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WSSU Ranked #2 In U.S. Report Ferguson Crowned Miss Black & Gold 1998-99

The Associated Press

Harvard, Princeton and Yale universities share the No.1 spot in U.S. News and World Reports annual ranking of the top universities in the nation. The University of California at Berkeley and the University of Virginia share the No.1 spot in the magazine's separate ranking of the nation's public universities.

The rankings are included in the magazine's annual publication "America's Best Colleges."

Two Winston-Salem universities made the list.

Wake Forest University ranked No. 29 among all



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colleges in the nation.

Winston-Salem State University ranked No. 2 among regional public liberal arts colleges in the South.

Appalachian State University ranked fourth among regional public universities in the South. N.C. State University was 34th among public national universities.

The magazine used several criteria, including an institution's reputation among academics; the percentage of students who go on to graduate; faculty pay, and class size, student-faculty ratio and other indicators of faculty resources; student selectivity; financial resources, such as spending per student; and alumni giving.

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Enter To Learn, Depart To Serve

By Sharonda Wilcox
Editor

A queen -- a woman who is noted for her beauty and her accomplishments who rules over a monarchy in her own right as defined in *Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language*, is just one way to describe the Beta Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's 1998 Black and Gold pageant contestants.

"Stairway to Heaven: the Crowning of a Queen" was this year's theme. The five contestants, all sophomores, showcased genuine talent, poise and intellect as they competed for the title of Miss Black and Gold 1998.

"Holding the title of Miss Black and Gold doesn't just mean to wear a crown," said April Thomas, a physical therapy major.

Having the title doesn't mean that the competition ends after one pageant. Miss Black and Gold will compete with winners from area colleges in state, regional and national competitions.

The title of Miss Black and Gold also means being a positive force on campus and working closely with the members of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity in whatever functions they may be involved in on campus.

All five contestants performed in the pageant, showing off such talents as singing and dancing to reciting and poetic interpretations.

Alexandria "Venus" Ferguson, a mass communications major with a minor in political science, received a strong crowd response as she performed an original piece about the black woman surviving the Middle Passage and plantation life in a poem recital, a powerful rendition of Mahalia Jackson's "Troubles of the World" and a contemporary dance segment.

"I feel very excited and my confidence is high right now, but I feel that I could have done better throughout the competition," Ferguson said during one of the pageant's intermissions.

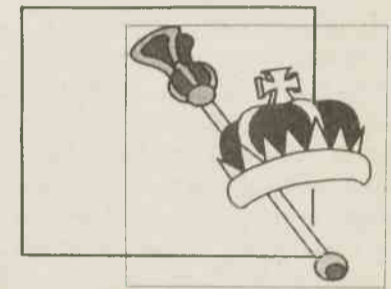
There was strong competition between crowd-pleasers Ferguson and Thomas.

After tallying the scores, the judges -- made up of Winston-Salem State University faculty -- came to a decision.

Pamela Mitchell, a biology major was named Miss Congeniality. Neshelia Curry, an occupational therapy major was named first runner-up. April

Thomas was named Miss 1906, Beta Iota. Miss Black and Gold 1998 was Alexandria "Venus" Ferguson.

"I felt simply blessed to have been in the competition," Ferguson said. "I have made a lot of friends in the fraternity and with the other young ladies in the pageant. I feel that as Miss Black and Gold I can represent the organization in a dignified manner and educate the community and students as well about this organization."



WSSU Contributes to City's Economy

Winston-Salem State University contributes more than \$112 million and nearly 2,000 jobs to the Forsyth County economy, according to a study released yesterday by a professor at Wake Forest University.

Chancellor Alvin J. Schexnider of Winston-Salem State said that the university commissioned the study to prove its place in the local economy.

"This report in no uncertain terms communicates the importance of Winston-Salem State to business, to government, to industry," Schexnider said. "The university is not simply a small institution located on a hill in east Winston-Salem. It's a major player."

The study by Gary L. Shoemith, a business professor at the Babcock Graduate School of Management, used 1997 figures to calculate how the employees, students, and some alumni of the university contribute to the economy. He has done similar studies on BB&T Corp. and the N.C. State Ports Authority.

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May Wins Mr. Ram 1998-99 Title

By Rasheed Oluwa
Sports Writer

The Creation by Marcus Farrar.

It was the crowning of a new era on Sept. 11, as Winston-Salem State University crowned its new Mr. Ram.

Corey A. May took the crown in the annual event as he competed against fellow students, Ollie Shepherd, Robert Maddox, Alvin Sellars, and Marcus Farrar. The five contestants competed in a variety of events and were judged by a panel of five judges. The categories the contestants were judged on were: Creative Wear, Talent, Formal Wear, and Extemporaneous Speaking.

The pageant contained many notable performances. Among those were Alvin Sellars' rendition of Pressah's "Splackavellie", and a dramatic rendering of James



Miss WSSU, Kimberly Brice, poses with the newly crowned Mr. Ram - Corey A. May

Despitethose performances, Corey May managed to sway the judges. May won approval with a dramatic reading of a poem he had written. The poem was written in dedication to his parents who died when he was 10 years old.

"If it wasn't for the Lord, I don't know where I'd be", said May after winning the title. "I give him thanks."

Robert Maddox came in as first runner-up while Marcus Farrar came in as second runner-up in the competition.

May will replace last year's Mr. Ram Keaton Wells and will have the duties of working with the community as an ambassador for the university.