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divulging the judges' choices for the top three victors. Second runner-up, much to the audience's dismay, was Danny McSpadden. Claiming the first runner-up position, for the second consecutive year, was Dewayne Brown. Surprising to some, and a natural choice for others, the new Mr. Ram for 1989 was Barry M. Johnson.

When Johnson stepped forward to accept his crown, the audience reacted with a wild mixture of cheers and jeers. Why so much fuss? What was the problem? Johnson used to be an AGGIE!!! He recently transferred to WSSU and holds the title of MR. AGGIE 1988!

Jay Hutchins, a stage manager for this year's pageant had these comments to make about the decision. "You have to remember that the contestants have to appeal to the judges and not the audience. Perhaps the audience's overall opinion was that another contestant should

have won; however, you have to go by what they decided. I thought it was a good competition. I wouldn't classify it (Johnson's win) as an upset." Apparently many viewed Johnson's win as an upset and an embarrassment to WSSU. "How can we let an Aggie just come in here and win our pageant?" asked one angry student. Some students were so disappointed that there was even talk of protest.

The key element to Johnson's victory, according to most, was the talent competition. While all the other contestants sang, Johnson presented an emotional monologue.

Indeed, our hats do go off to WSSU's new "big man on campus" Barry Johnson. Congratulations are also in order to Dewayne Brown and Danny McSpadden for receiving high honors in such a notable contest and to the pageant's other contestants.

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