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Coronation Night 19

## Gail Hall is crowned new queen during a night of magic, grace.

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"I was told to hold on to my dreams and aspire towards them," said Gail Tresa Hall, the new Miss Elizabeth City State University, during her coronation ceremony on Friday, October 6 in the Williams Hall gymtorium.

Moments earlier, Hall ascended proudly to her position on the stage clad in a long, white gown trim-med in lace, which accented her glowing face.

"It is my wish that you share this experience with me," Gail added as and gold with stars, swans, and trimshe looked out at the crowd and focused on her parents .

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Miss ECSU 1989-90, Gail T. Hall, smiles while Angelia Nelson, Miss ECSU 1988-89, crowns her queen. Ms. Hall, a native of Portsmouth Virginia, was crowned the night of Ocotber sixth. Photo by Richard McIntire

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served standing ovation for their performance of "Songbird" by Kenny G. Michelle Watts concluded the entertainment for the evening with "Overjoyed" by Stevie Wonder.

Acknowledging the queen and her representatives were Renel Sample, Sylvia Purvis and Ursula McMillion, who served as the master and mistresses of ceremony.

Sample also gave the closing remarks and announcements recognizing the coronation assistants.

After the queens' official dance, Miss Shawn L. Everett, the first which symbolized the theme of the



student and former queen of ECSU, Nelson presented Hall with the cloak. Ashley Bryant presented her with the crown, scepter and flowers.

of 1989-90. Decorated in blue, white Denise Nelson.

After Angelia Nelson's heart- fitting for an elaborate occasion. The and beauty as she took her seat beside warming farewell speech, to Miss Gail stage was transformed into an out-Hall and others who inspired her as a doors scene with beautiful green

Master Antoine Moore, Little Miss the campus representatives gracefully Dawn Newsome and Little Miss presented themselves to the audience. After the last representative delighted the crowd, a respectful silence came cellor of ECSU, rendered an official At 7:30 p.m., the campus witnessed over the gymtorium and everyone rose the beginning of the coronation night in honor of the former Miss Angelia

## Dreams are made of this...

shrubbery and decorative palm trees. the Army ROTC Saber team rolled To launch the 1989-90 coronation, out the red carpet and took their position near the archway entwined with white lights.

Next Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins, Chanrecognition statement to Miss Hall.

"Gail represents a special place as queen to me," stated Dr. Jenkins. He also added that she should "wear the crown with dignity and continue to be a role model.'

After Hall expressed her joy and fulfillment as being crowned Miss ECSU the ECSU Gospel Choir sang "It's a Long Way to Heaven" with Marlon Fulton as soloist.

The Choir Ensemble rendered the piece"She Walks in Beauty" by David Foltz.

Smith Quartet received a well de-

sponsored a reception in honor of Miss ECSU in the Williams Hall Choral Everyone awaited in suspense as room. There was a dance following the reception in the Williams Hall Gymtorium.

> In addition to Shawn Everett, other members of the queen's court were Antoine Moore, Crown Bearer; Dawn Newsome, Scepter Bearer; and Ashley Bryant, Flower Bearer.

> Hall's escort for the evening was Otis Williams. Everett was escorted by Garien Minor.

Head cadets for the ROTC presentation were Sgt. Cameron Dupree, and Sgt. Gregory Boston.

Hall, an avid reader, enjoys water sports and making new friends.

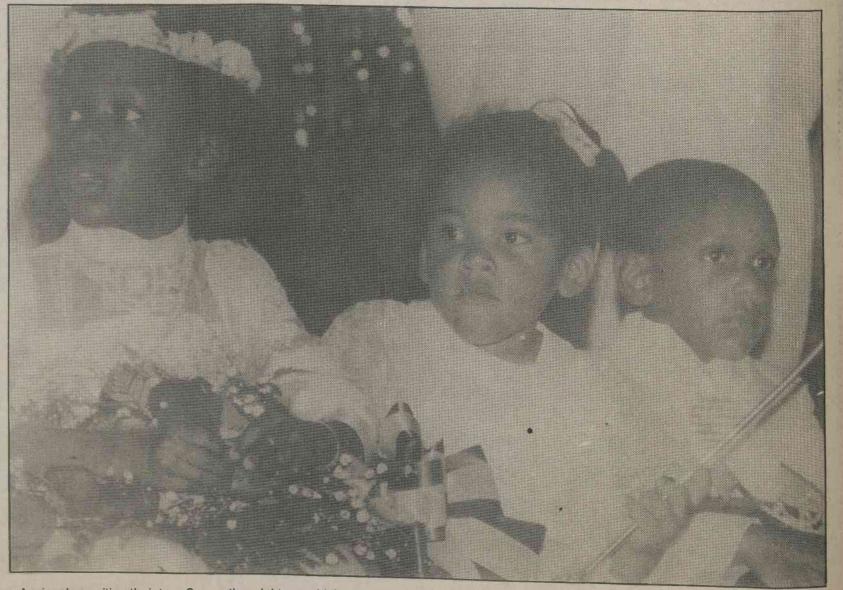
Gail Hall, a native of Portsmouth, Virginia is a senior majoring in business administration with a concentration in management. Upon graduation, Hall plans to obtain a master's and With a touch of jazz, the Ronald doctorate degree in business administration.

Photo by Richard McIntire

Miss ECSU 1988-89, Angelia Nelson, takes her farewell walk during the Coronation. Ms. Nelson now attends graduate school at Florida A&M University.



ECSU graduate Vince Preister and the Ronald Smith Quartet received a standing ovation Coronation night when they performed Kenny G's "Songbird" for the new queen. Photo by Richard McIntire



Anxiously awaiting their turn Coronation night were Little Miss Ashley Bryant (flower bearer), Little Miss Dawn Newsome (scepter bearer), and Master Antoine Moore (crown bearer). Photo by Richard McIntire