

The big moment . . . Miss Mississauga '81 Louise Fleming was crowned by her predecessor, Kathy Vykysaly, during last Thursday night's pageant, which officially kicked off the Fritterfest festival. For more on the Miss Mississauga Pageant, see C-1. (Staff photo by Fred Loek)

Math student crowned Mississauga '81

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Louise Fleming is typical of the majority of Mississaugans.

Louise, crowned Miss Mississauga 1981 Thursday night, wasn't born here. In fact, the blue-eyed, brown-haired computer science student has lived here only since August.

But the 20-year-old Fleming has already fallen in love with Canada's

fastest growing metropolis.

And, if the audience of 350 at the Miss Mississauga Pageant or the crowds along the Fritterfest parade route Saturday were any indication, Mississauga could be falling in love with Louise.

Louise, a third year mathematics and computer science student at the University of Waterloo, came here as part of her computer co-op program.

A dramatic reading during the talent contest, put together 24 hours before its presentation because of her late entry, and her cool confidence in the finals helped Louise to the title.

Although she lost the talent contest to singer Inez Vaz, who sang her rendition of Bette Midler's hit The Rose, Louise impressed the judges with her outer confidence and the way she carries her $5 \text{ foot } 4\frac{1}{2} \text{ inch frame.}$

Louise also recently completed a modelling course in Kitchener and was the Haliburton Highlands Winter Carnival queen in 1978.

The youngest of three daughters and two sons of John and Corinne Fleming, Louise is looking forward to the Miss Canada pageant, nationally televised on the CTV network.

After a year of community work, which included visiting sick children at Mississauga Hospital Christmas morning, Kathy Vylkysaly relinquished her crown to Louise.

Vykysaly is studying psychology at Erindale College and plans to one day work with children.

Teresa Jarema was chosen Miss Congeniality by her peers at the pageant, the kick-off event for this year's Mississauga Community Festival (Fritterfest).

The pageant, co-sponsored by The Mississauga News and Sheridan Mall, will be broadcast on Cable 10 on Friday at 5 p.m. and Tuesday at 7 p.m.