



Mignon Turner and escort Will Smith celebrate at the Coronation Ball.

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# Dreams really do come True

*Homecoming Coronation was a storybook affair for all who attended*

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Once upon a time in the kingdom of Winston-Salem State University there was a sweet honey-dipped smiling princess named Mignon. One night all of Mignon's dreams came true when a fairytale became reality as she pulled up to the kingdom in an exquisite horse and carriage dressed in the finest of gowns.

That night for the senior mass communications and Spanish major from Burlington was Oct. 29. Mignon Renee Turner officially began her reign as Miss WSSU as she was crowned by Chancellor Harold L. Martin and his wife Davida during a "Fairy Tale Beginnings" coronation held in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium. The event began at 7 p.m. Images of Turner through her 21 years were projected for everyone to see, as Voices of Art sang. Her family was introduced, and Mr. Ram, Alan Brown, and Miss Alumni, Geraldine Judd. The ceremony also gave tribute to the outgoing queen,



ABOVE: Turner smiles as she is crowned by WSSU Chancellor Harold Martin. RIGHT: Holly Price and her escort arrive at the Coronation celebration.

Rolanda Patrick as she delivered her farewell speech. Following the speech, a special reenactment of the Cinderella story was performed by the Association of Rhythmic Talent.

They danced to a Disney composition and ended with the Royal ball, where the class queen debuted and danced. Then came the arrival of the queen,

Turner. The coronation, as in years past, featured kings and queens from over 80 student organization, each presenting Miss WSSU with gifts of recognition and appreciation. Four class queens shared the stage for the night including Miss Freshman Angel Jenkins, Miss Sophomore Holly Price, Miss Junior Kionna Kay and Miss Senior Marissa Chavis. There were also two new queens this year. Seniors Krystle Myers, Miss 1892, and senior Quenna McDonald, Miss Red and White, were both contestants in the running for Miss WSSU this spring. This is the first time that the runner-ups in the elections were given titles and served as royal attendants to the Queen. Lorenzo Meachum served as the narrator for the Disney-like story.

Following coronation, a masquerade ball was held in the Anderson Center. According to Turner, preparation began several months in advance.

Turner plans to attend graduate school to study International Development.



One of the benefits of winning Miss WSSU is riding in a horse-drawn carriage. Chancellor Martin helps Turner down from carriage.

