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## BSM: Bright was not pressured to withdraw

BY JOHN SWEENEY  
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Leaders of the Black Student Movement spoke out Thursday against an article in The Daily Tar Heel reporting that members of the organization had pressed former Homecoming king candidate Jerry Bright to withdraw from the race.

"It is the sentiment of the Black Student Movement that the article printed on October 10, 1996 entitled, 'BSM member drops Homecoming king bid,' has attempted to reduce the credibility of not only Jerry Bright and Eugene Purvis, but

that of the Black Student Movement," a press release from the group stated.

On Thursday, the DTH quoted an anonymous source within the BSM as saying Bright, also a BSM member, had been pressured by members of the organization to drop out of the race.

The source said those members were concerned that Bright's candidacy, sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc., would conflict with that of Purvis, the candidate endorsed by the BSM.

"It would better secure a victory for a BSM member," the source said.

The source also said Bright's with-

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**JERRY BRIGHT**

Former Homecoming king candidate

drawal would solidify opposition against the other king candidate, Sean Behr, who does not belong to the BSM.

But Bright said Thursday that he had not been pressured by anyone in the BSM.

"I will come out publicly and say no one in the BSM ever even spoke to me about (withdrawing from the competition)," he said.

The BSM's press release also stated that the group was not opposed to Bright running, even against a fellow BSM member.

"With regard to the 'source' BSM member, he or she was misinformed about the circumstances surrounding the situation," the press release stated. "Jerry Bright's candidacy for Homecoming king

was never an issue within the (BSM). In fact, we openly encouraged both candidates in their efforts."

The BSM press release also questioned the DTH's decision to publish the article on the day voting for Homecoming king and queen would take place and bringing racial issues into the article, because it mentioned Behr was white.

"The Daily Tar Heel policy of 'stating the obvious' in reference to the ethnicity of the candidates has shifted the focus of the Homecoming contest from the qualifications of the candidates to an issue of race."

## Forum offers ways to end sexual crimes

■ The Orange County Rape Crisis Center hosted the forum in the Friday Center.

BY KATE HARRISON  
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Attendees of last night's Community Forum on Sexual Violence were not interested in another philosophical discussion on rape and child molestation. Instead, they focused on direct plans of action to improve victims' rights and prevent future acts of sexual violence.

"It is possible for us to do something about sexual violence," said Martha Prior Cook, director of the Orange County Department of Social Services, in an opening speech. "I don't believe we have a choice. We must act if we want to keep our community strong and vibrant and produce citizens who do not live in fear."

The forum, sponsored by the Orange County Rape Crisis Center, broke into small groups to discuss concerns and solutions for the different aspects of sexual violence, such as acquaintance rape, children's issues, clergy response, judicial response, minority issues and treatment for victims and offenders. The entire group then reconvened to present the solutions they had discussed.

The group discussing acquaintance rape saw establishing a Men Against Rape association at UNC, organizing a mandatory session on sexual violence for all students and getting the community outside the University involved in the issue as a few key solutions.

"I think we need to sit incoming students down and tell them the facts, like they do with the honor code assembly," UNC sophomore Miriam Burkett said. "I didn't know the facts until something happened to a friend of mine — then I had to learn them fast."

Several adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse spoke to the group about the importance of recognizing signs of abuse in children and giving victims a voice.

Elizabeth Oldham, program director of the North Carolina Chapter of the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, said she was abused from age six to age 24 and stressed the importance of outside intervention.

"You hold the power, and whether you know it or not, you're very powerful people," Oldham said in her address. "I hope you exercise that power."

Lisa Tobe, representative of the Children's Issues group, said victims needed more access to treatment and suggested increased funding for student psychiatric services and pro bono work from the hospitals.

"We need to work with adult survivors so that they can gain a voice," she said. "They need to be the ones who talk about their experiences, what they mean and how things can change for the better in their communities."

Chuck Anderson, representative of the judicial system group and a candidate for District Court Judge, said many in his group expressed their frustrations with the judicial system.

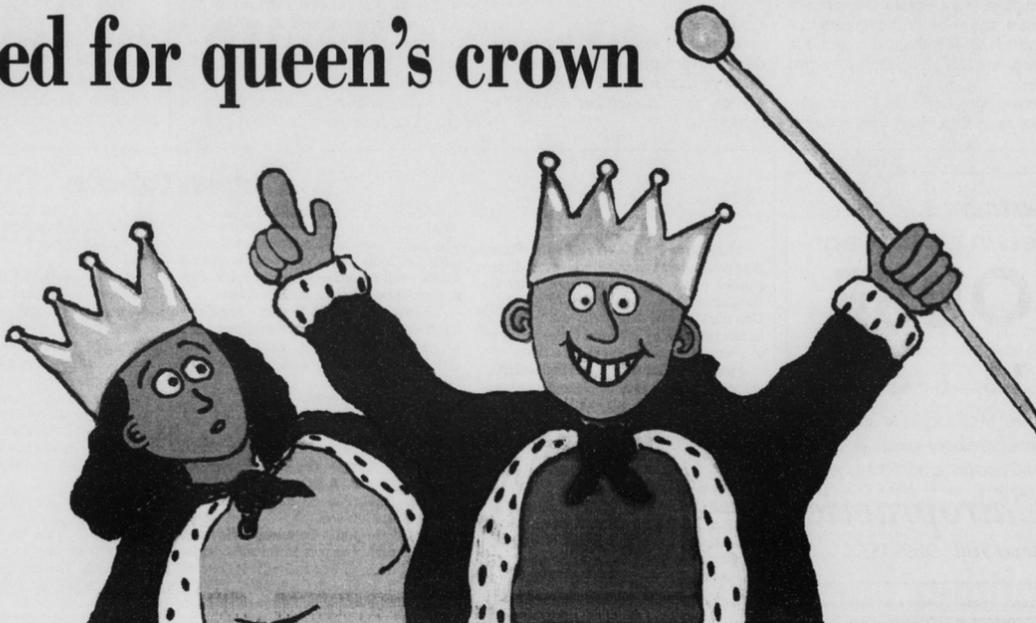
"The court system is sometimes intimidating and host to the victim," he said.

Ned Brooks, chairman of the Rape Crisis Center's board of directors, said the quality of what he heard from the small groups was extraordinary.

"The important thing is being able to look back on tonight years from now and say, 'Oh my goodness, look what we've done — we're so much better off than when we started on that October night in 1996.'"

## First king vied for queen's crown

*Although many people have heralded the Homecoming king contest this year as the first, another UNC man has filled the royal position. The 1975 queen race took a strange twist when senior Delmar Williams won the contest and the athletic department forced him to serve as king instead.*



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BY HILARY FRANKLIN  
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No matter who is crowned 1996 Homecoming king at tomorrow's halftime ceremony, UNC alumnus Delmar Williams will always lay claim to the honor of being the first Homecoming king in UNC history.

In the fall of 1975, Williams was dared by several friends to do something wild and crazy for his senior year. One friend suggested he run for Homecoming queen.

"No one had ever done anything like that before, and I decided that I would do it," said Williams, who currently lives in Huntersville.

Williams' decision to run for Homecoming queen sparked controversy on campus, especially in the Department of Athletics and the General Alumni Association, both of which claimed Williams had no legal right to do so, as well as among the other members of the Homecoming Court.

"I was a little bit surprised by the amount of controversy my candidacy caused, but you have

to remember this was 1975 and a lot of people did not like people who wanted to do something different back then," Williams said.

Williams brought up the issue of Title IX, a federal statute that says that sex-based discrimination is unlawful at federally funded educational institutions.

Title IX allowed Williams to run; however, he was told by the athletic department that if he did not agree to be crowned Homecoming king if he won, the ceremony would be called off.

In an article printed in The Daily Tar Heel on Oct. 31, 1975, former Sports Information Director Rick Brewer said the athletic department was considering cancelling the ceremony.

"There is a feeling among athletic department officials that Delmar Williams has made a mockery of the Homecoming ceremony," Brewer said in the article. "These officials are not going to let Mr. Williams make a mockery of the athletic department."

Williams said he felt the officials at the athletic department were doing everything they could

to prevent him from running for queen.

"They wanted to cancel the ceremony altogether, so I agreed to the compromise," Williams said. "I'm kind of unhappy I did that, but it's history, and I felt that if I had not made the compromise, there would not have been a ceremony, period."

As a result of the compromise and threats of a potential lawsuit from the Student Supreme Court, Rob Friedman, the Carolina Athletic Association chairman, allowed all 12 sponsored candidates for queen to be placed on the ballot regardless of the Homecoming Court screening committee's decision to narrow the race down to six candidates.

"I definitely think my candidacy influenced his decision to allow all the candidates to be on the Court," Williams said in an Oct. 27, 1975, DTH article. "Rob (Friedman) wanted to avoid a legal confrontation, and, in many respects, so did I."

The athletic department and GAA officials  
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Delmar Williams' crowning attracted controversy and national attention.

## University Day: a time to celebrate tradition

BY DAVE SNELL  
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Planning on sleeping in Saturday? Think again.

The 203rd anniversary of the founding of the nation's first public university promises to make Saturday a day for North Carolinians to remember.

"University Day is a time to celebrate and remember the founding of the University," Provost and University Day Committee Chairman Dick Richardson said. "Every institution needs a moment to reflect upon its past and use its past to guide its future."

Students should take pride in being part of a state university that has excelled for over two centuries, Student Body President Aaron Nelson said.

"Students take for granted that we are the oldest public state-funded institution in the nation," Nelson said. "This should be a day when we thank the people of this state for supporting us."

Renowned southern author and Alumni Distinguished English Professor Doris Betts will be the featured speaker at Saturday's University Day convocation, Richardson said.

"This day will also give special recognition to women's studies ... and Betts will refer to the role of women at the University in her speech," Richardson said. Betts' speech is expected to recognize the 20th year of the women's studies program and its achievements.

"(Betts) is one of our most distinguished and beloved faculty," he said.

Other program highlights include a traditional academic procession of faculty, music and the presentation of five Distinguished Alumni Awards. UNC-system President C.D. Spangler also is scheduled to speak during the convocation.

## Today marks registration deadline

BY EMILY HOWELL  
STAFF WRITER

Today is the national deadline to register to vote in the November elections, and voter registration groups are racing to beat the clock.

Registration efforts have gone well thus far, officials from voter registration groups said.

Todd Foreman, state director of Clean Up Congress, a nonpartisan organization whose goal is electing pro-environmental candidates to Congress, estimated Clean Up Congress and Musicians Organized for Voter Education have registered more than 2,000 students combined.

Almost 1,000 of these new voters were registered at last week's Pearl Jam concert in Charlotte, and 220 were registered at Wednesday's Rally for Change in the Pit, Foreman said.

Campus groups such as Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc., Campus Y, Young Democrats, Black Student Movement, Students for Choice and the Department of History are also registering voters. Groups registering voters on campus are organized by the Carolina Vote Project.

Carolina Vote Project Director Kirti Shastri stressed the nonpartisan nature of



the campaign. "The goal is to register as many students as possible," she said.

"It was critical that so many organizations on campus came together for voter registration because it allowed us to reach all areas of the campus."

"Students registered to vote are actually very likely to go out and vote," Shastri said. "The number of students registering to vote suggests that we'll have a high turnout."

The groups have ordered more than 100,000 voter registration forms from the Board of Elections since January, said Michelle Wyatt, director of voter registration for the state Board of Elections.

As of April, local officials reported 74,454 registered voters in Orange

County. Wyatt estimated the number of statewide voters at 4 million. She expected about 300,000 additional state voters after the deadline.

MOVE and Clean Up Congress will register voters today. Then their focus will switch to contacting the new voters.

"The least likely people to vote are those newly registered voters," Foreman said. "We're trying to focus on students and disaffected voters. People who are already voting are voting for those already in power."



## Check out SportSaturday

North Carolina cornerbacks Dre' Bly (left) and Robert Williams have wreaked havoc on opposing receivers this season. They and the rest of the Tar Heels will look to maul Maryland in a Homecoming matchup Saturday night. Pick up your copy of SportSaturday for the lowdown on the game.

*You must know your limitations. I drink a bottle of Jack Daniels a day, that's mine.*

Lemmy, of Motorhead