



UNCC STUDENT RICK SAMPSON

...With superstar "Bootsy"

Sampson Says

"Bootsy" Is Super Character

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Speaking in Bootsy's own language, Rick Sampson, an associate of Jim Black Photographers and a student at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, said "Ahh, the name is Rick, Baby," when he had his first encounter with the superstar William Earl Collins, alias, "Bootsy."

Fascinated, Rick Sampson said the character didn't act like other super stars. "Usually when you interview back-up or up-coming groups, they are not used to the publicity and the interview is usually slow to say the least," Sampson said, "but Bootsy was a character." He said that Bootsy had just finished a concert in Columbia, South Carolina the night before his Charlotte engagement (April 23 at the Park Center) and had another concert to schedule for Atlanta the next day, but he still had time for local interviews the day of his Charlotte appearance with two radio stations, and had loaned himself out to local record promotions to sign autographs at two locations.

Sampson said he met Bootsy

at the Ramada Inn in the lobby. "He came in wearing a black jean outfit with glittering stars, white fringe hanging from his sleeves, a large star studied belt, a madalant made of two maybe three stars, and those "now" familiar star shape glasses, and a big, big, smile," Sampson said.

The interview got underway with an identification of Bootsy's real name, who confessed that his mom "laid it on him" when he was real young, because "she thought it was something magic about the name."

Bootsy spoke of his home life, saying that his mother lived in Cincinnati with his sister, and said his brother traveled on the road with him playing guitar.

Bootsy said he started playing guitar when he was about nine years old, and learned bass at the age of 13.

Bootsy who had never had an idol, said he dug James Brown, Sly and the Family Stone and Jimmy Hendricks. He said he started playing with James Brown when he was 17, and stayed with him for two years.

Bootsy said it is a new

experience for him being a single star, and that he is just beginning to get broken into it. However, he added, "I feel like I always feel," and added, "I feel nice so whatever that is, it's cool."

Fred Wesley of the Horney Horns, who accompanied Bootsy in his Charlotte engagement, joined in the interview, and said, "For right now we are going to be in conjunction with Bootsy's Rubber Band, which will be home for us because that's where we started from." In describing Bootsy, Wesley said, "he's happy, energetic, hard working, and an honest fellow." Wesley said it's just a family affair working with Bootsy, Funkadelic and the Horny Horns.

"I found him to be very down to earth," Sampson said, "...and if you need an example of how a star should be, the name is 'Bootsy Baby'."

19 Charlotteans Graduate

From Winston-Salem

Nineteen Charlotteans were among the 321 graduates at Winston-Salem State University's 85th Annual Commencement Exercises which were held on Sunday, May 8 at the Winston-Salem Memorial Coliseum.

The Charlotte graduates were: Elizabeth A. Adamson, with a degree in Business Administration; Samuel D. Davis, with a degree in Intermediate Education; Elise A. Donald, with a degree in Music Education; Safronia A. Dunlap, with a degree in Early Childhood Education; Joanne Glenn, with a degree in History; George E. Herron, with a degree in Art; Sandy Hoagland, Jr., with a degree in Intermediate Education; Brenda G. Jackson, with a degree in Business Education; Cathey M. Mason, with a degree in Health and Physical Education; Gail Y. McGill,

with a degree in Early Childhood Education; Donna C. McMoore, with a degree in Sociology; Cecilia A. Meeks, with a degree in Early Childhood Education; Katrena V. Mills, with a degree in Business Education; Yvette Murray, with a degree in Business Education; Joli D. Robinson, with a degree in Health and Physical Education; Frances A. Simmons, with a degree in English; Patsy O. Sowell, with a degree in Early Childhood Education; Martha G. Stitt, with a degree in Early Childhood Education, and Michael B. Thomas, with a degree in Political Science.

The commencement address was delivered by Howard N. Lee, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

N.C. A&T State Honors Greenfield

Dr. Wilbert Greenfield, president of Johnson C. Smith University, was the honored recipient of the A&T State University Alumni Excellence Award during A&T's commencement Sunday, May 8.

Dr. Greenfield, who became JCSU's 10th president in 1972, was presented with the alumni achievement award by Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, Chancellor of A&T.

An outstanding young educator, Dr. Greenfield came to Smith from Jackson State College in Mississippi where he began his career as head of the biology department, advanced to associate dean, School of Liberal Studies, and went on to become dean of academic affairs.

A native of Seven Springs, N.C., JCSU's young president earned his B.S. degree in biology and chemistry from A&T in 1956. He earned both his master's degree in 1958 and Ph.D. degree in 1960, from the University of Iowa College of Medicine.

Dr. Greenfield is listed in Outstanding Educators in A-

merica, Leaders in Education, Who's Who in America, and American Men in Science. He is also an active officer with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, and the North Carolina Center for Independent High Education.

G.S. Rents Join

Danfort Program

Dr. and Mrs. George S. Rent have been appointed to the Danforth Associate Program.

Under the program they will work directly with students on a personal basis in an effort to improve student-faculty relations and to strengthen the teaching-learning process.

Dr. George Rent is associate professor of sociology at UNCC.

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