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Jackson is first queen to have coronation in chapel

by Margo Gilmore

"I'm giving God all the glory," said Rhonda Chapelle Jackson, honored as the new Miss Bennett during the 7th annual coronation Oct. 20.

An audience of 350 attended the first coronation ever held in Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel. President Isaac H. Miller, Jr., pleased by the new location, said, "The chapel was most appropriate for the ceremony. Basically the building was built for worship and spirituality that was celebrated very nicely here tonight." Mr. Jimmy Guess, coronation coordinator, said the chapel added a "touch of class."

Thirty-eight candles dimly lit the chapel as Rhonda entered to a musical selection, "Climb Every Mountain," sung by her younger sister Lorie Jackson. Army ROTC men were lined up on both sides of the center aisle, waiting for Miss Bennett to walk under their swords held high.

President Miller crowned and robed the new Miss Bennett. Rhonda received flowers and gifts during the ceremony along with many kind words. The audience stood and applauded as she took her royal stroll. After the ceremony, Rhonda said, "I feel relieved and so happy."

Rhonda was escorted by Derek Worley. The queen wore a white satin gown with a bow at each shoulder and white gloves.

At the altar, Rhonda joined her court, which includes first attendant to Miss Bennett, Garnetta Livisay; Miss Senior, Deborah Ann Jacobs; Miss Junior, Cassandra Walker; Miss Sophomore, Caroline McLendon; and Miss Freshman, Mikki S. McCrorey.

Nine organizational queens were also recognized. They are Miss Alpha Kappa Alpha, Selena Daniel; Miss Zeta Xi, Sharron R. Henry; Ms. 1908 Alpha Kappa Alpha, Connie

L. Fryar; Miss Delta Sigma Theta, Lori Stargel; Miss Creme of Delta Sigma Theta, Maria A. Miller; Miss Crimson, Fredricka Watson; Miss Omicron Delta, Maria Streetter; Miss Bennett International, Blanche King; and Miss S.O.B.O.S.S., Avis Douglas.

The oldest of three girls in her family, Miss Bennett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Jackson of Chapel Hill. Mrs. Jackson said, "Rhonda has always been outgoing . . . I feel elated and relieved." Rhonda's sister Lorie, also very talented, said, "I cried when she told me she had won. I just couldn't believe it!"

Attending Bennett's Coronation for her first time, Calpernia Able, a freshman, said, "The coronation has been nothing but joy. It is at this time that I feel the true meaning of being a Bennett Belle."

A reception and dance were held following the coronation.



Making it official: Rhonda Chapelle Jackson, elected last spring, was formally crowned by President Isaac H. Miller, Jr. during the Oct. 20 coronation celebration in the chapel. (photo by Keith Miller)

Adams needs second victory to win

by Bernice Scott

Dr. Alma Adams has enjoyed her first victory party and now she's anticipating a second.

The candidate for the Greensboro school board won the October primary for District 2. The second hurdle occurs Nov. 6 when her name will appear on the ballot for all city voters.

The chairperson of the visual arts and humane studies department is thinking about the issues she will raise if elected.

Her major concern involves children who are under-achievers rather than over-achievers. According to Adams, if a child who is "falling between the cracks" is motivated and his self-esteem is lifted, his academic level will rise.

Adams is also concerned about problems of inadequate staffing in the school system. She says in order for a teach-

er to do an effective job, the classroom must not contain an overflow of students.

"I will do all I can do to strengthen programs that need strengthening," Dr. Adams said.

"Education is my business and my life," said Adams who has not always wanted to participate in school politics. After being involved in education all her life, she said she realized she was the ideal candidate for the job, and she does not plan to end her career in politics here.

"I am looking to higher levels," she said.

Dr. Adams gives this advice to the Belles: "As black women we need control our own destinies. You must have power over yourselves before you can have power over anybody. You must not only know who you are but respect who you are. Only those who stand for something and those who stand up will be counted."

Recruiters' mission motivates Belles

by Darlene Smallwood

If a sound-track had accompanied Career Awareness Day, it would have begun with Ashford and Simpson's "Reach Out and Touch."

Representatives from the public, private and academic sectors swarmed across campus Oct. 4 and touched students' hearts and minds.

Recruiters and motivation experts from such varied enterprises as IBM, the IRS, General Electric, WXII-TV and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture visited classrooms and served on panels.

"Every consultant spoke with at least 50 students," said Mrs. Doris Vincent, director of the career services

center, who proclaimed the event "an overwhelming success."

A typical situation brought such diverse guests as a psychologist, a veterinarian and the owner of a cosmetics franchise to a class for informal presentations and question-and-answer sessions.

Students welcomed the chance to make valuable contacts, receive career counseling and gain a break from academic routines.

Many Belles registered strong approval of the event. Rhonda Chapelle Jackson, Miss Bennett, saw the speakers as role models. "I think Career Awareness Day represents good human relations (See page 3)

Bennett family shows talents in "Contemporary Encounters"

a review
by Yvonne Breece

"Contemporary Encounters," the Oct. 12 talent show featuring parents, faculty and staff members, elicited enjoyment and participation from the lively audience.

The evening, directed by Dr. Charlotte Alston and emceed by Dr. Nellouise Watkins, proved that much talent exists on this campus.

Calling the show "a memorable presentation," freshman Rochelle Williams was shocked by the high quality of performances, and sophomore Kim Stanfield said, "I think the production was very entertaining. It was truly a high-class act." Their opinions reflected the pleasure of the crowd.

In this reviewer's outlook, the peak of the show was Mrs. Mary Jane Crawford's vocal solo. Her rendition of "Voi lo sapete" by Mascagni made the adoring audience want to burst with joy.

Other exceptional singing performances came from Mrs. Ouida

Scarborough with Crouch's "My Tribute" and Mr. James Burt with "Tonight" from *West Side Story*.

"We were truly impressed by Mrs. Scarborough's and Mrs. Crawford's solos," agreed Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams, parents of junior Alethea Adams.

The show offered a great deal of musical variety. Dr. Phyllis Ethridge did Ashford and Simpson's "Reach Out and Touch," adding some original lyrics of her own such as "Take a little time out of your busy day and give someone a little encouragement along the way."

The audience clapped along with the beat of two musical presentations—the Gospel Belles' enthusiastic "Uncloudy Day," featuring Ms. Odessa Darby, Mrs. Vaughnetta Carr, Mrs. Ouida Scarborough and Dr. Alma Adams; and Dr. Lee Ponting's interpretations of Jimmy Buffet and Bob Dylan tunes.

There were four engrossing dramatic presentations, two of works by James Weldon Johnson.

Miss Carol Moore's persuasive "The Judgment Day" made the audience think about sin and judgment. Mrs. Doris Vincent energetically recited "Go Down Death."

Mrs. Thelma Walker's original composition "The University of Our Lord" sent the audience into deep thought. The mother of sophomore Dyane Walker said, "A young lady should attend two institutions of higher learning in her lifetime—one being the University of the Lord and . . . Bennett College."

Dr. Flossie McIntyre's interpretation of "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes proved her to be a confident performer. Dr. McIntyre really played the part.

Maxine Harris and Faye Gleason, known as "Salt and Pepper," performed a clogging duet which lifted the audience's spirits. The Salt and Pepper duet also performs at private parties, charities and schools.

The Celestial Lights performed (See page 2)



Campaigning: (left to right) Kimberly Tyson, Myra Hinton, Cheryl Dalton and Kathy Brown supported the Democrats during Geraldine Ferraro's downtown rally last month. Their view is the majority opinion on campus. (photo by Keith Miller)