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Miss WSSU Will Reign Over Festivities

By Shelia Cox

"It's an honor to have been chosen the campus queen to represent Winston-Salem State University," says Miss WSSU, Laretta Battle. "Being Miss WSSU gives me an opportunity to show my appreciation of what I have learned from my experiences at WSSU."

Laretta is from Rocky Mount,

Program Will Honor Gaines

By Everett Jackson

Founder's Day, October 17, will be a special day for Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines. No, it's not his birthday or anniversary. It's the day for the dedication of the new C.E. Gaines Complex. The complex serves as a structure of gratitude for Clarence Gaines, the man, the coach...THE LEGEND.

What about Clarence Gaines. Where does he come from? What is he like and what are his accomplishments?

He was born Clarence Edward, May 21, 1923 in Paducah, Kentucky. He was the only child of Lester and Olivia Gaines. He was raised during the Great Depression.

Gaines' life has been centered around love. "In fact I rejected some of my love," said Gaines, "I was almost like a play toy."

It is often heard of a baby being born with a "silver spoon." But with a basketball? No, not really. However, it would seem almost synonymous to the tremendous coaching success of Clarence Gaines. "I took after my mother. She was very active in athletics," admits Gaines, "she always told me she was on a high school basketball team that never lost."

As a student at Morgan State University, Gaines majored in chemistry and minored in math and physical education. He was also an active member of the football and

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N.C. She is majoring in sociology and psychology. Her short range goal is to work with the mentally handicapped.

Laretta also wants to obtain a masters in business and work with a major film corporation.

"To be a good campus queen you must have a good correlation with the student body, make a great deal of sacrifices, handle a lot of responsibility, try not to let things upset you and conduct yourself well in all situations," says Laretta.

She is a member of the sociology and psychology clubs, Business Industry Cluster, Student Government Association and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Among her favorite foods are seafood and salads. Some of her hobbies are writing, reading, poetry, drama and bowling. She also enjoys watching basketball and football games.

Miss WSSU's advice to the student body is "Great things are achieved through effort; therefore, at all times, put forth your very best effort to reach your goals, always being considerate of others."



A Gracious Queen

Miss WSSU for 1980-81 is Laretta Battle. The Rocky Mount native is a psychology/sociology major.

Pageant Selects New Mr. Ram

By Shara Burt

The sixth annual Mr. Ram pageant was held October 2 in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium. The new Mr. Ram for 1980-81 is Robert E. Blount. Robert was born in Manhattan, New York. He is currently living in New Bern, North Carolina. He is the son of Mrs. Anna Blount. His zodiac sign is Virgo.

Robert is a sophomore, majoring in music. His hobbies are meeting people, playing basketball and the guitar. Some of his favorite foods are fried chicken, salads, and spaghetti.

There were five other contestants competing for the title of Mr. Ram. They were: Elgin Newsome, Kenneth Headen, Tony Morrison, Michael Isler, who was second runner up, and Gregory Good, who was first runner up.

The pageant was termed the most exciting exhibition of talent shown by a group of young men. These young men were judged in areas of talent, fashion, and personal appearance. The talent was judged according to the natural ability of the contestants while performing. They were judged on fashion

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A Debonair King

Mr. Ram for 1980-81 is Robert Blount. A music major, Blount is from New York City.