



The News Argus

Vol. XI No. 4

WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA

May, 1978



Pamela Blackstock

The New Miss W.S.S.U.

On April 13, 1978, the student body of Winston-Salem State University held its annual election for Miss WSSU. On Friday April 14, Miss Pamela Blackstock was elected to reign as Miss WSSU.

Pamela hails from Madison, N.C. She is 20 years old, and is born under the astrological sign of Sagittarius. She is a rising Senior and her major is Early Childhood Education. Her hobbies are Tennis, Bowling, Music and Reading all types of literature.

At present, she is a member of the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, which is a Sorority open to all education majors. She is a

member of the National Honor Society, she was chosen Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and she was also a nominee for the National Dean's List 1977-78. She is also a member of the Marching Rams. Up until her election as Miss WSSU, Miss Blackstock reigned as Miss Junior.

In the future, Miss Blackstock hopes to help alleviate some of the problems of the young black minds by starting on the kindergarten level.

As Miss WSSU, Pamela's duties will be to reside at the Official School Representatives, attend all football and basketball

games, attend banquets as a guest speaker and attend Alumni Unity Day which is held annually. She will also be active in the community, as well as on campus. When invited she will attend other University homecomings. She will also put together the 1978-79 Coronation Ball. Finally, Miss Blackstock will sponsor some projects of her choice.

I am sure Miss Blackstock has a full and exciting year ahead of her, and will do a wonderful job reigning as Miss Winston-Salem State University. So from the University Family, congratulations and May God bless you.

Reporter: Shara Burt



W.S.S.U. Graduates 1st Male Nurse

86th Commencement Speaker

Dr. Charles H. Smith, associate director of fellowship programs, Rockefeller Foundation, will deliver the commencement address at Winston-Salem State University's 86th Annual Commencement Exercises.

Dr. Smith, a former assistant to the U.S. Commissioner of Education, has served in a consulting capacity with federal government agencies including the White House during the Johnson administration. He has also been a consultant to numerous corporations including Xerox, Education Systems Division; Westinghouse, Technical Training Division; and Litton Industries, Education Systems Division.

Recognized as a leader in the field of higher education, Dr. Smith was selected Educator of the Year by the National Alliance of Black Educators in 1975.

An addition to this year's commencement program is the conferring of special honors. Mrs. Fannie Williams, chairman of the University Convocations Committee, explains, "The University will recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to the institution's growth and development and who have provided distinguished leadership in higher education."

Dr. Francis L. Atkins, president from 1934-1961 of what was then Winston-Salem Teachers College, and Dr. Kenneth R. Williams, who retired as chancellor last year, will receive emeriti status.

Commencement exercises will be held on Sunday, May 14 at 3:00 p.m. in The Winston-Salem Memorial Coliseum. The public is invited to attend the ceremonies. To date there are approximately 400 degree candidates.

During the Crimean War, Florence Nightingale stunned many people when she left her home in England to care for the wounded at the front. Nursing after all, was men's work.

A little more than a century later, virtually all nurses are women, and nursing is considered by many to be woman's work.

But Sunday, Gilbert Hill will become one of the exceptions. That's the day he will graduate from the Winston-Salem State University School of Nursing. He will be the school's first male graduate.

"It all started out as a dream," Hill said in a recent interview, flashing a quick smile. "But I struggled through."

Sitting on a coach in the lounge at his dormitory, Hill looks more like a football player than a soother of fevered brows. But his voice and manner are gentle, and he responds with a smile and a wave when students walk by and greet him by his nickname, "Nurse."

Hill said his interest in nursing started at home in New Bern where he was the oldest of 10 children. His cousin, who is a nurse and friends encouraged him to take up nursing.

"I felt bashful at first," Hill said. His women classmates, however, put him at ease, he said.

"They think it's a fantastic thing," he said. "I broke through

a barrier, I hope will soon open doors for other men to enter nursing.

"It's just like a woman who becomes a construction worker or something; like women's liberation, only vice versa."

Working with patients has caused very few problems," he said. Few patients rejected him because he was a man, and he "didn't have a bit of a problem" when he worked in obstetrics during training, the one area where he thought he might have trouble.

There were doubts in his mind that he would make it only once, and that was last week. "I took an exam Wednesday, and we got our grades Thursday. Wednesday

night I just paced the floor," Hill said.

Hill worked during the summer and part time during the school year as a patient care aide at Baptist Hospital. In addition to his studies, he was vice president of his dormitory, a dormitory counselor and president of the Student Nurses Association - District 5.

Hill will start his first job soon in Baltimore, MD. He will be a nurse in the intensive-care unit at Provident Hospital and will be one of the hospital's five male nurses.

"I like intensive care. You find a lot of things you normally wouldn't see on a regular floor," he said. "There's more responsibility."

Read Inside

- Poetry Corner P. 2
- The Disco Scene P. 2
- Farewell From Editors P. 2
- Student Reaction To Joann Little..... P. 3
- Dr. Joseph Patterson Memorial P. 3
- O'Kelly Library P. 3
- Organizational News P. 4
- Communications Conference..... P. 5
- Bubbling Brown Sugar Review P. 6