

Coronation Night 1989

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

By Nicholas Allen

"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 gymnasium.

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 she looked out at the crowd and focused on her parents.

After Angelia Nelson's heart-warming farewell speech, to Miss Gail Hall and others who inspired her as a student and former queen of ECSU, Nelson presented Hall with the cloak. Master Antoine Moore, Little Miss Dawn Newsome and Little Miss Ashley Bryant presented her with the crown, scepter and flowers.

At 7:30 p.m., the campus witnessed the beginning of the coronation night of 1989-90. Decorated in blue, white

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and gold with stars, swans, and trimmings with piers situated throughout the entire gymnasium, the setting was fitting for an elaborate occasion. The stage was transformed into an outdoors scene with beautiful green shrubbery and decorative palm trees.

To launch the 1989-90 coronation, the campus representatives gracefully presented themselves to the audience. After the last representative delighted the crowd, a respectful silence came over the gymnasium and everyone rose in honor of the former Miss Angelia Denise Nelson.

Miss Shawn L. Everett, the first runner-up of the queen's court mesmerized the audience with her grace and beauty as she took her seat beside the former Miss ECSU.

Everyone awaited in suspense as the Army ROTC Saber team rolled out the red carpet and took their position near the archway entwined with white lights.

Next Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins, Chancellor of ECSU, rendered an official recognition 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.

With a touch of jazz, the Ronald Smith Quartet received a well de-

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, which symbolized the theme of the evening "Dreams are made of this," the Student Government Association sponsored a reception in honor of Miss ECSU in the Williams Hall Choral room. There was a dance following the reception in the Williams Hall Gymnasium.

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 Garlen 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 doctorate degree in business administration.



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 October sixth. 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. Photo by Richard McIntire

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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