

Academics

Academic achievers

Brettia Arphine Egerton Peggy Marie Jenkins

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"I'd like to think that I will run my own business ten years from now." This is the ambitious dream of Brettia Arphine Egerton, a senior Business Administration major from Durham.

With ties to various campus groups and activities, Brettia is an outstanding student making a positive contribution to the quality of life at UNC.

The 1984 Durham Hillside High School graduate is a member of the Association of Business Students, the Mentor Program Steering Committee (a Business School program which introduces students to retired businessmen), and was closely involved in last year's Business Symposium. This dynamic student is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority and the Sweet Caroline was even a flag girl for the UNC Band during her freshman year.

Brettia believes that her mother and father, who have always told her to go that extra mile to truly enjoy life, have been the most influential people in her life. She believes that her motivation to excel comes from within and that hopefully this



(photo by Sherry Whitesides)

motivation will see her to the helm of her own corporation in a decade or so.

In her spare time she enjoys tennis, reading authors such as Richard Wright and delves into the writings of black poets. After graduation she would like to get a job with a company out west and eventually return to school for her M.B.A.

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"There is something for everyone; no one can come to Carolina and honestly say there is nothing to do — everyone can fit in." These are the words of sophomore Peggy Marie Jenkins, a determined Business Administration major from Bethel. As evidenced by her involvement in campus activities, Peggy is a woman who practices what she preaches. She is currently president of the Ebony Readers, a member of the Black Cultural Center Program and Search Committee, a Big Buddy, and also holds a seat on the BSM Central Committee.

This exhausting regimen hasn't dulled her academic pursuits; a Morehead Scholar with a 3.0 plus GPA, Peggy plans to enter Columbia after graduation to enter a four year program that offers a dual M.B.A. and law degree.

Peggy says that she likes the atmosphere at Carolina but believes apathy is the biggest problem facing the black community on campus. Despite her frantic schedule and career plans, she tries to



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keep her priorities straight. She isn't so much concerned with monetary or financial rewards but believes she can always find happiness with a strong and close knit family.

Robin Hadley

by TIMIKA SHAFEEK
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Robin Hadley, a 1985 Carolina graduate, is an individual that we as students — especially black students — can look to as a role model.

Born and raised in Graham, North Carolina, Hadley's receipt of the Morehead Scholarship Award was a factor in her decision to attend UNC. She had the opportunity to attend such prestigious institutions as UCLA, Duke and Harvard with either academic or athletic scholarships, but chose UNC because of the opportunities that UNC and the Morehead Scholarship could afford.

As a freshman at Carolina, Hadley felt "dwarfed by the institution", but as time passed she found the sense of structure that she needed. This was accomplished through participation in extracurricular activities ranging from women's varsity basketball to student government.

Presently, Hadley is a Rhodes Scholar attending Oxford University in England seeking a Master's degree in

Politics. Although she has not yet made definitive long term plans, she hopes to be involved in business and politics in both the private and public sector in the future. For today's students, Hadley emphasizes the importance of planning ahead. According to Hadley, "the world is moving very quickly," and without plans for the future, one can easily be left behind. Hadley feels that this is especially true of blacks who are unprepared.

"We must realize that education is the means for mobility", said Hadley. And therefore, we must become politically aware, socially adaptable, and responsible as individuals.

Obviously, this formula has been successful for Hadley, who at such a young age has accomplished more than many people do in twice the time. It is evident from Hadley's impressive past and her realistic view of the present, that she can look forward to a great deal of success in the future.

Academic excellence

by TIMIKA SHAFEEK
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On Friday, November 13, the Recognition Ceremony for academic performance and meritorious service was held for minority students in Hamilton Hall. Over 150 students were recognized for having a 3.0 GPA or better, being Morehead, Pogue, and James M. Johnston Scholars, Minority Advisors, and Inroads participants.

Rosalind Fuse-Hall, who earned a degree in Criminal Justice from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1980, was the keynote speaker for the evening. In her address, Fuse-Hall stated the mind was our most valuable natural resource. She emphasized the fact that college is the place to develop social, writing, and communication skills, and that by developing these skills we will be preparing ourselves for graduate school and the job market — for our future.

"From sharp minds come sharp products", stated Fuse-Hall, and it is the sharp product who gains admittance into

graduate school and gets the job that others are competing for. We must pursue excellence.

Associate Dean H.B. Renwick and Assistant Dean D.R. Crosland want to impress upon students that excellence must be a constant goal. "To succeed, each honoree must continue to excel and move out of the thick ranks of the mediocre and pursue the thin ranks of excellence."

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