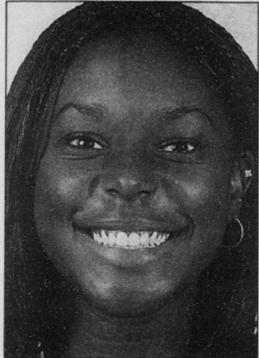


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Miller promises
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Taylor to educate
campus about rape



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Tracy Miller, a senior from Greensboro running for Homecoming queen, said she is counting on word of mouth during her campaign.

Miller is sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Throughout Miller's time at UNC, she has been a tour guide, a moraler for UNC Dance Marathon, a member of Campus Crusade for Christ and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

But it is her involvement with Young Life at Chapel Hill High School that gave her the idea for her service project. Through the program, Miller said, she spends about 20 hours a week with about 20 senior girls and has been a part of their lives since freshman year as a mentor and friend.

"I just spend so much time with these girls — I've just been trying to be their biggest fan, through the good times and the bad," she said.

The service project Miller designed would encompass three parts: a small tutoring program, beautification day and something called, "Tar Heels Talk to Tigers".

The small tutoring program would involve helping all students, but place an emphasis on Hispanic students who feel overwhelmed.



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Ronda Taylor, an English and African-American studies double major from Goldston, is running for Homecoming queen with sponsorship from the Black Student Movement.

Voted the 2003-04 Ms. BSM, Taylor is the co-chairwoman for the BSM's Education Committee, a member of the Minority Student Recruitment Committee and a writer for Black Ink. Her interests include club basketball. She wants to be a teacher eventually.

Her service platform is an outreach program spinoff of her Ms. BSM project, "Know Means No: There's More Than One Way to Say No." For the BSM, Taylor intends to raise awareness of sexual violence against women.

With the co-sponsorship of the Orange County Rape Crisis Center and the White Ribbon Campaign, Taylor will organize a week of events in the spring. Self-defense courses and forums with rape survivors will be focal points, and a volunteer drive in the Pit will benefit the rape crisis center.

If Taylor wins, she intends to take the major elements of this plan and extend them to other area campuses, including N.C. Central University and Duke University.



Taylor's project originated when a close friend was kidnapped, raped and released this summer. After realizing that it could have been her or anyone she knows in the situation, Taylor decided to work to educate males, in particular, about rape on and around campuses.

Taylor said she intends to work as a role model if chosen. "(Ms. UNC) should be competent and intelligent. She should exemplify leadership qualities and have a positive character ... She should exemplify a woman of standards."

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