

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Poetry Corner

Black Pride

Exactly what is Black Pride?
Can we always see it or hear it?
Our children, when they shoot and
kill their own race is that
their impression of Black Pride

When our Black men bruise our
Black sistas physically and mentally
is that Black Pride?

When our Black mayors close down
schools around the black community,
leaving children and young adults
with nothing to do, is that
Black Pride?

When Blacks are granted self-respect
knowledge of their African past,
knowing the rights to any and
everything acceptance of appearance,
having the ability to self-teach as

well as preach sealing the bond of
black love between family, friends
and companions. Then we can say
That's Black Pride.

Black Sheep

I have always loved my dark skin,
but I wonder if I were light as a pearly white rabbit,
would I love myself any greater or lesser,
would I get that handsome brotha with the nice car and money,
would I be the center of everyone's attention?

Sometimes its like a million white dots
on a Black page and only one Black image appears
That's how I feel sometimes,
and then I think,
"What the hell, in the middle of this herd,

I'm proud to be the Black Sheep."

-Jhonnell Ridout

Marching Rams March To The Beats of Different Sounds

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It's time again! Yes, it's time for the 1995 season for the Winston-Salem State University Marching Rams. This year numerous new faces have been added to the band.

The band, under the direction of Emory Jones, a WSSU alumnus, has accomplished much since he became the director.

"I am really pleased with the progress of the band. We're not big, but we have a better sound," he said. "I'm real pleased with the percussion and brass sections."

Kevin Handy has joined the University Marching Rams' staff this season. Handy known as "Caesar," is Jones' assistant. He attended Southern University and received his undergraduate degree from North Carolina A & T State University (yes, he is an Aggie).

"We are very satisfied with Mr. Handy's abilities to write and arrange music along with his knowledge of music," said Jones.

Twanjua White, who serves as the advisor for the dancers and Regina Singletary, who serves as advisor for the flags and banner girls will continue to work with the band.

This season, the Marching Rams plan to participate in more parades and become more involved in community functions. Last month they participated in a parade in East Spencer, NC, at a class reunion for Dunbar High School.

So, whenever you are on campus (especially this weekend) and you hear melodic sounds from the horns and thunderous rhythms from the drums, just remember its time once again for the Winston-Salem State University Marching Rams to entertain and amaze Ram fans over and over again.

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