

## FEATURES

# Jamz's 'Saturday Night Mix' Features WSSU Graduate

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With his soft yet shrill voice and "phat" skills, he has enticed many listeners to tune in weekend after weekend. If you've ever listened to the *Saturday Night Mix* on 102 Jamz, then you've probably heard the voice and talent of Tapuwa Masango.

Tapuwa (Tap), better known to his listening audience as *Tap Money: The Nasty African*, is a recent graduate of Winston-Salem State University where his major was Mass Communications with a concentration in radio/television. The campus radio station, WSNC FM-90.5, is where the personality *Tap Money: The Nasty African* was born. At WSNC, Tap hosted the *Friday Night Throw Down*.

Though his talent seems as natural as a full Afro, Masango claims to have run into radio announcing by accident. "It was really an accident. When I was growing up, I did very well in history. Everyone thought that I was going to be a journalist. Then, one day my mom bought me a tape recorder with a radio. I would pretend that I was a sports commentator. At the time, hip-hop was very popular and my family had a very strong appreciation for music. I guess I was destined to work with radio because I can't see myself doing anything else now," said Masango.

Like every student in the Mass Communications Department at Winston-Salem State University, Tap had to complete an internship before graduating. At first, he had his mind set on interning with Power 97, but he was getting nothing but the run around. After several attempts to make things happen at Power 97, he decided to try to intern with 102 Jamz. "Getting an internship at 102 Jamz was

hard. I kept calling and they kept telling me that they would get back with me. They did the unthinkable. The lost my resume'. The program director, Brian Douglas, told me to send another one to him as soon as possible. I wasn't about to send another one through the mail for them to lose, so I drove up to the station that day and put it in his hands. I think that made him realize that I was serious about the internship," said Masango.

Tap really made an impression on Mr. Douglass and the rest of the staff during the time of his internship. His hours were from 5 to 9 a.m., but he always stayed to at least 5 p.m., helping out in any way that he could. "I wanted to learn as much as I could so I spent a lot of time there." He made so much of an impression that he was hired at the station two months before he graduated from college.

Masango is not only an on-air personality, he is also Assistant to Promotions and Street Coordinator of

Promotions. As Assistant to Promotions, he basically helps the Head of Promotions on promotional activities. "I was one of two finalists for Head of Promotion but I didn't get it because of lack of experience. I'm not worried about it because I know that chance will come again and I'll be prepared. Right now I'm content with everything except the pay, but that comes with territory," he said.

Many people don't know the real Tapuwa Masango. All they know is the hardcore *Nasty African* that they hear on Saturday nights. "People think that I'm just a rough, hip-hop type of guy, but that not what I'm all about. I'm very family oriented. My family comes first over everything. I also do a lot of volunteer work that many don't know about. I tutor kids at Paisley Middle School in Winston-Salem and I've also coached the Tiny Vikings football team. There is just a lot that people don't know about me," said Masango with a smile.

## Cooking With Rico!!

Hey all of you Ram Cooks! Welcome Back to Cooking with Rico! Here's the Thrid installment of those mouth-watering, "make-you-want to smack somebody" recipes.

### Ham-Cheese-Potato Casserole

1 cup of shredded sharp cheddar cheese  
1/2 cup of light cream  
2 cups of diced cooked potatoes  
1 1/2 to 2 cups of cubed cooked ham  
2 tablespoons of chopped pimientos

Heat oven to 350 degrees in a medium sauce pan. Heat cheese and cream stirring constantly until cheese is melted and sauce is creamy. Remove from heat. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour into ungreased 1 1/2 quart casserole. Cover and bake for 45 minutes.

### Butter Cookies

1 cup butter or margarine softened  
2 cups of all purpose flour  
1/2 cup of sugar  
1 cup of finely chopped walnuts

Heat oven at 250 degrees. Mix all

ingredients thoroughly. Roll dough 1/4 inch thick on lightly-floured cloth covered board. Cut into 1 1/2 inch circles and place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 10 to 12 minutes.

### Meatloaf

1 pound of ground beef  
1/4 pound of ground lean pork  
1/4 pound of ground veal  
1 cup of dry bread crumbs or cubes  
1/4 cup of milk  
1 egg beaten  
1/4 cup of minced onions  
1 1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon of each: pepper, celery salt, garlic salt, dry mustard, sage  
1 tablespoon of worcestershire

Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Spread in ungreased loaf pan, 9x5x3 inches. Bake 350 degrees in oven for 1 1/2 hours.

If you have recipes that you would like to share with our readers please submit them to this column. Please print or type them (be sure to include your name), then drop them off at the *News Argus* Office, 318 Hall-Patterson Bldg.

## Dixon Crowned Miss Alpha Phi Alpha

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Hard work, dedication and a lot of practice paid off for Deneen Dixon, 19, of Charlotte, who was crowned "Miss Black and Gold" on October 4.

"I was nervous for awhile, but as I started to get into it, all the butterflies left," Dixon explained. She was one of eight contestants in the pageant.

According to Dixon, practice was very rigorous, tiring and time-consuming.

"We practiced in Coltrane Hall, on campus, from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. everyday for about a month. We went over many things, for example, how to walk, talk and of course our talents," she said.

During the talent competition, Dixon performed and oral interpretation entitled "Ain't I a woman," by Sojourner Truth.

"I feel it is very important for men to realize that black women play a major part in today's society and family," Dixon said.

According to Dixon, black women need not use black males as a stepping stone, but instead they should move up the ladder together. A portion of the pageant's proceeds was donated to the Battered Women's shelter of Winston-Salem.

Her next step is preparing for the Miss Alpha Phi Alpha area competition at Wake Forest University on November 3.

"I am in the process of planning my strategy for the pageant," Dixon said, "I want to be very prepared."

If Dixon does win the area competition, she may have a chance to compete in the regional competition.

"I'm excited and nervous, but I hope to bring the crown home," said Dixon.

The theme of this year's pageant was *Women of Strength, Integrity and Grace: Always a Lady of Alpha*.

"I think I possess all of those qualities," Dixon said.

Shanna Franklin, the second runner-up in WSSU's pageant, won the coveted title at the area pageant. She went on to win the regional title. Unfortunately, Dixon did not place.

Dixon, a sophomore elementary education major, has a part-time job at the Central YMCA-Bolton Elementary School Program. She's a member of the Student Activities Committee, Food Service Committee, a sophomore class representative and is involved with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program. Her future plans are to teach first or second graders.