

## CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

### Alexander Wins Miss WSSU Crown

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Miss Winston-Salem State University 1994, Kimberly Alexander, a senior from Upper Marlboro, Md., considers her new title an honor and a privilege.

"Being Miss WSSU will mean hard work, dedication, and a great deal of learning, and I'm ready," she said. She acknowledges that her role is a special one and promises to carry herself with grace and poise.

Separating herself from negative company is one way Miss WSSU remains focused on her goals.

"Everything that I do, I do because I want to do it," she said. This attitude is also reflective in her life's philosophy, "Do not attempt to do anything unless you are sure of yourself; but don't relinquish it simply because someone isn't sure of you."

After the glamour of coronation is over and the beautiful beaded gown is tucked away in the closet, she will start working hard on many service projects. Along with the members of her court and cooperation from WSSU students she will begin to undertake several community service projects. She believes that WSSU students must become more visible and active in the community.

Once she has completed her community service projects, Miss WSSU will once again wear the beaded gown to represent the university in the Miss Black Collegiate Pageant. She also has



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aspirations of representing WSSU abroad as well.

Miss WSSU has a huge love for children and is planning a program for community children as well as children of WSSU students and faculty members.

Although she possesses a smile that could brighten up the darkest of days, there is an issue that causes her to frown. What is this issue? It is the way black women are referred to in rap music. Alexander says, "women must constantly remind men that they are worthy of positiveness and praise." She also believes that it is the responsibility of women to carry themselves with respect so that they can be respected.

### Simpson Wins Mr. Ram '94 Title

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"Reclaiming the Dream," was the theme of the 1994 Mr. Ram Pageant. Contestants Joseph Briscoe, Joseph Duncan, Alfron Patterson and Cortez Simpson offered stiff competition for one another.

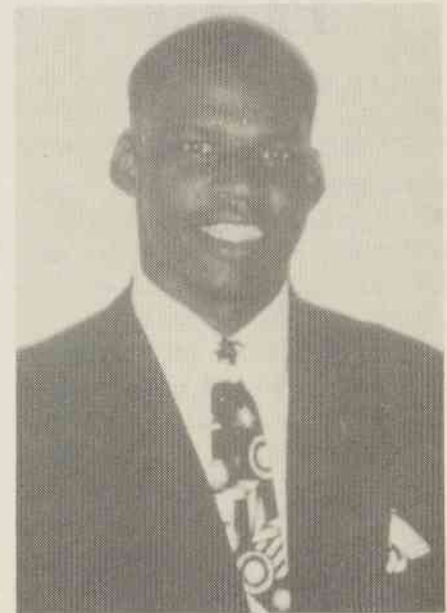
Although competition was stiff, Cortez Simpson was crowned Mr. Ram 1994 and Joseph Duncan, was named first runner-up.

According to several members of the Ram Family, this was the best Mr. Ram Pageant that the university has had in the past three years.

Simpson, a senior from Fayetteville, performed dramatic monologue where he talked about his past life experiences. What probably won the hearts of the judges happened during the formal -wear competition, when Simpson wore white tails and was escorted by his five-year-old daughter, Shakira.

The evening began with a tribute to African-American leaders and an invitation to black men to "Reclaim the Dream" of freedom, equality and racial harmony. The contestants introduced themselves amid thunderous applause and it was clear that all were well supported as the true competition began.

Duncan, a junior from Statesville, received a standing ovation for his vocal performance of "If Only For One Night." He was also a crowd-pleaser in the question and answer competition when he was asked "what he would say to the



Cortez Simpson

powers that be about changing Winston-Salem State University's name to The University Of North Carolina at Winston-Salem.

Washington, DC native, Joseph Briscoe was also a "crowd pleaser" during his dramatic monologue, "The Jackal."

Alfron Patterson, a junior from Charlotte, rocked the crowd when he, accompanied by Dale Nelson and Roxanne Horton, danced to the 1970's classic "Get Off!!!" He also received thunderous applause for his eccentric flair in the modeling competitions.

### Smith Elected Miss Alumni

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"The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example," said Carrie Flowers Smith. Smith a 1960 graduate of WSSU has won the title of Miss Alumni 1994-95.

Smith, originally from Goldsboro, NC, currently resides in Cincinnati, Ohio where she works as an Intermediate School Teacher. She is a very active in her community. She has received three Teacher of the Year Awards in Cincinnati ('83 and '94) and Atlanta ('92).

Her attendants include: Mose Belton Brown (1st Attendant), of the Kimberly Park Chapter here in Winston-Salem. Brown is an agency owner with Allstate Insurance Company.

Sonya D. Hairston (2nd Attendant),

represented the Philadelphia Chapter and the Eastern Atlantic District. She is employed by the CIGNA Corporation as an account analyst.

Aquadella Rivers Smith (3rd Attendant), is the president of the Rocky Mount Chapter, currently works as a Kindergarten Teacher, in the Edgecombe County Schools System in Tarboro.

Barbara Brodie Williams (4th Attendant), of the Greater Fayetteville Chapter, is a Kindergarten Teacher for the Cumberland County Schools System.

Faye Marie Vernon (5th Attendant), of the Queen City Chapter, is employed at the Programmer II, Apogee Systems, Inc. in Charlotte.

Dr. Barbara J. O'neal (6th Attendant) of the Richmond Metro Chapter, currently

resides in Charlottesville, Va.

Miss Alumni will be crowned at the Alumni Ball on Friday, October 12, 1994, at 10 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center.



### Career Day 1994

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