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# THE RODDEY-MCMILLAN RECORD

Winthrop's multicultural newsmagazine  
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Photo by Amy Powell

Sarah Gallop learns about the contributions of women at the Women's History display in Dacus Library.

## Scholarships promote diversity

by Terry Colquitt  
staff writer

Cultural diversity is a major goal for Winthrop, so the Office of Admissions offers aid to students who it feels will help the university reach this goal.

According to Debbie Barber, associate director of Admissions, the President's Scholar Award is offered to a student who accomplishes the university's goal of diversity.

It covers half tuition payments and can be offered to African-American students, International students or student with special talents, said Barber.

Winthrop also offers a full-tuition scholarship to the top student in every high school in South Carolina. If the student who wins the scholarship is not in a minority, another scholarship is awarded to the top minority student.

## PACE outlines goals

by Revella Ham  
special to the Roddey-McMillan  
Record

The Program for Academic and Career Enhancement (PACE) will hold its annual academic awards ceremony on Apr. 17 at 4 p.m. in McBryde Hall.

Since 1987, this program has recognized the academic successes of African American students. It has also provided support and recognition for them. The categories in which these students are recognized are Pacers, those who have obtained a 3.0 cumulative GPA and Pre-Pacers which are students with a cumulative 2.5-2.9 GPA. Students who have successfully kept a 3.0 GPA for every semester in which they have attended Winthrop will receive the Continuous Cumulative Award.

The goals of the PACE program are to:

- to acknowledge the academic success of minority students
- to promote educational and career goals
- to provide guidance for minority students to compete for professional and educational opportunities
- to provide a peer support network for students aspiring to become Pacers and Pre-Pacers
- to recognize minority student organizations who prove academic excellence as a group

PACE was designed and implemented to recognize high achieving African-American students and to encourage them to continue to succeed academically.

As an entity of the Student Development department, the PACE program provides avenues for academic, cultural and social development through activities planned and implemented by its members.

## She didn't deserve it

by Tammy Mason  
activities editor

Battered wives are frequently viewed with suspicion and contempt. Discussion of specific cases of wife battering often lead to such comments as "but what did she do to deserve it?" or "don't some women really like violence?"

According to Margie Pittman, Volunteer Coordinator of Sister Help, women stay in abusive relationships for various reasons, but never because they like being abused.

"Battered women figure that they can change their abusive husbands," said Pittman.

According to 1990 FBI statistics, a woman is abused every nine seconds. These statistics also says that four women a day die from spousal

abuse, 70 percent of assault victims in emergency rooms are battered women, and one in eight homicide cases are partners killing partners.

Pittman said that the purpose of Sister Help is to provide or arrange emergency shelter for victim and children, provide services to prevent physical abuse, to make the public aware of spousal abuse, and to develop resources to resolve problems.

Pittman said that there are warning signs of a potentially abusive partner.

They include a violent temper, possessiveness, cruelty to animals, poor self-image, alcohol and/or drug abuse, and abuse during courtship.

"You cannot change a man by marrying him, she said."

# Gay Rights?

## Is visitation policy unfair to heterosexuals?

by Karen Mitchell  
staff member

"The visitation policy is not fair to all students," said business major Robin Chittick. "In the dorms, my boyfriend has to leave at twelve, but the lesbian next door has her girlfriend sleep over."

Phelps resident Beth Thompson disagrees. She said, "It's a girl's dorm and if a lesbian couple decides to live together, I think that's their personal choice."

The subject at hand is whether the visitation policy for Winthrop University residence halls is geared against heterosexual students, creating what may amount to a 24 hour visitation policy for homosexual students.

Cythnia Cassens, director of Residence Life, said, "the visitation policy applies to everyone. I don't know who's homosexual, so the policy is the same for everyone."

The visitation policy allows resi-

dents to escort members of the opposite sex into their dorm rooms between designated hours.

The hours are 10 a.m.-12a.m. on Sundays, 12 p.m.-12 a.m. on Monday through Thursday and 12 p.m.-2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Cassens said, "I don't foresee any way to make the policy more fair unless people signed up for dorm rooms according to sexuality, but their sexuality is not any of my business."

Art education major Kim Radford agrees. "The room sign-up sheets don't ask for race or religion and I don't think Winthrop would in any way single out homosexuals," she said.

Some students remain dissident about the issue.

Junior Richard French said, "The policy is in the homosexuals' favor  
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## Add it up: numbers don't lie

by John Hartness  
issues editor

In our first year as a multicultural publication, The Roddey-McMillan Record has done a lot of things to the people of Winthrop. We've offended many, enlightened some, enraged a few, and made one or two people happy. What I hope we have done, above all else, is bring to light some issues that the campus population didn't think about before last semester. In doing this, we used a lot of numbers. Statistics, while a valuable part of journalism, are often the parts

of an article that we ignore. So now, to highlight the past year in figures, here are some important numbers. Some will bore you, some will offend you, some will sadden you, and some had damn well better scare you.

- Six Million Jews were killed by the Nazis during Hitler's "Final Solution" during World War II.

- Every Nine Seconds a woman is abused in America.

- One in Ten Americans is  
**see STATISTICS, PG. 8**

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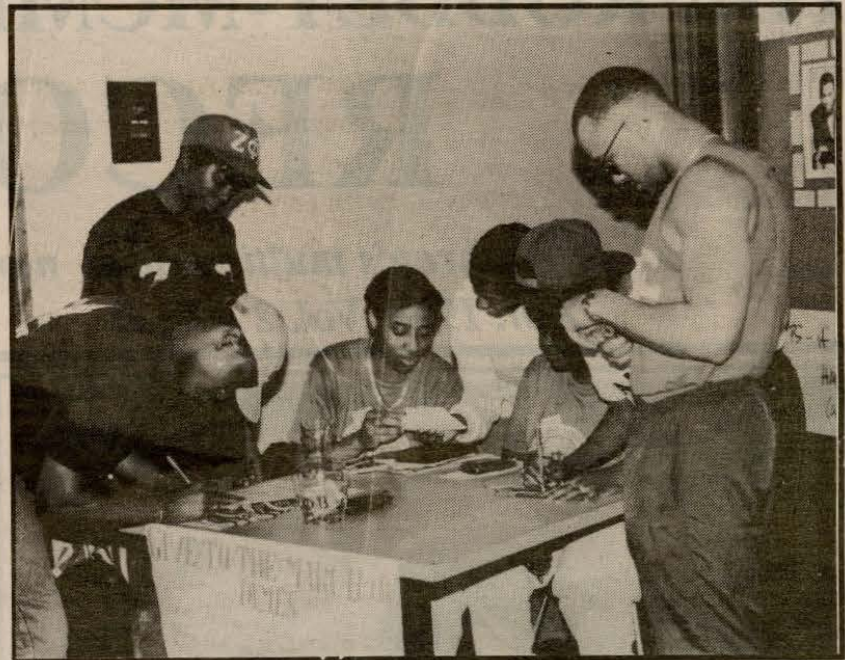


Photo by Amy Powell

### For a good cause

Zeta Phi Beta member's (from left to right) Kenya Powell, Belinda Blue, Deshonia Williams, Annette Lanier, Kesha Powell, and Sheba Heagler collect money from Micheal Coleman for the March Of Dimes on the first floor of Dinkins.

## Is love blind?

### a look at interracial relationships

by Sherry Ford  
staff writer

Interracial relationships have been a controversial topic all over the world as well as on campus. A survey of 50 Winthrop students of various ethnic backgrounds was conducted about the subject. Views varied greatly!

Eighty eight percent were in favor of interracial relationships. Most students said it was a matter of personal choice. Phrases such as "love has no color" were used as reasons for supporting such relationships.

William Hargett, freshman, is offended by the term "interracial relationships." He feels that "a relationship is a relationship no matter who's in it."

Melissa Blow, sophomore, says such relationships are fine "as long as the person doesn't forget who they are."

Twelve percent of the people surveyed are against interracial relationships for various reasons. Such reasons were that there are too many problems involved, and that people should stick with their own race.

Donald Burgess, sophomore, says

there are other reasons why black people as a race should not be involved in such relationships. "I feel black people have too many problems within. When they get their problems straight, then maybe they can have interracial relationships," he said.

Thirty-six percent said they could see themselves involved in such a relationship, while 58 percent said no and six percent said that they were not sure.

Many students who responded positively to an interracial relationship said skin color does not matter as long as someone treats you right.

Students responded negatively gave a variety of reasons. Some said they were concerned about their family's reaction. Females were especially concerned about how their fathers' reaction to the news of them dating outside of their race. Other students had concerns about the children that sometimes result

**see INTERRACIAL, pg. 8**

# What is a Minority?

by Rotina Anderson  
staff writer

What is a minority?

The term is sometimes loosely and promiscuously used with little effort made to define it. However, some Winthrop students did.

Freshman Claude Benjamin said, "A minority is a certain group of people that are often discriminated against and outnumbered."

According to "Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary," a minority is a part of the population differing from others in some characteristics and often are subjected to differential treatment.

As seen by this definition, many different groups may be considered a minority. It is not specifically centered around certain ethnic, cultural or religious groups.

For so long, however, when the term is mentioned, many people as-

sociate it with African-Americans. Although they can be considered one the largest minority groups, they are not the only one.

Others that can be considered minorities are the Native Americans, Asian Americans, Mexicans and Spanish Americans. But these are all ethnic minorities.

Mass communication major Jennifer Phillips said, "In the scope of the whole world, white Anglo-Saxons are a minority but they are not considered such because they do not fit the description."

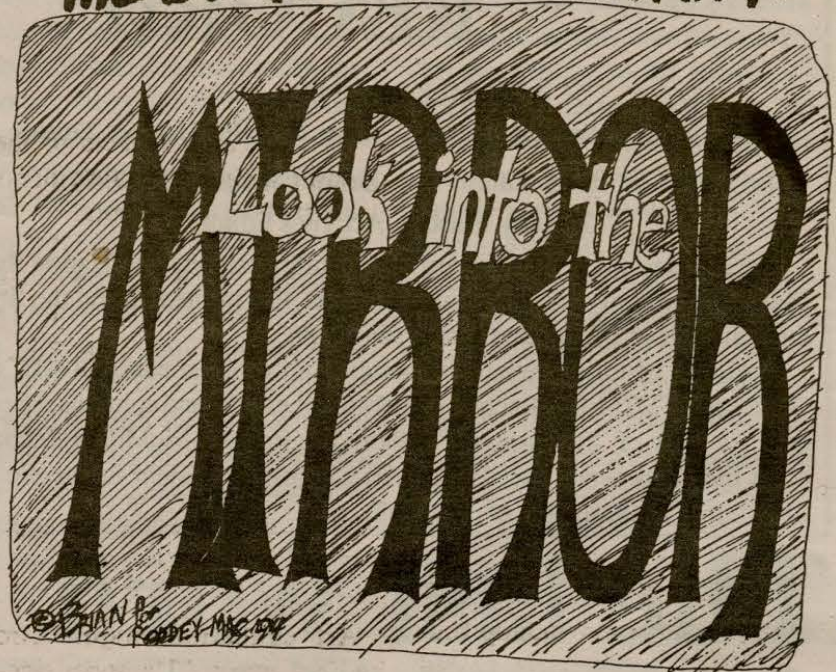
What about other groups who aren't normally considered as minorities? Should they be?

Benjamin said that the disabled and disadvantaged need to be recognized. He said they have to deal with a lot of social hostility and are surely differing from the rest of the population.

**Do you have any ideas for a story regarding multiculturalism or minority cultures? Do you think that a certain minority is not given enough attention?**

**Don't sit there and gripe. Come and work for The Roddey-McMillan Record.**

## THE DEFINITION OF MINORITY:



**Applications for the Roddey-McMillan positions of Issues Editor, Q/A Editor, Activities Editor and Business Manager will be available on Apr. 10 in the publications office. Interested students should apply.**

# Should gays be defined as a minority?

Commentary  
by John Hartness  
issues editor

Well, by now everybody's decided that the Record is a "pro-gay" newsletter, or a paper with a "homosexual slant."

But in the year 1994, the question of defining minorities cannot be brought up without considering homosexuals. Can someone be deemed a "minority" solely on the basis of sexual preference?

Why not? Being born into a certain religion can garner one the label of "minority." Merely having more of a certain pigment in one's skin can make you a "minority." Why can't

you be a "minority" because you are attracted to members of the same sex?

Or does the matter go deeper than that? If someone is a "minority" not because of race or religion, but rather how that race and religion are treated in society, or have been treated in the past, can we consider homosexuals a "minority?"

Why not? The Nazis hated gays, too. Homosexuals were herded into the concentration camps alongside the Jews, Blacks, Gypsies and other "impure races." There are still places where gay-bashing is considered a spectator sport, a pastime pursued with as much vigor as the old KKK

lynchings.

During the Roman rule, Christians were a minority, forced to meet in secret for fear of persecution. Now, at Winthrop, the Trust, the campus support group for gay men, has to feature prominently on its flyers the words "every attempt will be made to maintain anonymity."

In the South in early twentieth century, laws were passed to keep blacks from voting and mingling with white society. Those laws were later deemed unconstitutional.

Earlier this year, the United States Supreme Court struck down a Colorado law banning civil rights for

homosexuals. This gives no privilege to gays in Colorado, it merely ensures that they have the same basic civil rights as all other people in the state.

Studies show that one in ten Americans is homosexual.

This figure makes gays a numerical minority. Past treatment of homosexuals makes gays a historical minority. The Colorado case makes gays a political minority.

The denigration anyone even suspected of being homosexual is subjected to makes gays an oppressed minority. How can there be any question of minority status for homosexuals?

## THE RODDEY-MCMILLAN RECORD

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The Roddey-McMillan Record is a monthly campus publication that deals with minority and multicultural issues. It is printed during the first three months of the fall and spring semesters.

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## The last word

Being that this is the last issue of the Roddey-McMillan Record for the 1993-94 school year, it is very appropriate that we thank several people who have aided us in our quest to invoke subjects of discussion on campus.

We would like to thank the Student Board of Publications who believed in us enough to trust us and stand by our side the entire year.

We also thank them for cutting through the rhetoric and sound bites tossed around and getting to the heart of the matter.

We would like to thank The Johnsonian and The Tatler for their words of encouragement and support throughout the controversy that unfortunately engulfed us.

Special thanks goes to Victor Hill, the editor of the Anthology, who allowed us to use their lighting table and waxer.

This enabled us to paste up our

issues.

Lastly, we would like to thank the myriad of students and faculty members who read what this paper had to say.

We appreciate how the Winthrop community readily embraced our new look, whether by reading the paper or coming to staff members individually and giving words of encouragement.

It has been our attempt to get this campus talking about issues pertinent to all of us as human beings.

We had to endure much trouble and nonsense, but it was worth every iota, from the media coverage to the surveys and petitions passed around in the hopes of shutting us down.

It is our mission, not to engage in any needless propaganda, but to inform students and challenge them to think.

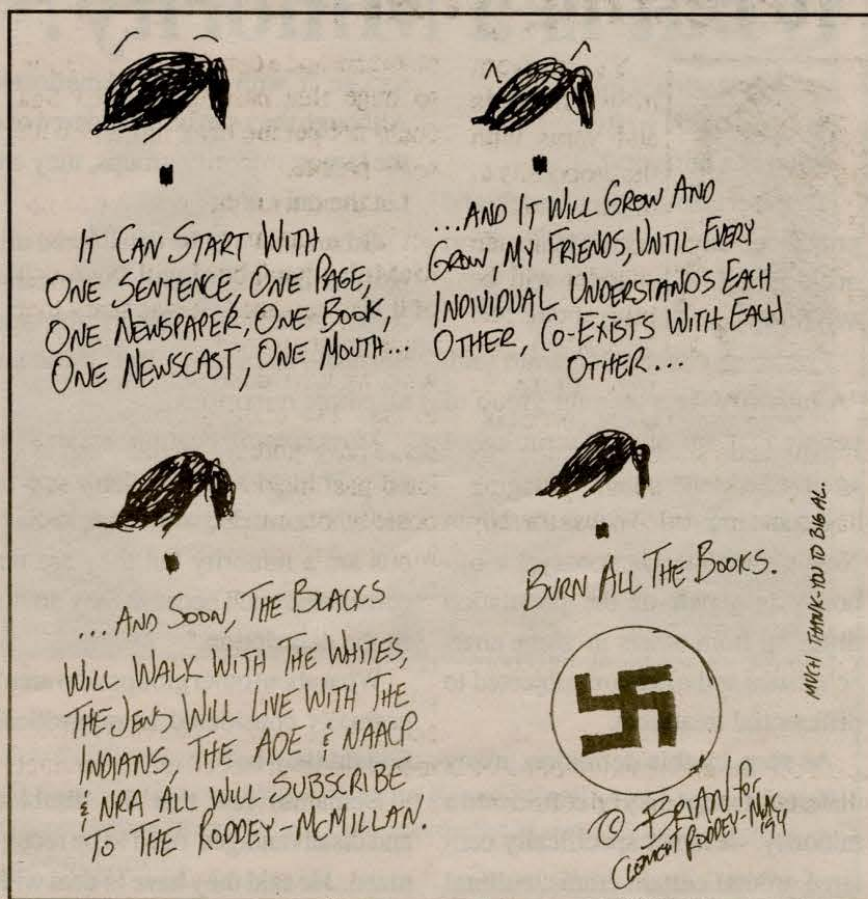
Such should the mission of every publication.

## Letters to the editor policy

The Roddey-McMillan Record welcomes letters to the editor on the subjects of multiculturalism.

Letters to the editor are to be signed with the author's phone number. They are to be one page; typed and double space or written legibly.

Letters can be turned in at The Roddey-McMillan box in the Student Publications Building. They will be edited for grammar, taste, space and libel.



## Letters to the editor Holocaust article too narrow, says student

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article concerning the Holocaust. I was thoroughly disgusted by the whole article. The writer said in the article that people who were non-Jewish and not African-American could sympathize but not truly understand the Holocaust. Have you forgotten the Indians and the millions who died? What about the millions more who died on the Trail of Tears? Also, what about Asian-Americans?

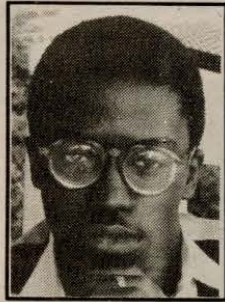
Have you forgotten that during World War II, we put 110,000 Japanese-Americans in relocation camps. Out of these 110,000, two-thirds were American citizens. These people, while they were in these camps, were raped and if they became pregnant while in the camps or prior to arriving, they were given abortions. Does this sound familiar? When the writer wrote this article, did he look up these facts? I believe the article to be narrow minded and bigoted and I demand an apology.

Michelle Terre

*The Roddey-McMillan Record staff wishes for all students, faculty and staff to have a safe and fun summer break.*

*See you in August!*

# Interesting year causes changes, soul searching



**Alvin McEwen**

Years from now, legends and yarns with the propensity to make young, innocent freshmen shudder will be told about me. Honestly speaking, there is some sort of bizarre romanticism to being the villain. I fantasized about pillaging villages and pretended it was therapy to get me through this year. So far, I'm Genghis Khan, Atilla the Hun, Hagar the Horrible and Ric Flair.

Of course, I am speaking about what has happened this year with the Roddey-McMillan Record. As I look back, I see the end result of our idea to broaden the focus of the Record. Over 20 articles in several newspapers across the South Carolina, as well as a mention in "Q-Notes" and "Et Cetera," two gay magazines in Charlotte and Atlanta respectively; angry students, alumni and faculty

members and a dent in my reputation so huge that parting the Red Sea could not get me back in favor with some people.

I learned a lot this year. I will not get into a summary of the Roddey-McMillan feud, but I will say much of it was personal. It was scary that students translated their hatred of what we have done with the Record to me. I've learned that some students have gotten together and related past incidents in which I supposedly denounced my own race. Many of these incidents are either false or overblown coincidences.

Some students have a problem with the fact that I don't wear my skin color on my sleeve. Some have even said I don't want to be black. Statements like that forced me to conduct a bit of soul searching and I learned a very important fact. Being black doesn't come from your organization, who you hang around, how Afrocentric your dress is or by how many books on the subject you read. Being black comes from within and

it is not unlike being white or being a woman or being gay. It is part of the process of being human.

I learned that I don't have to change. Of course, the notion that I don't want to be black is ridiculous. How can I deny something that I have been since birth? Why would I want to deny it? However, I can be a black man who likes to listen to Rush Limbaugh (don't worry, I don't). I can be a black man who can date whomever he pleases. I can be a black man who can sit in a room full of whites and not feel challenged. I can be a black man who can state my opinion of anything, whether or not my opinion is in sync with that of the majority of the black race. I can be a black man who can do virtually anything I want because first and foremost, I am a man. I am a better person because of the controversy with the Record because I was made to embrace my humanity more than my color.

I am being unfair, though. I have only harped on the bad things that have happened this year. No one

should forget that despite all of the hoopla, this campus is not the same. In far more number than those angry with the changes to the Record are students and faculty who say "it's about time." Gone is the complacent little home away from home I remember seeing Winthrop as in the beginning of this school year. Students now realize what they will face in the real world involving the issues that we have covered in the Record and they are starting now to think of solutions. Classrooms are hotbeds of discussion more than ever before with students motivated to give their opinion of issues of race, sex, sexual orientation and diversity. Diversity has gone from being a catch phrase at this school to something students really want to achieve.

All in all, this campus is more mature than it was at the beginning of this year. The Record played a role in this and of all the memories I have of this year, that will be my proudest.

*Alvin McEwen is the editor of the Roddey-McMillan Record.*

Congratulations to the staff members who received nominations in the following categories of the Roddey-McMillan Record staff awards. The winners will be announced during the Mass Communication Awards Banquet on April 13.

**Best Newcomer**

- Kurt Kamp
- Jay Karen
- Brian Clement
- Karen Mitchell
- Jay Campbell
- Amy Powell

**Best Writer**

- Karen Mitchell
- Sherry Ford
- Jay Karen
- Terry Colquitt
- Kurt Kamp
- Rotina Anderson

**Best Story**

- "Malcolmania" - Sherry Ford
- "Homosexual dissension" - Alvin McEwen
- "Political correctness" - Karen Mitchell
- "Baltimore Waltz" - Terry Colquitt
- "Fifty years later: The Holocaust" - Kurt Kamp
- "Homosexuality at Winthrop" - Terry Colquitt

**Best Editor**

- Jackie Lowery
- Alvin McEwen
- Tammy Mason
- John Hartness
- Brian Clement
- Amy Powell

**Most Valuable Staff Member**

- Joel Colquitt
- Brian Clement
- John Hartness
- Alvin McEwen
- Jackie Lowery
- Amy Powell

## 'Thin oriented' society causes many problems

by Jackie Lowery  
assistant editor

What does being overweight mean in our society? I couldn't personally tell you myself since I am the "ideal" weight. But my friend could tell all about it. She is the nicest person but people look at her outer body instead of the total package. She endures snickers and snide remarks and knows firsthand at just how small the seats in Kinard can be.

What will her future be like in a "thin" society? Well her image is well represented in the media except as a comic or pathetic character.

She will search long and hard for good, quality clothes that fit and have a harder time finding a job.

Doctors often blame their healthy problems on overeating and say "come back in a few months when you lose a few pounds and then we will see what's wrong with you."

She often hears how her fatness is the caused for everything that goes

wrong in her life.

She has heard people make comments like "I'm surprised she could get a boyfriend since she's that big" or looks of surprise if she shows an interest in having sex.

I can bet that most of the problems the doctors are looking for don't come from the weight but from the stress of living in a society where there is so much emphasis put on weight. Just think about the pressures that my friend goes through each day--the laughter, the isolation, the hostility and most importantly, the hazards of repeat dieting.

No matter what anyone says to you, you have the right to do whatever, eat whatever and go wherever you want. Take up all the space you need because you deserve it.

You have the right to respond to the mean remarks people say to you or about you. Throw a few withering glances or a snappy comeback and that will put them in their place.

## Homecoming Representative sheds light on subjects

by Terry Colquitt  
staff writer

When it was announced during the halftime show of Winthrop's homecoming game that our new Homecoming Queen was a male, there was a definite mixed reaction from the crowd. Some students cheered wildly, others booed, and some even turned their backs to the Homecoming Court. But no matter what the reaction was, it did not change the fact that Theatre/Mass Communications major Cedric Jones was Winthrop's new Homecoming "representative", and that the reaction to it would spread much further than the Winthrop community. Ever since he was crowned with this honor, Cedric has become somewhat of a celebrity. His victory was mentioned in U.S.A. Today, and he may make an appearance on "The Jane Whitney Show."

Q: I guess the question that's on everybody's mind would be, "Why Homecoming Queen?" or "representative" as it's now known.

A: "Because there was no Homecoming King competition. I think that males should be represented and should represent in the same capacity as females. These are the nineties and people are always saying they want equal rights. As there was no Homecoming King competition when I was nominated to run for Homecoming Queen, I decided to do it."

Q: Was it your idea personally to run, or was it someone else's?

A: "It was someone else's idea. The idea originally came up at a Thomson Hall Council meeting. Buck Cooke, who is an R.A., noticed that there was no gender stipulation in the requirement, so he thought it would be a good idea to send a male to represent Hall Council for Homecoming, and he nominated me. We voted in an in-house election, but we decided to send someone else; I didn't make it at that time. But it gave me time to think, so that the next time nominations were up, and that was for Alpha Psi Omega, and it was upon

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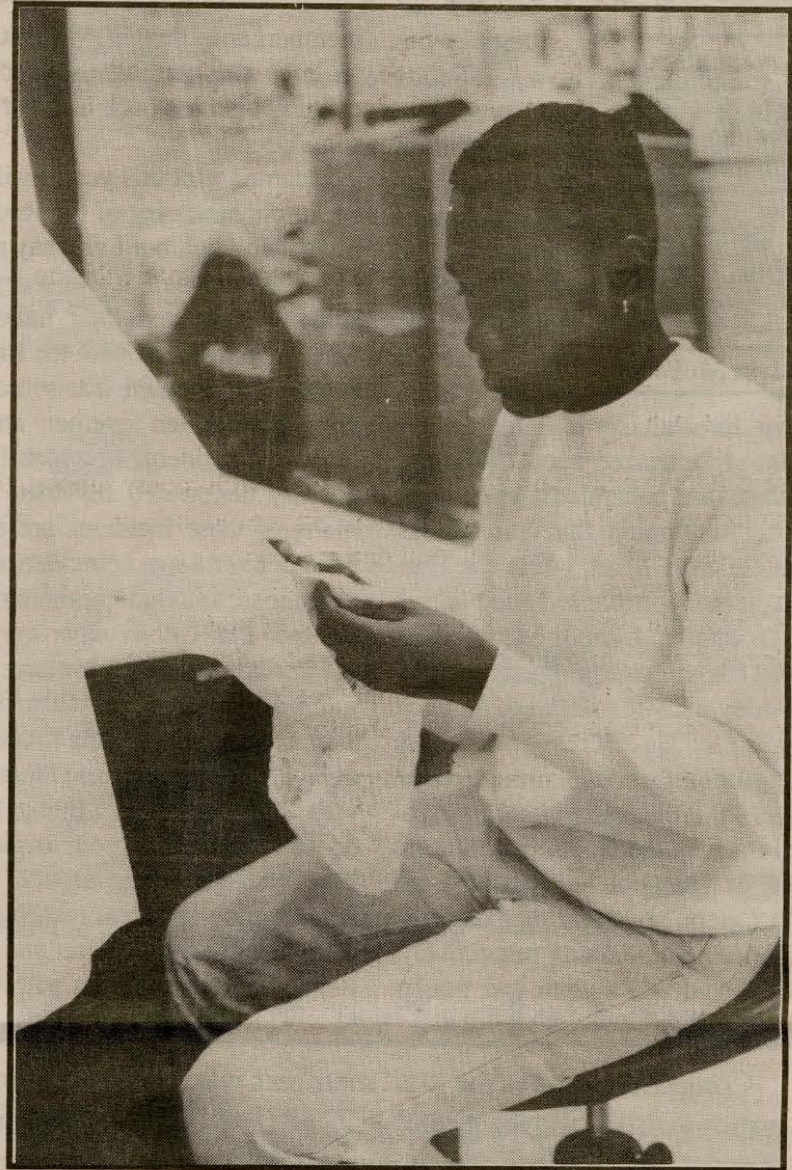


Photo by Amy Powell

Homecoming Representative Cedric Jones

## Gray reviews his tenure as SGA president

by Jay Karen  
staff writer

Student Government Association President Michael Gray will be handing over the gavel on Sunday, Apr. 10.

Gray, a Junior Computer Information Systems major from Greenville, S.C., has served as SGA President since April 1993, and did not seek reelection in February. He said that the job has been very trying at times, but also enjoyable.

Back in February 1993, Gray had an agenda in mind for Winthrop and Student Government. He said that he had something different to bring to SGA. He planned on building up existing programs. Gray was already knowledgeable about many areas of Winthrop. He had previously served as a Resident Assistant, Orientation Assistant, Student Director of Orientation, and a number of other positions across campus. He said his in-

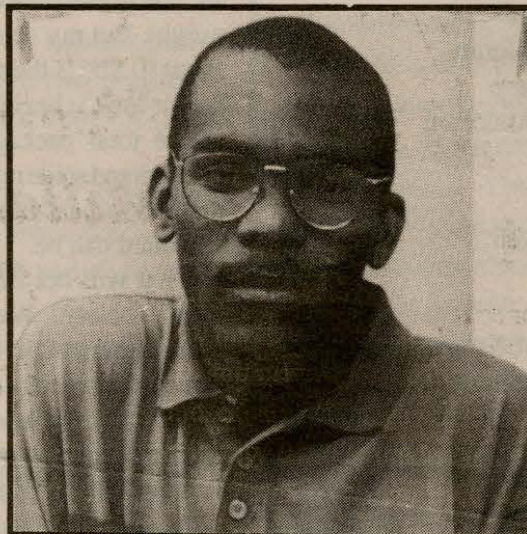


Photo by Amy Powell

SGA President Michael Gray

volvement was the key to his victory and success as SGA President. Gray had already developed working relations with much of the faculty and adminis-

tration.

Gray's main concern with being SGA President was strengthening communication between students, faculty, and the administration. He feels that he was successful with this. He said that there were drawbacks, however.

"Students tend to think you can do anything," he said. "The truth is that it is a prestigious position and there is a lot of potential, but you learn what red tape really is." Learning how systems work at Winthrop was a key factor in trying to get things accomplished, he said.

Another thing Gray had been working on was signing the bylaws of the South Carolina Students Association. This assembly of student body presidents from South Carolina public institutions would serve as a lobbying group for higher

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## MYCO educates the public

### Brief history

In 1947, some members of the Junior Welfare League read an article by John Ripley Forbes, the director of the William T. Hornaday Memorial Foundation about a new concept in museum: a museum where children could learn by doing, a place where children could be free to touch and explore, and a place where children could be involved and safe from the growing problem of juvenile delinquency. The league saw a need for such a place and appointed a committee to

start a children's nature theatre.

By 1950, the Children's Nature Museum of Rock Hill opened its doors as one of the first museums in the US to be built solely as a children's nature museum.

In 1956, with county support, the museum moved to its present location in central York County.

With the change in name to the Museum of York County, it began to grow as an educational resource not only for York County and S.C. but also for neighboring states.

*information provided by Museum of York County*

### New activities

by Tammy Mason  
activities editor

There is always something different at the Museum of York County. Various activities include classes, workshops, and educational programs.

"Education is our mission," said Ann Spencer, Director of Community Relations of MYCO.

According to MYCO news-monthly (MYCOCOSM), one of the Museum's most important functions is to preserve significant cultural and scientific material that reflects the

natural, cultural, historical, and artistic heritage of York County, Upper Piedmont S.C., and the African continent.

MYCO sponsor guided group tours, Safari breakfasts, and old-fashioned southern teas.

Carolina artists show their work in the Local Accents Gallery, and you can buy Catawba Indian pottery, handmade quilts, local craft and educational toys from the MYCO's store.

MYCO has held African dance and movement classes, nature trails,



Patrons of the York County Museum gaze at the giraffe exhibit.

and probably the most famous one of all Africa Alive in which MYCO brings in artists, vendors, and noted Zulu dancers and singers.

African Hall, where African masks and animals are displayed, Settlemyre Planetarium.

Admission for Winthrop students is \$1, and on Saturday admission is free.

Permanent exhibits include Stans

## AOE holds first 'Miss Ebonite' Pageant

by Tammy Mason  
activities editor

Tumiko Pinckney, the newly crowned Miss Ebonite, said, "I felt surprised, really happy and then pride."

Pinckney has a threefold platform: (1) to involve AOE members in different things on campus, (2) to make AOE respected as more than a group of minority students on campus, and (3) to work with a group of high school students to

prepare them for college.

According to Pinckney, a Miss Ebonite should have poise, intellect, and clear goals for the better enhancement of AOE.

Her future aspiration is to enter the Miss Black America pageant.

Pinckney's favorite quote is "make today better than yesterday, and make tomorrow better than today," by Langston Hughes.

The first runner-up was Bridget Moses.

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## Gray

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education.

Gray said, "I think Winthrop will be a higher caliber school than it is now. There will be a larger student body, and we will reach the potential

of a higher education school."

Gray also said that Winthrop has a great deal to offer students, and that SGA is there for students' needs. He urges students to utilize SGA.

## Visitation

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because their partner can be checked in as a guest and get guest passes to come back into the dorms whenever they want."

The Winthrop guest policy states "all guests remaining in the hall after closing must be registered and of the same sex as the host or the hostess."

Psychology major Gretchan Bair agrees with the policy because of its consideration for other residents.

"What if some girls are petrified of guys walking around the dorm in the middle of the night," she said. "Then again, some people would be freaked out about homosexuals walking around the dorms too, but that happens in the daytime also."

"We should all be able to have open visitation," senior Jennifer Whitus said. "As far as gays rooming together on campus, I don't know what you can do about it."

English major Marcus Hightower said, "The major premise of the whole policy is to keep residents from having sex and the policy doesn't stop homosexuals."

Cassens said Winthrop's SGA created the visitation policy when the school went co-ed in the mid 70's.

"The policy used to be a lot tighter," Cassens said. "And the policy is always open to change, but any future change wouldn't have to do with a person's sexuality."

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homosexual or bisexual.

- One in four women will be raped during their lifetime.
- 95% of those rapes will not be reported to the police.
- 90% of working women have experienced some form of sexual harassment.

## Interracial

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from such relationships.

Bridgett Perry, 19-year-old sophomore, had an experience with an interracial relationship.

She said she was not attracted to her ex-boyfriend because of the color of his skin. She also said the biggest problem was family.

"A big misconception is that the white family gives the most problems in the relationship," said Perry. "but in our case it wasn't like that. His family gave me a lot of problems."

Perry said she never thought about the remarks people made. She said she just laughed.

"A lot of people are just mad be-

cause they see some else happy," she said.

Perry said she lost her best friend for awhile. She said her best friend was worried about what her parents would say her being friends with Perry.

Perry said if students who are faced with the possibility of an interracial relationship are not strong enough to stand up to their families, then they should not get involved. She said also to make sure that students involved in the relationship care for one another.

"Don't ever hold your feelings back for someone because the color of their skin," she said.

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me to go, I decided to do it. At first I was skeptical about how it would be received. I was skeptical about running. But after I had time to think about it, that's when I decided to do it."

**Q: What is your reaction to how some of the people reacted, like those who turned their backs to the court?**

A: "I was disappointed, more in the maturity of some of my fellow students than anything else. I thought that, especially from male students because a lot of the female students have been very supportive; they think it's a great idea. I would think that from male students, there would be more support, considering the fact that they finally have a male to represent them in Homecoming. And I was very disappointed in some of their reactions. I still don't understand it."

**Q: If at any time you felt that your safety was challenged, would you have backed out or would you have kept on going?**

A: "I would not have backed out. I cannot be intimidated. When I want something, I'm gonna go for it, and I don't think I should have bow out or close myself in because of someone else's prejudices. I'll stand up to almost anything."

**Q: Prejudices against what?**

A: "It seems to me to be gender prejudices. If people are so disappointed because I'm a male, then that's just plain gender prejudice."

**Q: What was your initial reaction when you heard that you won?**

A: "I was excited, of course. It was a big accomplishment for me, and it lasted for a few good minutes until I noticed what was going on. I had already been told that someone had already said some things against me. Idle threats. When I heard it, I wasn't even worried. Someone had threatened that if I was crowned on the court, I would also be crowned off the court. But I wasn't worried about that. I felt that if I were to win, then it was a student choice. And as I have seen in the past couple of weeks, students have been defending their choice more than I have because they are the ones that nominated on me."

**Q: What actions do you plan to take as our Homecoming Representative for the next year?**

A: "I will look into the activities of the past Homecoming representatives, and go from there. I will be "on call" as far as when they will need me to make appearances, to speak to prospective students, or whatever the Homecoming Rep usually does."