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Huskins while playing volleyball, and he was getting involved in a lot of different things and his enthusiasm was just contagious. I wanted to do more for the community than just female impersonation. I was very proud to have been part of a committee that successfully brought the local [gay and lesbian] community together. It was a celebration of MY lifestyle and I needed that!"

A year after leaving the pageant circuit, Scott felt that he was ready to try it again, and this time his goal was the Miss America-FFI Pageant in Dallas. This meant he would have to win a preliminary. He won the Miss Southeast Pageant in Greenville, SC, and then went to the Miss America-FFI Pageant, where he finished a respectable 15th out of 54

contestants, a record finish for a first attempt at the title.

Scott was determined to try again in 1990. He began his quest by entering the Miss Forsythe County-FFI Pageant, where he finished First Runner-up. This was enough to get him into the state pageant, but he wanted to go with a title. He decided to enter the Miss Greensboro-FFI Pageant and won. He took his title to the 1990 Miss North Carolina-FFI Pageant and won, sweeping all five categories on the final night of competition!

Now Pageant Enterprises, owner of the Miss North Carolina-FFI system, moved Scott to Chapel Hill and began to groom him for Miss America-FFI. In October, Scott returned to Dallas, and this time he finished in the top ten of the Miss America-FFI competition.

Scott credits most of his success in 1990 to a lesbian named Violet. "She was

working the video equipment at Scandal's," he said, "and after a show, told me that she liked the way I interpreted the songs I did. We discovered we were neighbors and became good friends. Later, she decided to finance my 1990 season for me. She believed in me and my abilities."

A lot of credit for Kymber's success can be contributed to Chris Davenport. Chris has been Scott's right arm throughout his career as a female impersonator. "Chris has been a reassuring and faithful friend and has shown his loyalty time and time again."

After returning from Dallas, Scott had much work to do. One of his tasks as Miss North Carolina-FFI is to attend all the preliminary pageants in the Miss North Carolina-FFI system, which he is in the process of doing now. He must crown the winner of each pageant, one of

whom will replace him as the next Miss North Carolina-FFI.

When Scott gives up his title next month, he will return to Asheville and to the pageant circuit. He wants to continue entertaining and hopes to return to the Miss America-FFI Pageant again this year. That means he must enter and win one of the regional preliminaries such as Miss East Coast or Miss Atlantic Coast. In the meantime, though, Scott plans to continue his education and to play a larger role in the gay and lesbian community. ▽

Dear Supporters,

I want to thank the gay and lesbian community of North Carolina for all of their support and for their kindness. I realize that being Miss North Carolina-FFI is something many people in North Carolina neither understand nor want to understand. I respect and appreciate where they're coming from, but I think, as gay and lesbian individuals, we need to work together for positive change in this state and in this country.

As Miss North Carolina, I've had the opportunity to travel all over this state and I've met a lot of wonderful people. I am convinced that we have it in ourselves collectively to achieve all of our goals.

I don't want being gay to be an excuse for anyone not to live their dream. I say to all of you that, regardless of your sexual orientation, you are a person, and you deserve everything good that your heart desires.

Without you, the people of North Carolina, I could not have been Kymber Raines, Miss North Carolina-FFI 1990-91. I am a better person because of you!

Kymber Raines

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Gay Survey: Helms, Gay Movement Get High Marks for '90

The annual end-of-the-year survey of *Washington Blade* readers revealed that Jesse Helms was named as the person who did most to help the gay rights movement, and also the person who did most to hurt the gay rights movement. 71% of the 1,118 readers surveyed voted Helms "worst foe," while 15% voted him "best friend." This is the fourth year in a row that Helms has won "worst foe" category. Second in "best friend" was Barney Frank (D-MA); Barbara Bush was third.

Readers also rated the status of the national gay movement. Ratings were much higher than in 1989: "Great" 6.9% vs. 3.4% in '89; "satisfactory" 71% vs. 66%; "poor" 22% vs. 31%.--*Washington Blade*, 1/18/91 ▽