Rose Garden Dedicated To
Mrs. “Rosebud” Roberson

The Rosa “Rosebud” Watson Roberson Rose Garden was dedicated August 17 at Beaufort County Community College. The garden is located in front of the Graham Elliott Building and contains 200 rose plants, including about 100 varieties, such as hybrid teas, floribundas, and climbing roses. The garden was made possible by a donation from Mrs. Roberson’s children, W.R. Roberson, Jr., Hannah Bagwell, and the late Phil Roberson.

The garden was designed by BCCC horticulture students and instructor Harry Hodges. The students, who provided labor for laying walks and planting, are responsible for the care of the garden. Hodges feels that the rose garden has added much excitement to the horticulture program.

During the ceremony President James P. Blanton gave thanks on behalf of BCCC for the gift which made the garden possible. He unveiled a plaque bearing the family name and presented Mrs. “Rosebud” Roberson with a bouquet taken from the garden. Blanton said, “Other additions are planned which include a fan-shaped trellis in each corner of the garden and an arched trellis with climbing roses over the wooden bench seats. When completed, the garden should be one of the largest in the state.”

Dr. Charles Boyette, president of the Foundation, praised the role the college played and thanked donors for their generosity in making the rose garden a reality. “This donation helped us reach our goal of $40,000 last year, and with this kind of support we will reach the $45,000 goal set for 1988,” he said. This year’s fund drive is scheduled for late October.

The public is welcome to visit the garden.