

# Past, Present WSSU Queens Gather

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Queens of the past met queens of the present last week during a reception for Miss Alumni W.S.S.U. held at the Garden Terrace in the Hyatt House.

Zenobia Nelson, the reigning queen, is a 21-year-old nursing major from Concord, N.C. Ms. Nelson said that the responsibilities of being Queen of the campus were both exciting and demanding.

"It's very exciting and some of the experiences are very rewarding," Ms. Nelson commented. "Like when you're walking across campus and a freshman

passes you and says, 'There's Miss SSU,' it makes you feel good."

For Patsy Faison, Miss W.S.S.U. of 1966, the experience is one that remains with her today. "I still get a warm feeling when I walk across the campus," she said. "I'm proud that I was a queen and I'm proud that the university is growing."

Ms. Faison also commented that the students she met seem more motivated and appear to have more direction than did the students in her class.

Sandra Jenkins DeBerry was Miss W.S.S.U. of 1968. After graduation, DeBerry moved to Michigan for a

year and then, returned to Winston-Salem to teach.

"I think the main purpose of the alumni of any school is to recruit students. This (WSSU) was my choice of school and I would like to see others attend the university because it has grown and offers much more to the community," said Ms. DeBerry.

Miss W.S.S.U. of 1970, Ernestine Wilson, expressed similar feelings. A native of Durham, N.C., Ms. Williams said that the campus had undergone a lot of changes.

"I didn't even recognize the campus, it has grown so much," she exclaimed. "I

think that all the changes have been for the better of everyone involved."

Ms. Williams said that the alumni should play a large part in the development of the university to help it attain the highest level of achievement.

"I think the alumni should support the school in any way possible. We've done some good things but there's much more that could be done," she commented.

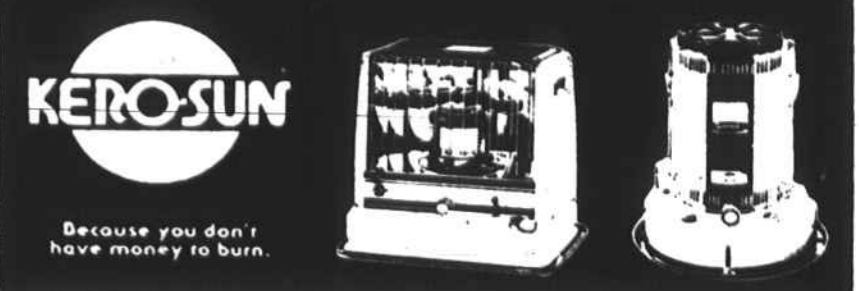
The reception was followed by the Alumni Ball held in the M.C. Benton Convention Center which all the ladies said they were looking forward to attending.



Miss WSSU Zenobia Nelson offers words of appreciation to Bernadette Ledbetter and SGA President Michael Sutton during her Coronation held last Thursday night.

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# WSSU Pays Tribute To Founder

By Beverly McCarthy  
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Students, faculty and staff members of Winston-Salem State University gathered in Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium last week to pay tribute to the university's founder, Simon Green Atkins. The ceremony was a part of last weekend's homecoming activities, and was the highlight of the university Founder's Day.

Winston-Salem State University had its beginning in 1892 when it was founded by Green, as the Slater Industrial Academy. Later, the school became chartered by the state as the Slater Industrial and State Normal School. In 1925, the North Carolina General Assembly extended the school's curricula to four years above high school. The school name was changed to Winston-Salem Teachers College. This change empowered the college to confer teacher's degrees as the first black institution in the United States to grant degrees for teaching in the elementary grades.

The School of Nursing at Winston-Salem Teacher's College was established in 1953. The four-year nursing program emphasizes academic and professional training guidelines set by the State Board of Higher Education.

The State General Assembly changed the name of the college in 1963, to Winston-Salem State College. It was in 1969, that Winston-Salem State achieved university status.

On July 1, 1972, the General Assembly made the college an accredited, co-educational, liberal arts in-

stitution, and the school became known as Winston-Salem State University. The university then became one of the 16 public institutions of higher education in North Carolina.

Former chief administrators of the institution were Simon Green Atkins, who served as founder and president of the school from 1892 until 1904; Cadd Grant O'Kelly, president from 1904 until

1910; Francis Marion Kennedy, president from 1910 until 1913; Francis Loguen Atkins, president from 1934 until 1961; and Kenneth Raynor Williams, who was president and chancellor of the university from 1961 until 1977.

Chancellor Douglas Covington, who assumed office in July of 1977, is the sixth administrator to lead the institution, as it experiences continuous growth and

development.

Dr. Haywood L. Wilson, Jr., vice-chancellor for Student Affairs at Winston-Salem State University, presided at last Friday's ceremony.

Both the university choir and band, rendered tunes of inspiration to an audience of more than 200 university faculty students, alumni and friends.

A special highlight of the event was greetings from the city by Mayor Wayne

Corpening. Corpening commented on the growth and progress of both, the university and the city, as a whole.

"I like the theme of this year's homecoming, 'Everything Must Change: Wings of Progress,' because it speaks of the changes of progress that are taking place all over

Winston-Salem," Corpening said.

The mayor extended an invitation to visitors to tour the city and view the progress that Winston-Salem is currently experiencing.

The program concluded with the singing of the Alma Mater, and the recessional of university faculty and officials.

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The agency offers a broad range of insurance and related products, including life, health, accident and business insurance, estate planning and group and pension plans.

Mullins is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University with a bachelor's degree in business. He was formerly a representative with Pilot Live Insurance, and was a teacher and coach with the Forsyth County school system.

Mullins and his wife Madeline have two children.

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And then on "Personalities in the Community" on Saturdays from 9:15-9:30 a.m., he interviews guests that will give you additional insight into issues and concerns that he feels you should know about.

He's a native of Winston-Salem and a product of Anderson High School. He attended college in Florida and acquired much of his journalism experience as a newscaster-reporter and public affairs director in Florida also. He was an airman in the United States Navy for four years and has had a host of other experiences. He's married to Carol and they have a little daughter, Evelyn Nicole. He is a Sagittarian, and a very thorough and reliable member of the 98 Triple A family.

State connotes, "integrity" and "credibility"...Be sure and hear the news from his perspective daily.

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Larry Leon Hamlin, professional actor and director for the North Carolina Black Repertory Company, will be teaching acting classes for children ages 5 to 15 beginning November 14, at noon, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 810 N. Highland Ave. This will be a six week course which will encompass acting for the stage, film, and television, with a special emphasis on acting for commercials. The classes are designed to identify and cultivate the children's talents, give confidence, especially to the shy child, and stimulate creative and positive thinking. There will be a fee. Those that satisfactorily complete the course will be asked to continue for the second six weeks for more advance study. For further information about the children's acting classes or adult classes call 924-8477, 767-2467, or 724-2614.

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