

Miss Bennett 1993-1994 reflects on wonderful year

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Miss Bennett College 1993-1994 is starting on her new journey, but first, she has to share a few thoughts and reflections before she leaves.

Kelly Kniffley says that she is many things to many people.

To many, she is a public figure who makes appearances at different functions and pageants. To others she is a student, but to others she is a friend, source of encouragement, and woman of God.

However, tonight the Louisville, native looks like an ordinary, tired student as she lies across the bed with her hair draped luxuriously across the pillow, in a plain, white t-shirt with green sweat pants, both hanging loosely from her petite frame. Her reddish-blond streaked hair is devoid of make-up, yet pleasant and peaceful with

closed, cat-like green eyes.

"It has been very challenging being Miss Bennett," Kniffley said as she shifted one white-socked foot from one side to another.

"I believe that I stayed true to my mission and that is to stay true to God and that he might meet the needs of the students on this campus. I was very realistic in my goals of being Miss Bennett, because I did not really want to do it."

Being Miss Bennett has some advantages, and some of those are that it allows the opportunity for specific platforms, and for that platform to be heard by more people.

"The greatest thing [about being Miss Bennett] has been the impact that I've had on the lives of others as far as being able to give myself, my energy, and my time freely to the students," Kniffley said. "And at the same time, be able to receive from them many

things."

After graduating, Kniffley plans to stay in the Greensboro area, and hopes to find work in the field of human relations.

This summer Kniffley will be performing her final duty to the College by participating in the Miss Black Inter-Collegiate Pageant in Florida May 26-June 5.

But here, Kniffley lies in a comfortable position, at first, staring at the ceiling, but now inspecting a piece of her hair. Satisfied with the results of her inspection, she continues, "Being Miss Bennett has made me more flexible in understanding that my time is not my own," she said.

"You must be flexible in attitude and in implementation. Spiritually, this job has caused me to pray more in asking God to let me know when to speak, and when not to, what to say and how to say it."

Psych majors attend regional conference

Brooke Walker
Banner Reporter

Several Psychology majors got to show their stuff recently at major conferences.

Yvette Taylor, Columbia, junior and Brooke Walker, Greensboro, senior presented poster sessions during the Southeastern Psychological Association Conference in New Orleans March 31-April 2.

Taylor whose project "Influence of Circadian Rhythms on Behaviors of Spontaneously Hypertensive rats and their controls" was in conjunction with NC A&T and Dr. Susan Shumaker, professor of psychology.

Walker's project "Depression levels in Pre and Interim Menstrual Women" was originally a class research assignment.

"I thought it was an excellent opportunity to share in the experiences and exciting research of the psychology community," Taylor said

Taylor along with others presented at paper and poster sessions the Beta

Kappa Chi Conference in Houston, April 6-10.

Shannon Coe, Indianapolis, junior presented her paper entitled "Father Resource Program" and Deirdre Pecchioni, Louisville, junior presented "Self-Esteem and Locus of Control."

These projects were sponsored by the Bennett MBRS program.

Taylor won top honors in the poster session with her project.

The Carolina's Conference held in Raleigh April 8-9 featured two other psychology majors, Joan Tellemague and Antoinette Rochelle, Vancouver, junior.

Tellemague presented "Cognitive Functioning in African-American Women," and Rochelle presented "Group Affiliation and Self-Esteem."

"It was unique because I never presented before," Rochelle said,

"I knew it was a good paper because people were listening. It is definitely something I want to do again."

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said.

"They made their own baskets out of plastic gallon jugs, cotton balls, and pipe cleaners. Others were made from white paper bags and construction paper," Jackson said.

However, it could not be taken for granted that all of the children were familiar with the activity of finding eggs.

"We had to show some of them how to hunt for the eggs, because many of them have not had the experience of going on a hunt," she said.

The participants of the Children's House have been involved in a variety of field trips every month, and the bus ride that took place before the hunt was an educational field trip, because it taught the children how to ride the bus and it gave them the opportunity to ask questions.

"The bus ride was 45 minutes and we rode the entire route," Jackson said.

"The children were charged a penny each, but it was really no charge. The act of them paying gave them the experience of it."

The Children's House always presents the opportunity to expose its participants to something new, educational, and fun.

"Now, they are going to see Sesame Street, the theater version at the Greensboro Coliseum. This exposes them to something different," Jackson said.

Commencement ceremonies will be held at 11:00 am Sunday, May 15 on the Bennett Quadrangle.

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