

BC REPORT

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BC Graduates 117 in Coliseum

More than 117 degrees and certificates were awarded during the Bainbridge College commencement exercises in the Decatur County Coliseum.

Rev. Jacqueline D. Smith delivered the invocation and the benediction at the 2001 commencement. Student body president Krista Thompson of Bainbridge presented the students' welcome.

Smith is the pastor of Nelson Chapel A.M.E. Church in Bainbridge.

The processional was led by Tallahassee bagpiper John Love. Love, a retired educator most recently with the Florida Department of Education, has been a member of the Tallahassee Pipe Band since its inception in 1983 and has performed for over twenty years.

Local bagpiper Tom Brown of Bainbridge led the recessional. Brown, who earned a bachelor's in history at Georgia Southwestern College and a master's in social science education from the Peabody College of Education at Vanderbilt University, is employed with the Georgia Factory for the Blind.

Retiring Professors of Biology Dr. Nancy Goodyear and Physical Education Dr. Millie Usher served as graduation co-marshals, a first in BC history. Goodyear has been with BC since 1976 and Usher since 1977.

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MEMORIES



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BC STUDENT ON NATIONAL TEAM



WALB-TV Channel 10 producer Carol Claibourne (right) interviews Justin Spooner (left, aboard his horse, Copper). Justin has received local and national media attention for his rodeo achievements.

When people think of cowboys, images of the Wild West and bucking broncos come to mind. But for Justin Spooner, a member of the United States Team Roping Association, the cowboy way of life has a different meaning.

"My brother, John, and I represent Georgia and Florida on the Wrangler All Star Team Pro Circuit," the Bainbridge College freshman drafting major commented. "We travel throughout the United States competing at national rodeo competitions and support the team at trade shows."

Justin, who has been riding all his life, learned to team and calf rope at the age of ten with his roping instructor Jay Holmes of Triple J Ranch in Sarasota, Florida. He soon accelerated through American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) contests including halter and Western pleasure categories, attending his first national championship in 1997. Since then, he has traveled to several states including Texas and Mississippi, earning prizes and money for his talent.

While in high school, Justin served on the FFA, 4-H, Florida High School Rodeo Association,

and the Bainbridge High School Christian Athletic Association. He qualified four times for the American Quarter Horse Youth Association (AQHYA) World Show, served twice on the FQHYA horse judging team, as a youth director, and as a delegate, and was featured in The Quarter Horse Journal as an American Quarter Horse Foundation scholarship recipient and on ESPN's "GMC

America's Horse" as a participant in the AQHYA World Championships.

Balancing a full-time class load at BC, a full-time office assistant job at Griffin Brothers Well Drilling, and a roping travel and practice schedule doesn't leave much free time for the Bainbridge High School graduate. When he does find time in his busy schedule, he usually spends it planning his future.

"When I finish at BC, I'd like to major in architectural engineering at Florida State University and pursue a career involving the design, construction, and development of agricultural buildings in the Ocala, Florida area," he stated. "My uncle, a building inspector in Palm Beach County, has mentioned how much growth has occurred in that area of Central Florida, especially related to the horse industry."

A member of First Baptist Church, Justin is the son of Ginger and Hank Spooner of Bainbridge.

UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

6/4	First Day of Summer Term
6/11	Deadline for students attending Fall 2001 to submit FAFSA or HOPE applications to Financial Aid Office
6/18	Midterm: A Term
7/2	Midterm: Regular Term
7/3	First Day of Summer B Term
7/4	College Closed: Independence Day
7/17	Midterm: B Term
7/30	Last Day of Classes
7/31-8/2	Final Exams for Regular and B Terms
8/1	Fall Fee Payment Deadline
8/15	Orientation/Registration for New Students
8/16	Late Registration
8/17	First Day of Classes

BC Graduates cont.

The Honorable Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of Mississippi, delivered the commencement address. A graduate of Northwest Community College, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Mississippi Law School, he serves on the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Education Board, the Chairman-elect of the Southern States Energy Board, the Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee on Trade, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, the National Assessment Governing Board and the Executive Committee of the Democratic Governor's Association.

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