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## Elections Result of BSM Pressure

**BSM and CAA officials were involved in 'a screaming match' during the battle to hold Homecoming elections.**

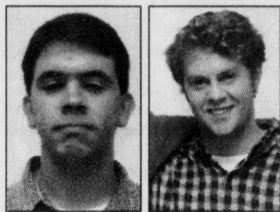
By JONATHAN COX  
Special Assignments Editor

Janora McDuffie and Ashley Cohen were crowned Homecoming Queen and King on Saturday, which has led to allegations that their sponsoring organization, the Black Student Movement, pressured Carolina Athletic Association officers into holding a re-election Friday.

After admitting that the original election process Thursday was marred by possible tampering and that all candi-

dates had violated publicity rules, CAA reported that neither a king nor queen would be chosen. Instead, there would be an all-inclusive four-person court.

However, at 2 a.m. Friday, Hunter McCrossin, CAA co-president, contacted the court candidates and informed them an election would take place 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Friday in the Pit. "About 1 a.m. it came to our attention that Lester Crafton had an e-mail sent out on his behalf," McCrossin said.



RHA President David Jernigan said the BSM had a right to be upset about the elections. CAA Co-President Hunter McCrossin supported a second vote.

"Up until that time (of finding out about the Crafton e-mail) we stood by our decision to have a four person court," McCrossin said. "For many people this was unacceptable. There was a

strong advocacy for another election."

The decision to hold another election ended a day-long controversy surrounding the Thursday's voting. The episode started when it came to the attention of CAA officers that balloting was conducted improperly. Under the established system, students could vote more than once so CAA officers nullified the results.

Then BSM members were caught handing out fliers that advocated their two candidates. The crowns were offered to Cori Ahrens and Crafton who declined to win by default. McCrossin said the decision to have a four-person court stood until the BSM began pressuring CAA officers after the discovery about Crafton.

David Jernigan, Residence Hall Association president, said BSM members were a driving force behind the call for a re-election. "I do think the BSM had every right to be upset with the way things were handled," he said.

But, Jernigan said efforts by the BSM to get the re-election reached heated levels in the CAA office. "There was a screaming match in Suite B (the CAA office) between BSM representatives and CAA representatives," he said.

McCrossin would not comment on actions by the BSM, but Homecoming co-director Jeff Stencel said the voices of some students were not contained behind CAA walls. "(CAA officers) were getting harassing phone calls until about three in the morning," he said. "We felt

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## Candidates Claim Vote 'Unfair'

**Candidates say they did not find out about the re-election until it was too late to mobilize voters.**

By JONATHAN COX  
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Cori Ahrens will not have the typically sweet memories of running for Homecoming Queen.

"I got shafted," she said. "I didn't break the policy."

Ahrens was referring to the publicity policy included in the Carolina Athletic Association rules for Homecoming that state only it, not candidates, could distribute publicity about candidates. Initial allegations that Ahrens had used a message board in the Residence Hall Association office to publicize her candidacy were later quelled by Hunter McCrossin, CAA co-president.

Based on the rules, Ahrens should have been crowned Homecoming Queen by default, but she agreed to the four-person court proposed by the CAA.

"Then I got a call there would be a re-election," she said. "I think the election was done unfairly, especially since it was decided at 2 a.m."

Ahrens said she was not able to mobilize people to get out and vote Friday because of the late hour.

"There was no publicity," she said. "I was standing out in the Pit and told people, and they didn't know."

Lester Crafton, the UNC Marketing Club's candidate for Homecoming King, experienced a similar situation.

He said he heard the news about a re-election at 2 a.m.

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Cori Ahrens



Lester Crafton

## Penalty Strokes Add Tension To Big Game

**North Carolina goalkeeper Nicole Frey faced a penalty stroke finish for the first time in her career Friday.**

By BRIAN MURPHY  
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CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. - Maryland's Jen Pratt is used to assisting on goals.

But with Friday's ACC Tournament field hockey game with North Carolina in the balance, Pratt, the ACC's all-time assist leader, had no choice but to shoot.

With the score tied at 1-1 through regulation, two overtimes and nine penalty strokes, it was Pratt who stepped up for the game's decisive stroke.

Despite the pressure, the senior coolly flipped the ball into the upper right corner of the net past Tar Heel goalie Nicole Frey.

"I didn't have any doubts that we would win it because we played so hard," Pratt said.

"It was a combination of everybody that got us that far. It wasn't just me, it was everybody."

Pratt's goal lifted No. 7 Maryland past the fourth-ranked Tar Heels 2-1 and into the tournament finals against Virginia. The Tar Heels went on to defeat Virginia 1-0 in overtime to claim the ACC Championship.

Despite Pratt's rhetoric, the penalty strokes set a shooter against the goalie in the ultimate one-on-one. With the game tied through two overtimes, each team selects five shooters for penalty strokes.

In alternating turns, each team's player takes a shot against the opposing goalkeeper. The set-up is not one for the faint of heart.

"It's hard," said Maryland goalie Angela Platt, who stopped two of the Tar Heels' five strokes. "It's nerve-racking. There's no way to describe that feeling."

North Carolina, which had won 14 of the past 15 conference tournaments, struck first in the strokes session. Senior Nancy Pelligreen knocked her shot into the lower right hand corner past Platt.

Frey, facing penalty strokes for the first time in her career, stopped the first shot she saw, denying 1997 ACC

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North Carolina back Jana Toepel battles for the ball with Maryland midfielder Keli Smith in Friday's ACC Tournament matchup. Both players scored on penalty strokes after the Tar Heels and Terrapins remained tied 1-1 through 100 minutes of play.

## Tar Heels Fall in ACC Tournament

By EVAN MARKFIELD  
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CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. - The North Carolina field hockey team wanted intensity going into its ACC Tournament matchup with Maryland.

But the fourth-ranked Tar Heels got more than they bargained for Friday in a 2-1 loss to the No. 7 Terrapins - UNC's first ACC-Tournament loss since they fell to Maryland in the 1992

field hockey

UNC	.....1
Maryland	.....2

After 100 minutes of hockey - more than 65 of those scoreless - and 10 penalty strokes to decide the contest, intense barely begins to describe the atmosphere at the University Hall Turf Field.

Both the Tar Heels (12-7, 5-3 in the ACC) and the Terrapins (15-5, 3-2), posted first-half goals, but then the game turned into a nail-biting defensive struggle through the second half and two 7-on-7 overtime periods.

What resulted was the ultimate climax for an already intense matchup - a

shootout on penalty strokes.

Things looked good for UNC at the outset of the penalty attempts as senior forward Nancy Pelligreen faked left and shot right to beat Maryland keeper Angela Platt.

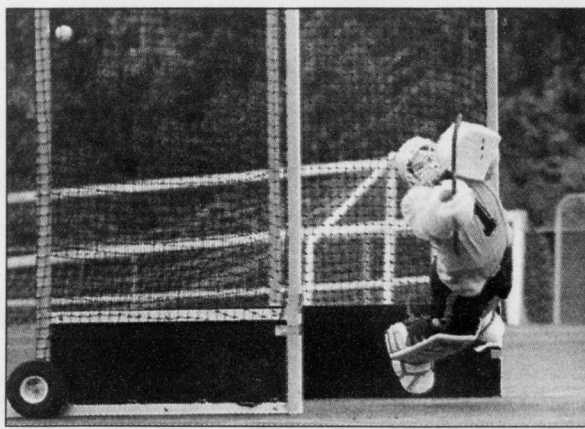
Then Tar Heel goalie Nicole Frey stopped a shot from Maryland's Carla Tagliente - last year's ACC Rookie of the Year - to give UNC an early advantage in the strokes.

But Maryland's shooters wouldn't be stopped again, while Tar Heels Moira McFadden and Holly Huff were.

Maryland senior midfielder Jen Pratt took the last shot and put it in the upper right corner of the net, giving the Terrapins a 4-3 difference in penalty strokes and a one-goal win.

"It's just unfortunate that it has to come down to penalty strokes," said UNC coach Karen Shelton, whose Tar Heels had won 14 of 15 ACC Tournaments. "I wish there was another way to break the tie."

But after neither team could tally a goal in the second half or in either of the 15-minute overtime periods, it appeared strokes were the only way the game would ever be settled.



DTH/JOHN IKEDA

Maryland goalkeeper Angela Platt dives as a penalty stroke hit by UNC's Abby Martin finds the back of the net near the end of Friday's game.

The Tar Heels opened the game's scoring early, a poor indicator of the defensive struggle that would ensue.

Less than five minutes into the game, Pratt blocked a shot from UNC's Katie

McDonald with the back of her stick, resulting in a penalty stroke for the Tar Heels.

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## DTH Nabs Top Honors at Journalism Conference

**The Daily Tar Heel was named one of the best five college daily newspapers in the country Saturday.**

Staff Report

Staff members from The Daily Tar Heel garnered national honors at the 74th National College Media

Convention in Kansas City, Mo., on Saturday, and the paper won top honors as one of the five best college dailies in the nation.

The DTH was awarded a national Pacemaker Award - college journalism's top prize - for the 1997-98 school year under Editor Erica Beshears, who graduated in May. The award is equivalent to the Pulitzer Prize on the college journalism level.

DTH Editor Sharif Durhams said he

was excited by the prize.

"I felt that all the hard work we have put in was finally recognized," Durhams said. "We are just doing our best for the community every day."

The paper also won a first place for best infographic in the Design of the Year contest for a full-page illustration of the human body.

The DTH Web site received third place awards for overall excellence, best site design and best editorial content

among college newspaper Web operations.

Former sports editor Alec Morrison, who graduated in May, won third place in the Story of the Year competition for his coverage of men's basketball coach Dean Smith's retirement. The staff was also awarded an honorable mention in the editorials division for an editorial about Mack Brown's decision to leave UNC.

Besides Durhams, seven other staff

members were on hand for the four-day convention, which drew a record 2,400 college journalists and advisers to Kansas City.

Those attending included Managing Editors Leslie Wilkinson and Rob Nelson, State & National Editor Courtney Weill, Assistant University Editor Laura Stoehr, Assistant City Editor Shelley Levine, Assistant Photo Editor Victoria Eckenrode and General Manager Kevin Schwartz.

## INSIDE Monday

### Turner Turns Heads



Gail Turner, principal of Glenwood Elementary School, was recently chosen by her colleagues to represent them as Principal of the Year for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools.

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### Victorious Decade

The North Carolina women's soccer team won the 1998 ACC Tournament on Sunday with a 4-0 defeat of Clemson in Orlando, Fla. The win marked the 10th-consecutive year and 11th time overall that the Tar Heels won the ACC Tournament.

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### Up for Grabs

The Republican party is divided over who should replace Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. Party leaders from across the country are now vying for the most powerful position in the U.S. Congress.

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### Today's Weather

Mostly cloudy;  
Low 60s.  
Tuesday: Thunderstorms;  
Low 70s.

A clever man commits no minor blunders.

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