



Lynetta Jordan, ECSU's new queen, looks regal and radiant on Coronation Night, '94. Jordan epitomizes "woman, life and spirit," according to Chancellor Dr. Jimmy Jenkins. "We should be proud to send her across the state and across the nation representing ECSU," he said.

## Coronation Night '94

# Lynetta Jordan is crowned Queen amid 'a shimmering gold kingdom'

By Heather Draughn

"If you look to the northeast, you will see a rising star. When you look within that star, you will see a risen queen, and that queen is Lynetta Jordan—Miss ECSU!"

With these words ECSU junior Trenace Fayton introduced ECSU's new queen on Coronation night, held Oct. 7, 1994 in the R.L. Vaughan Center.

Looking resplendent in her gold and white gown, Lynette Jordan walked around the runway, waving to spectators.

Later, after being crowned as ECSU's new queen by outgoing queen, Rocquina "Tudi" Vaughan, Jordan thanked "everyone for the great and the small things." She singled her parents out for special thanks "because they gave me room to grow."

Jordan spoke on the role of Miss Elizabeth City State University, adding that a

queen's job is "to help, serve, and lead.

"A queen is like a construction worker because she paves the road for others to walk upon," she added.

The queen is a bricklayer because she lays the foundation from the ground up."

At Coronation 94, the Vaughan Center was transformed into a shimmering gold and white kingdom accented with palm trees. Yellow and white carnations circled the water fountain in the middle of the runway. A towering castle of gold and white with a pale blue background was home to the queen and her court.

Donald and Eric McClain, both dressed in white tails, escorted the queen to her throne.

From the ROTC Saber Team, Jordan received the "Queen Anne Salute." The queen also graciously accepted roses, a Bible, a banner, a cloak, a scepter, and a crown from bearers dressed in white tuxedo tails.

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dan epitomizes "woman, life and spirit." Added Jenkins, "We would be proud to send her across the state and across the nation representing ECSU. We should recognize her for her abilities and the examples she has set."

Outgoing queen "Tudi" Vaughan, urged the audience "to never take life for granted." Mentioning the sudden death of her father last year, Vaughan added, "I have learned not to dwell on death, and to live each day as though it were the last day."

Following Jordan's acceptance speech, Bruce Copeland and Kimberly Jones, Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, introduced the royal subjects. Mr. and Miss Freshman Class were the first in a string of campus representatives dressed in floor length gowns and tuxedo tails. Representatives included Miss Psi Chi; Mr. and Miss Library Club; Miss Mitchell-Lewis; Miss Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Mr. and Miss Geosciences Club; Miss

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Mr. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

After the procession of the royal subjects students, faculty, and staff offered tributes to the queen. Synetheia Newby, Stacia McFadden, and Camille Haith presented their sophisticated interpretation of Maya Angelou's "Phenomenal Woman" as a tribute from the Honors Program. Miss Elizabeth City State University's attendants, Miss Arletha Gail Clark of Newport News, Virginia, and Miss Dorothy Ruth Hager of Henderson, N.C., dazzled the audience with their blue floor-length gowns and bright smiles.

Jordan, an Edenton N.C. native, is a senior majoring in English with a concentration in News Media. At ECSU she has been active in numerous organizations, including the campus chapter of the NAACP, The Gospel Choir, University Players, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and The Compass.