

Masquerade Ball added to Founder's Day activities

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Founder's Day Weekend Oct. 31-Nov. 2 will be different for many reasons. The Coronation ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. in the newly renovated Annie Merner Pfieffer Chapel.



However, the reception will take a different route. The Royal Reception will be more than a typical meet, greet and eat affair. The reception will be a Masquerade Ball.

The Ball is free and is scheduled to start at 9 p.m. in the David Dallas Jones Student Union Dining Hall.

Don't forget to bring your masks!

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Miss Bennett College
Takiyah Starks



Miss Royal Blue & White
Amber Bradshaw

Crowning, the 'easy part' to take place Oct. 31

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It is not easy to become a queen at Bennett College.

The crowning is considered by many to be the easiest part of the entire process.

Just ask Miss Bennett Takiyah Starks, and Miss Royal Blue & White Amber Bradshaw, the 1997-98 campus queens who will be crowned during the Coronation Oct. 31.

"Last year I was on the court, and although it was fun, it was a lot of hard work," said Bradshaw, a senior psychology major from Chicago.

As candidates for these two positions, these Belles had to be elected by the student body and fulfill other requirements including earning a 2.8 cumulative grade point average or better, and obtaining three letters of recommendation.

In addition, Dean of Student Affairs Jimmie Gravely said every campus queen had to complete a project.

The other 44 campus queens also

had to complete a variety of tasks and activities to obtain their coveted positions.

There are no set requirements for dormitory queens, but according to Geneva Champion, Cone Hall director of residence, a talent pageant was given so residents could elect Miss Cone Hall.

"This pageant was sponsored to help build sisterhood among the residents, and I think it was a big success. This will become an annual event for Cone Hall," Champion said.

Elisha O'Neal, the pageant winner, and a sophomore elementary education major from Columbus, Ohio was chosen by an outside judge from a selection of six candidates who competed in a talent show and answered two difficult questions.

Class queens, which make up the Royal Court., are chosen by their peers in student elections.

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Textbook pricing at 3 area colleges examined

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A trip to a college bookstore can often be expensive as a visit to Four Seasons Mall. For example, at the beginning of this semester a student purchasing one textbook for a mass communications class at Bennett College may have to pay \$80.

A pre-dentistry major may pay \$275 for two books at the Guilford College bookstore, and a biology major may have paid \$175 for two books at the Greensboro College bookstore.

On average, the cost of textbooks, according to three college bookstore managers -- from Bennett, Greensboro College and Guilford College -- can range from as low as 65 cents or as high as \$105.

"I think that prices in the bookstore at Bennett are outrageously priced compared to other bookstores," said Cassidy Moore,

a sophomore biology major from Virginia. Most collegiate bookstores have no control over the price of textbooks.

"The prices for the bookstore are determined by the mark up of the book by the publisher," said Cliff Braly, bookstore manager of Greensboro College.

Guilford, Greensboro, and Bennett colleges belong to an organization called NACS, National Association of College Stores which enables the bookstores to buy on discount and sell to the students and faculty. All three bookstores pay a net price from the publisher and sometimes get some sort of discount.

"If our bookstore buys the book from them [the textbook publisher] for \$40 then we [the bookstore] sell the same book with a 15 percent off the price to the students," Braly said.

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DST sponsors seminar on nonviolence

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About 45 people packed the parlor of Jones Hall Oct. 14 to discuss for the Nonviolence Seminar hosted by the Omicron Delta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Amy Redford, Guilford College activities coordinator and sexual abuse counselor, presented information to students about how to deal with violent acts such as rape. During her presentation students completed worksheets that they discussed later.

Redford presented statistics about rape and explained to the students the difference between sexual assault, consent, non-consent, and rape.

Redford, who said that she was sexually assaulted in when she was a college student, also said that 84 percent of the people attacked know their attacker and that 55 percent of rapes are alcohol related and 40 percent go unreported.

"It was necessary for us to present this seminar to make others aware of just how close to home violent acts hit," said Amber Bradshaw, senior psychology major from Chicago, and member of the sorority.