

## CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

# Cook Crowned Miss Black & Gold

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A sophomore mass communications major would prove to be the best over her six competitors and go on to represent Beta Iota Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., as their queen.

Nancy Lillian Cook was crowned Miss Black & Gold 1997-98 at the fraternity's annual pageant held earlier this month. "Being Miss Black & Gold is a wonderful privilege," said Cook. "I feel honored to be involved with and represent the brothers of the Beta Iota Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc."

Michelle Williams was crowned Miss 1906 and Lasheka Foxx was crowned Miss Beta Iota. The other contestants included: Mawiyah Allah, Pearl Berry, Keisha Michelle Dunn, and

Candi Joyner.

The contestants competed in five categories: Business Attire, Swimsuit, Talent, Formal Attire and Oral Expression. The pageant's theme was "Rebirth of the Black Women... A Celebration of Diversity."

Although the members of the audience came to see the contestants vie for the title of Miss Black & Gold, they were also treated to outstanding performances during the pageant's entertainment breaks.

Charlene Legette, Shauna Altman, Kim Brice and Danielle Thrower, four talented young women, truly entertained the crowd.

The five judges for the evening included: Pasche Patton, WSSU's interim director of Residence Life; Kim Fair Reese, WSSU's coordinator of Co-op & Internship Programs; The Rev.

Darrell White, WSSU's campus minister; Greg Bush, area director of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., and Walter Pritchett, of WSSU's Student Affairs.

Taking her final walk as Miss Black & Gold 1996-1997 was Michelle Mobley, a sophomore business administration major. In her farewell speech she said, "I wish Miss Black & Gold 1997-1998 strength, because she is definitely going to need it."

As Miss Black & Gold, Cook will go on to compete in the regionals with other Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. pageant winners from other colleges. As well as represent the chapter during campus functions, fund raisers and service projects.

Miss Beta Iota and Miss 1906 will be members of Miss Black & Gold's Court. They will also be available to participate



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in the area, state and national competitions if Miss Black & Gold can not compete.

# Wells Will Reign As Mr. Ram 1997 - 1998

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With this year's pageant's theme, "Royal Kings! Gifted, Black, and United," eight Winston-Salem State University young men competed for the coveted title, "Mr. Ram 1997-1998."

The contestants displayed creativity, poise, and extreme courage as they performed before their fellow Rams. The contestants included: Larry Lamont Brown Jr, a Mass Communications major from Durham; Andre Chinn, a business administration major from

Winston-Salem; DeWitt Ellis, a mass communications major from Durham; Nicholas H. Goodson, a political science major from Bluefield, Va.; Charles Kennedy, a physical therapy major from Winston-Salem; Corey May, a physical therapy major from Durham; Bradley Taylor, a sports management major from Salisbury; and Keaton Wells, a business administration major from Charlotte.

The show was complete with lively hosts, as well as appearances by A.R.T., and Deneen Dixon, Miss Winston-Salem State University. Former Mr. Rams Tristian Turner 1996-1997 and

Joseph Duncan 1995-1996 also made an appearance at the pageant.

The contestants were judged in the categories of Career Wear, Creative Wear, Formal Wear, Projections and Talent. The talent competition dazzled the audience from beginning to end. It included serenades, electrifying choreography, beautiful poetry, hilarious comedy and an uplifting instrumental performance.

Keaton Wells was crowned Mr. Ram 1997-1998. The first runner-up was DeWitt Ellis followed by Corey May as second runner-up.

The Mr. Ram Pageant is one of the events that marks the beginning of the Homecoming season. Several WSSU students enjoyed the pageant.

"I think it was enjoyable, the guys displayed true talent and were very courageous. I think they did a good job," says Shanita Coefield, a sophomore business administration major.

"Compared to previous years, this Mr. Ram Pageant was most enjoyable. They did a good job," said Kandace Lewis, a junior therapeutic recreation major.

# Campus Pals Help Freshmen Make Transitions

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The Campus Peer Advisor Leadership Program (PALs) here at Winston-Salem State University was formed to help new students make a smooth transition into college life.

Recruitment of Campus PALs began April 1997 with the help of Daniel J. Lovett, coordinator of the Academic Advisement Center, who serves as the club's adviser.

The PALs first activity involved participating in Summer Freshmen Orientation in June and July. They were responsible for escorting incoming freshmen to seminars, answering

questions, helping with registration and giving tips about "ole S.U."

The organization has two missions. First, it is designed to help students to increase student adjustment, academic performance and the quality of student life. Second, to establish a semester long "centralized" University Leadership Training Program (ULTP). Through the missions, the PAL program has goals to provide interactive academic, personal, social and career advising for students.

Marquis Sellars, a sophomore from Burlington, is president of the organization. "As a group, I expect to help the freshmen make a smooth transition into college life; to come up with fun activities for the students;

especially freshmen; and to offer guidance and information we did not receive when we were freshmen."

Another member, Shakira Massey, a junior said "freshmen come in with expectations and questions. We (Campus PALs) are here to answer questions and uphold positive expectations. Also to give a smooth transition from high school."

Kesha Ledbetter, a freshmen from Rockingham, says, "Campus PALs has helped me by telling me the ropes on how to carry myself as a lady at WSSU."

LaMar Moore, a freshmen from Winston-Salem, stated, "They (Campus PALs) were very helpful. They gave their time to help others. I learned

something from them."

How were the 40 members of the organization chosen? Upperclassmen with 2.7 or above GPA were sent applications. After the applications were processed, the selected students were invited to participate in the interview process. According to Lovett, "the students were selected based on academic criteria and the interview."

Connie McLaurin, a freshmen from Hamlet, who attended the first orientation session said, "Campus PALs encouraged me to get involved in campus activities and offered assistance if ever needed. I appreciated that!"