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sion of dancing people onto the stage. Swaying and weaving to the music, the dancers placed money against the queen's forehead. This "spreading of the money dance" allows family and friends to show their appreciation for the new queen, according to the program. The bills fell to the floor and were scooped up by the queen's attendants and placed in baskets.

Master and mistress of ceremonies were seniors Eric Skinner and Evelyn Wiggins.

The queen's attendants were Tonya Cherry, Tyra Jones, Audrea Smith and Aquita Robinson. McGrue Booker was the crown bearer; Felix Deloatch, the royal beads bearer; William Warren, the banner bearer; Thomas Chatman, the cloak bearer; Edward Rivers, the flower bearer; and Kelby Moore, the fan bearer.

First attendant (first runner-up) to the queen was Miss Leslie Moore and second attendant was Miss Terri James. Special guests included the visiting queens, Miss Virginia State University and Miss N.C. Central University, and Dr. Ohene Darko, President of the World African Chamber in Washington, D.C. representing 54 African nations.

Joynita Robinson is a native of Elizabeth City, N.C. Her sister, Alisa, served as Miss ECSU for the 1990-91 term, and Robinson's mother, Joycelyn Berry Robinson, has also served as Miss ECSU.

In the Miss ECSU Showcase, Robinson chose Queen Inzinga, a renowned warrior queen, as her own patron African Queen.

"Queen Inzinha led her army against the Portuguese and won battle after battle," Robinson told *The Compass*, last semester. "She's the epitome of resistance against domination within the African interior. She is a major person in Angolan history."

Robinson said it is time for African-American women to "recognize our uniqueness and royalty. We are all queens."

Robinson said she planned to start an outreach program to encourage high school students to stay in school. "I hope that will bring ECSU and the community closer together," she said.

Robinson also said she hoped to improve campus morale by "being an example myself," and to work to improve student involvement in the campus.

Robinson, a senior biology major who plans to become a doctor, has already received early acceptance to the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens, Ohio.

She has been involved with SGA for three years, serving as freshman class president and SGA vice-president. Robinson is also a member of the ECSU Varsity Cheerleading Squad, the Gospel Choir, Honors Program, Eta Chi Chapter of Tri-Beta Biology Honor Society, and Students of Science Club, Kappa Delta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society and Delta Theta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

She is the first black and first ECSU representative to serve as vice president of the N. C. Academy of Science.



(Left to right): Chenita Pittman, Josephine Artis, Nikita Sutton, Keisha Hoggard, Shonda McNair and Meescha Atkinson performed "The Negro National Anthem" on Coronation Night.

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ECSU Chancellor Dr. Jimmy Jenkins and Ebere Oriaku, a professor in the Department of Sociology, joined Miss ECSU on stage during the libation ceremony. Oriaku, originally from Nigeria, performed the libation ceremony in honor of the new queen.