

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Dixon Elected Miss WSSU

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"I felt like I was in the Toyota commercial, jumping for joy after being elected Miss WSSU 1997-1998," said Deneen Dixon, a junior, Elementary Education major with a minor in psychology. "A feeling of inner joy can only describe the way I felt that day."

Dixon, 20, a native of Charlotte, decided to attend Winston-Salem State University because of the rich history behind the university's 'Teacher's College' legacy.

She decided to run for Miss WSSU so she could represent the university and work closely with the Student Government Association (SGA), on different programs and activities. Her responsibilities as Miss WSSU will include being a spokesperson for the student body, competing in pageants, assisting the SGA and being a positive role-model for students and youths in the Winston-Salem community.

"I feel the community plays a big part at WSSU. The community is our eyes, ears, and mouth and the youth are our biggest responsibility in the community," she said. "We must really work with the young children in the community," explained Miss WSSU.

As a project, Dixon plans to implement a female mentoring program for young girls in the community called Adopt-A-Ram. Female WSSU students



Deneen Dixon

will be asked to serve as mentors to these young girls. The program will be patterned after the national Big Brothers and Big Sisters program. Secondly, She plans to publish a monthly newsletter and have a Website for Miss WSSU, the SGA and the student body. She feels these innovations will make her reign unique from past Miss WSSUs.

Presently, Dixon is ending her term as Junior Class Queen. She also is Miss Black North Carolina, 1996-97. This scholarship pageant is designed for young black women who plan to continue their education.

Dixon's career goals include obtaining a master's degree in Educational Administration and becoming a school principal.

AKA's Hold Regional Conference In Winston-Salem

BY MONICA ALEXANDER
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More than 1,700 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., came to Winston-Salem to attend their 10th Mid Atlantic Regional Conference, April 24 - 27.

A cluster of North Carolina chapters hosted the event that was held at the Benton Convention, the Adams Mark Hotel and the Radisson Hotel. Graduate and collegiate sorority members from North Carolina and Virginia attended workshops, seminars, parties, step shows and banquets that were held through out the weekend.

The Winston-Salem graduate chapter, Phi Omega and the WSSU collegiate chapter, Gamma Lambda were two of the local chapters that attended the conference.

Gamma Lambda, won second place in the step show for the undergraduate chapters.

Kristi Dunston, Gamma Lambda's president, said "The step show surprised me. I did not know that graduate chapters could step like they did."

Jackie Wesley, Gamma Lambda's secretary said, "the step show was an opportunity to socialize and learn new steps from other chapters."

Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton, D-NC, was the guest speaker at the undergraduate luncheon where she reinforced the conference's theme, "Building our Future: The Alpha Kappa Alpha Strategy Making the Net Work." Clayton explained, how important it is AKAs to get their education, "we must stay involved in the community, so that we will be able to help guide the youth of today."

"The conference, as a whole, was a time to be informed as well as a chance to meet a lot of other sorors. It was good to see women like me that obtained the same qualities and thoughts that I hold," said Dunston.

Wesley agrees with Dunston, "I enjoyed the opportunity to see the sorority's members in such a vast numbers, to see that it is really a business and things really flow together, and it was just a different experience to see AKA on a another level."

The next regional conference will be held in Norfolk, Va., April 1998.

Whiteheart

was set up for group work, papers and essays. The entire class could upload to the post office, then a chat box was created so we could all participate in the assignment."

Textbooks were used for courses in math and accounting. "It was easier too fax accounting work sheets versus preparing them online," stated Whiteheart.

Outside resources were never used for research according to Whiteheart. "I did all of my research online and I never

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had to step foot into a library. I used the Internet and Compuserve," she said.

One program requirement that Whiteheart had to meet was that she log in five days during the week. "The five days were chosen by the student at his/her discretion," said Whiteheart. Another requirement was that the student must be a working adult.

Assignments sheets were issued for the week and students took their test online. The student could talk to the professor concerning any problems.

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