: The parade will proceed North on Claremont Avenue to Third Street, West on Third Street to Main Street, North on Main Street to Fourth Street, East on Fourth Street to Claremont Avenue and South on Claremont Avenue back to the campus. Guest participants will include the Morris Brown College Band from Atlanta, Georgia and the Navy ROTC Drill Team from North Carolina Central University in Durham. A special feature will be an exciting marching presentation by the Patterson Avenue YMCA Drill Team

## Welcome Home Alumni, You're Still Rams