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Treadway honored at ACES

Dr. Ray Treadway, math and computer professor, was honored at the Sept. 16 ACES for his leadership in developing the proposal for a \$2 million National Science Foundation grant Bennett is one of 14 HBCU's to receive an NSF grant.

The funds will be allocated over a five-year period, and the first installment, \$436,432, was received Oct. 1.

Dr. Donna Oliver, vice president of academic affairs, said the money will be used to improve Bennett's technology and train the faculty to make better use of technology.



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East Market area to be revitalized

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The East Market Street Corridor -- the "shopping" area for Belles and Aggies -- will be revitalized.

The revitalization will take place during the next 10 years, according to a column published in the Sept. 26 issue of the Greensboro News & Record. In that column Robert Davis, vice chairman of the East Market Street Development Corp. and director of institutional assessment at N.C. A & T, said plans for that site include new office and retail buildings.

The East Market Street Corridor includes N.C. A & T, Bennett, and several local churches.

The East Market Street redevelopment project is headed by a government/private partnership called the East Market Street Development Corporation.

Some of the efforts to beautify the corridor and make it a more inviting place to work and live have included cleaning up areas that needed it, improving landscaping at Foushee Park (located at the intersection of Bessemer and East Market streets), getting a new traffic light at Booker Street and working with Duke Power to bring more new lighting to the area.

Deteriorating vacant houses also have been demolished, and plans are in place to have East Market Street narrowed between Murrow Boulevard, and Benbow Street.

The closest improvement to the College so far is the demolition of the Cumberland Shopping Center behind the BP gas station.

According to a column by Andrew Brod, published in the News & Record in September the redevelopment of the corridor is long overdue. In the 1960s and 1970s, a federal urban renewal program was put into place to promote the growth of urban areas across the country, including Greensboro.

As a result of that renewal program, the area east of downtown Greensboro has developed more businesses and East Market Street

"We should not have to go way across town just to get groceries."

--Melody Caldwell
a sophomore biology major
from Newark, N.J.

was widened from two lanes to six.

In his column, Brod said that when East Market Street got wider, the number of businesses in that area decreased or relocated.

The American Planning Association sent a task force in the early 1990s to study East Market Street. The task force recommended improvements to the area that included demolishing deteriorated buildings and beautifying existing

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The area next to the BP service station on East Market street has been designated for development during the next 10 years. Photo by Marle Smith, Banner Photographer.

Royal court formally introduced

BY CLAUDIA PEARSON
Special to the Banner

Mattea Hill, a senior middle grades education major from Upper Marlboro, Md. was "officially" crowned Miss Bennett College Oct. 8.

The annual ceremony took place in Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel and was followed by a reception in the David Dallas Jones Student Union.

During the ceremony, the five other members of the 1999-00 royal court were installed: Miss Freshwoman, Lauren Fletcher, a psy-

chology major from Houston, Texas; Miss Sophomore, Claudia Pearson, an English major from District Heights, Md.; Miss Junior, Tashauna Felix, a biology major from Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; and Miss Senior, Jae'La Hall, an elementary education major from Wilmington, Del.; and, Miss Senior Brandy Jones, an English major also from Wilmington, Del. was installed as Miss Royal Blue & White.

Coronation Week, which began Oct. 4, was kicked off by a kickball tournament, pep rally, cookout, and a night of poetry.

Sophomore class president and biology major from Fayetteville, N.C., April McNeil, said that she is elated about all the events because they [the events] help up lift school spirit.

Clindel Simmons, SGA vice president and psychology major from Bermuda, said the student leaders planned an exciting week and there was lots of participation from the student body.

Fletcher said, "I am eager to be a part of the royal court because she is able to serve Miss Bennett as well as be a role model for other Belles."