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To prepare for the pageant, Latoya bought the appropriate clothing for the formal wear and casual wear competitions. The day of the pageant she went to have her hair fixed. "I must confess I threw all this together at the last minute," said Latoya.

During her interview, Latoya was asked what she thought was the biggest obstacle facing society today. Latoya replied, "Homelessness is the biggest obstacle. I feel that we should tend to our nation's problems before concerning ourselves with other nations."

Although Latoya admits she was nervous, she felt fairly confident throughout the pageant. "I wouldn't mind doing it again," said Latoya.

— Becky Dandridge





Latoya Maree, Lindsey Hamilton, and Natalie Alexander anxiously wait the announcement of the winner. Latoya was Miss Freshman, Lindsey was first runner-up, and Natalie was second runner-up.

Latoya Maree smiles as she is crowned Miss Freshman by Dequanda Sanders. Latoya was very nervous before the pageant.