



STUDENT Features

Crowning Achievement Jeffers begins her reign as Miss WSSU

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The crowning of Miss Winston-Salem State University at K.R. Williams Auditorium on Oct. 24 took place during the week of celebratory events of WSSU's homecoming.

Candace Alexis Davis Jeffers was really "Beyond Imagination" of the crowd. "Beyond Imagination," the theme of the event, was made into reality by Jeffers' beauty, spirit and concise articulation of her plans during her reign as Miss WSSU.

"I plan to reach out to enrich as many people's hearts and minds as I can, as well as contribute community service to Habitat for Humanity and Big Brothers-Big Sisters programs."

Jeffers thanked her family and her WSSU family. She also gave a sincere commitment to being a serious and responsible leader. In relation to her commitment and standard of excellence, Chancellor

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- Davida Martin, the wife of Chancellor Martin

Harold Martin acknowledged, "As chancellor I recognize the standard of excellence that Candace and the students contribute to this university."

Martin was not the only one impressed with Jeffers and the standard of excellence of the program. His wife, Davida Martin, said, "This is my first coronation, I could not imagine a more graceful and beautiful event. Poised and articulate, it was indica-



Candace Jeffers is escorted by her boyfriend, Victor Isler after she received her crown.

Argus photo by Jerry Watkins

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Students excitedly contributed to the auspicious occasion. Ebony Wilson, a music business merchandising major, said "These are our queens and kings!"

Travis Parker, a business administration major said, "For this to be my first time attending the

WSSU coronation, it has been absolutely marvelous to see beautiful black people dressed up to represent WSSU."

Students also proudly shouted and supported peers who represented the queen's royal representatives, 57 to be exact.

Bridgett Terry, Miss Gamma Lambda said, "This was a beautiful

occasion. I enjoyed it. It was also nice because a lot of hard work was put into this by the students."

Tiffany Adams, a molecular biology major, said, "the event shows the unity of the WSSU family."

Miss Senior, Kenita Upchurch said, "True elegance is not a desire but an uncovered beauty."

Stephanie Price wins Miss Black and Gold pageant

By Aja Pharr
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This would be Stephanie Price's 13th pageant, and she had never lost before.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. was ready to crown a queen for the year 2001-2002 at its 25th annual Miss Black and Gold pageant.

Price, a sophomore mass communications major from Wilmington, was crowned after a long night of competition.

"My mother said, 'You did it again!'" Price said.

"I feel that Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated represents class and is an organization always striving for the best and willing to help mankind. I wanted to be a part, and I knew that joining this pageant would make me a part," Price said.

The pageant was titled "Five Shades of Africa." Dillard Auditorium was decorated as a country in Africa. Rose petals were thrown onto the floor, and soft music filled the air as contestants entered dressed in African attire.

The men were also draped in African prints, and carried Joleen Jarvis, the queen who would pass her crown on.

As the contestants introduced themselves, they gave a background on Namibia, Nigeria, Kenya, Botswana or Ghana. They told the audience facts about the land and its riches. Contestants had to compete in business, swimwear and formal attire. They also had to perform in a talent segment that ranged from vocal, to instrumental, to

dramatic interpretations and dance. The ladies then gave an oral expression segment. Each contestant was required to answer a question to the best of their ability.

The five contestants were Price; Leslie Bolar, a junior English major with teacher certification; Jasmine Ferguson, a senior therapeutic recreation major; Portia Garner, a junior molecular biology major; and Clarissa Williams, a junior mass communications major.

In second place, Garner

was crowned Miss Beta Iota and Leslie Bolar was crowned Miss 1906.

"I had never been in a pageant before. I gained a new family, people that would support me in whatever I do. I wanted the Miss Beta Iota title, and that is what I got. I believe this achievement happened for a reason," Garner said.

The Miss Black and Gold pageant began in 1976. Its objective is to crown a lady who will become the national sweetheart of the fraternity.