



(Sentinel photo by Bill Lovejoy)

Oklahoma-born Robin Jelene Brooks, Miss Fullerton, was crowned Miss California Saturday night.

Miss Fullerton Wins Miss California Title

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Beauty Pageants

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Robin Jelene Brooks, Miss Fullerton, is the new Miss California.

The 5-8 graduate of Cal Poly at Pomona was crowned Saturday night by the 1979 winner, Deanna Rae Fogarty, before a live television audience and a capacity crowd in the Civic Auditorium.

Brooks, 22 and born in Pryor, Oklahoma, will represent California in the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City come September.

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For her talent, the winner performed a patriotic U.S. medley, the same number that captured Thursday evening's talent scholarship.

Miss Santa Cruz County, 19-year-old Carrie Ann Kelsey, is the third runnerup. She sang "Way Down Yonder In New Orleans" for her talent.

First runnerup, and the choice to replace Brooks in Atlantic City should she be unable to perform, was Miss San Bernardino, Peggy Elaine Skomal, who played a harp solo, "Malaguena."

Second runnerup was Miss Los Angeles, Deborah Lanora Wagnon, Thursday's swimsuit winner and Friday's talent winner. Her talent was

a vocal, "I Write The Songs." Fourth runnerup was Miss San Joaquin County, Marleta Louise Warneke, who sang a classical opera number from "Romeo and Juliet."

Saturday night's television show went almost without hitch.

But while things were going well for Miss Brooks, things were not going well for the pageant. During the swimsuit competition, feminists tossed meat onto the stage. The protesters were quickly ushered out of the auditorium, however, without further incident.

Rounding out the ten finalists were Miss San Francisco, Julia Marie Reinertsen who did a mime number to "Nothing;" Miss Ventura, Barbara Lynn Bayer, who did a piano solo to "Breaking Up Is Hard To Do;" Miss City of Orange, Laura Jean Oberjuege, who sang a medley of songs from "Kismet;" and Miss Sonoma, Dana Lee Adkins, who sang "Rockabye Your Baby."

Pageant officials also saw fit to award four scholarships to non-finalists. Receiving special honors were Miss Garden Grove, Patricia Anne Rodolf; Miss South San Francisco, Christine Pistoia; Miss Placentia, Catherine McAuley; and Miss Sacramento County, Andrea Lee McElwain.

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The new Miss California, who has sung in church and school all her life, is a graduate of Cal Poly Pomona. Brooks has soloed for three years with the "Doodle Town Pipers" and currently sings and dances at Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park.

She hopes to attain her teaching credentials in June and work on a master's degree in early childhood development. But pageant duties will keep her busy now.

Today, Miss Brooks will answer questions for the news media at the Holiday Inn at 9:30 a.m. This will be followed by an awards brunch that lasts until 2 p.m. And that is only the beginning of a busy year that followed a busy week in Santa Cruz.