

# King and Queen Candidates

## Cherry Addresses Healthy Relationships

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Thurston Cherry is a senior communications major with a concentration in performance studies from Cary.

As a freshman, Cherry became an active member of the Black Student Movement, which recently named him Mr. BSM.

He has participated in BSM organizations such as the Celebration of Black Womanhood, Ebony Readers/ONYX Theater and Project Uplift, where he served as a counselor.

As a sophomore, Cherry joined Student Television, where he has starred in "Suite Life" for the past three years. He also became a cast member of "General College" this year.

Cherry's acting experience also includes starring in the student film titled "Think About It" and in "Broadway Melody" during his sophomore year.

Cherry is an active member and the step master of the Mu Zeta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Inc.

He also served on the Human Relations Committee of student government in his sophomore year.

Cherry said participating in campus organizations has influenced his experience at UNC.

"I think being involved in campus activities has made my college experience so much better," he said.

"Get Right for Life," Cherry's service project, is an event dealing with how to maintain healthy lifestyles and dating relationships.

The event would include of four workshops dealing with stress relief, nutrition and exercise, dating relationships and sexually transmitted diseases.

Cherry said he hopes to have a dietician, a yoga instructor and other experts to speak and inform participants at the workshops.

He also plans on contacting high schools in the surrounding

counties so seniors who are considering UNC as their college choice could attend the workshops.

Cherry said he thinks his project would benefit the UNC community in many ways.

"I think bettering the mind and body is an important issue, especially for college students," he said. "Everyone needs to know how to relieve stress, especially around exam time."

Cherry said his project will also be useful because it will help students strengthen their relationships.

"I think once students hear about STD problems and statistics they will see that it's important to be more careful," he said.

After graduation, Cherry plans to pursue an acting career.

He said, "I want to work in the industry somewhere, maybe in some kind of production job."

Cherry said he already has an agent, and he plans to attend auditions.

Cherry said Homecoming king and queen are an important part of UNC because their service projects benefit the University.

He said Homecoming king should be an open-minded person who people can feel comfortable talking to. "They should be someone who can represent the University and bring people together," he said.

Cherry said because his participation in activities has enabled him to meet many different types of people, he feels he could well represent the University.

In addition, Cherry said his personality also makes him a good candidate for Homecoming king.

"I'm a positive person," he said. "I am very friendly, and I love talking to people."



## Harvey Centers on Domestic Abuse

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Marcus Harvey is a senior from Halifax with a drama and communications double major with a concentration in performing arts.

Harvey has been involved in numerous campus organizations and activities in his four years at UNC. He is an active member of the Black Student Movement, and he is the artistic director for Ebony Readers/Onyx Theater.

Harvey also joined the UNC Gospel Choir as a freshman, and he joined Opeyo! Dancers during his sophomore year. He is an ambassador for the Black Cultural Center, as well.

Harvey belongs to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Queer Network for Change. He is also a North Carolina Fellow.

In addition, Harvey is the president and founder of Diversions, a support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students of color. He works at Planned Parenthood of Orange and Durham Counties. Harvey said he has enjoyed being involved in campus life and has learned a great deal. "My experience has made me believe in the power of the voice and how important it is not to back down from something you believe in."

Harvey said Homecoming king shouldn't simply be a title, but someone active at UNC. "The king" should be supportive of student organizations and be visible throughout the school year, not just during elections," he said.

Harvey said he represents UNC well because he is involved in various activities and because he is aware of many issues that students feel are important.

As king, Harvey said, he would continue to talk to students and work with student organizations on campus. "I am willing to listen to organizations and to appreciate and share student concerns with community leaders," he said.

Harvey's proposed service pro-

ject is a conference on domestic violence awareness. Harvey said he will work with the ARISE domestic violence center in Durham, and the conference will be composed of three workshops, dinner with a keynote speaker and performances by various entertainment groups.

The three workshops would address issues such as emotional, verbal and physical abuse and steps toward healing. During the first two workshops abuse, men and women would attend separate lectures. But Harvey said both groups would come together in the final lecture about the healing process, where they would learn techniques about how to give support.

Harvey said domestic violence is an issue that is very important and personal to him. He said his mother lived through domestic violence, and one of his friends was recently in an abusive relationship, as well. "About a month ago, I watched someone on UNC's campus being abused by her boyfriend," he said. "She thought she was all alone."

Harvey said awareness is crucial. He said many times people look at others in abusive situations and wonder why they do not leave.

"It's not that easy," he said. "You feel like you're all by yourself, but people need to know that there are others who are concerned about them and want to help."

After graduation, Harvey plans to attend graduate school. His goal is to obtain a master's degree in fine arts and a doctorate in education.

If he becomes Homecoming king, Harvey said, there are several pressing issues at UNC, such as sexism, racism and homophobia, that he will work to address. Harvey said, "If elected, I plan to work with any organization that asks for my support so we can pull this campus together intellectually and socially."



## Ibrahim to Focus on Feeding Homeless

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Being governor of Olde Campus Upper Quad gave Victor Ibrahim insight into the work required behind the scenes of a project, a challenge he is willing to encounter again if elected Homecoming king.

Ibrahim, a senior computer science major from Fayetteville, said he is interested in doing a service project to help the homeless in this community, specifically those on Franklin Street.

He said being Homecoming king would help him accomplish this project. "I'm interested in doing a service project, and I'd need the support," Ibrahim said. He said he would use the position of Homecoming king to get people to help him help the homeless.

"I believe the extra support for Homecoming king would help with my project," he said.

To help the homeless on Franklin Street, Ibrahim said he wants to institute a weekly food donation, if at all possible, although he said he realizes a weekly event sounds difficult to pull together.

Ibrahim said he wants local business to help donate food. "I think (restaurant owners) would be interested in giving back to the community," he said.

He also said he wants the Residence Hall Association to be involved in the project. Ibrahim has spoken to David Cooper, president of RHA, to see if the organization could help set up food drives within each residence hall, to obtain food items to be given out weekly to the homeless on Franklin Street.

Ibrahim said involving RHA should involve the whole student body by collecting canned goods from each residence hall. He said he hopes RHA and other campus organizations will help support this cause.

Being Homecoming king would allow him to implement this project throughout the year, Ibrahim said.

Governor of OCUQ helped him better understand what needs to go into a project like this. He said he learned the steps involved in planning a huge project including making a schedule, being responsible and organizing a committee, something he would do with this service project.

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Ibrahim said he is excited to have this possible community service opportunity if he is elected Homecoming king. He said he is running because he is interested in carrying out this specific service project.

"If (students) want to see a service project to help out the community, that's my goal right there," he said. "People always say they wish they could do something (for the homeless on Franklin Street)."

Ibrahim said he is excited to have this possible community service opportunity if he is elected Homecoming king. He said he is running because he is interested in carrying out this specific service project.

"I didn't realize the whole idea of this thing," Ibrahim said. "It's something I never really thought I'd do."

"Using (Homecoming king) to develop a service project is a great challenge that I'd love to do."

In addition to being governor of OCUQ and working with RHA on numerous programs, Ibrahim has also been captain on several intramural sports team.

He said all of his activities have made him more responsible and have taught him time management, including managing academics, a social life and his RHA responsibilities.

Ibrahim's computer science major helped him get offered a job working in computer programming for the CIA.

He is filling out the application for that job and said he might do that after graduation.



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