

# Abrams, Foxx snag crowns

King, queen to begin service projects

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Newly crowned Homecoming King and Queen T.J. Abrams and Rhonda Foxx swayed arm in arm to the University's alma mater Saturday before stepping off the football field to hugs and high-fives from friends and supporters.

Before the opening kickoff of UNC's Homecoming contest against Miami, an announcer named the winners of this year's race.

"It's an amazing feeling to be here after four years at Carolina," said Abrams, a senior journalism major. "I'm so excited to be in a position to do something with my service project next semester."

Foxx, a senior psychology and Afro-American studies double major, echoed the sentiment.

"It feels fantastic," she said. "I have to represent my student body to the best of my abilities."

Students elected Abrams and Foxx from a group of seven candidates when they voted on Student Central on Tuesday.

Abrams, who was sponsored by the Black Student Movement, received 1,715 of the 3,482 votes for Homecoming King, while

Fernando Soto received 971, and Rick Seibold totaled 678.

Foxx, sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., won 1,447 votes — 454 more than any of her competitors for Homecoming Queen.

Of the total 3,465 votes cast for Homecoming queen, Conitras Houston garnered 993, Yesenia Polanco amassed 563 and Gahmya Drummond-Bey received 329, said Walker Rutherford, chairman of the Board of Elections.

Each candidate designed a service project to be completed upon election, and the newly elected king and queen both are eager to begin theirs.

Abrams' proposal, "Speak Up, Speak Out," is a community-based service project aimed at raising awareness of relationship violence. His plans include a mural, workshops for students and visits to local high schools.

He said he thinks it's an important subject to broach on campus.

"It's something that's not being addressed here," Abrams said. "Next semester, we're going to change some statistics."

Abrams also said being crowned Homecoming King comes with a



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Newly crowned Homecoming King and Queen T.J. Abrams and Rhonda Foxx celebrate before the football game against Miami on Saturday night.

responsibility to fulfill the potential of his service project.

"My role as Homecoming King is not just something I do for a week," he said. "I need to ... be an advocate for change."

Foxx said her project, "Spring Fling: A Semester of Service," will address four pertinent issues — mentoring, racial issues, health and community service — within the campus and local community.

"It's 28 service projects com-

prised into one big one," Foxx said.

To achieve the goals of the projects, students will volunteer at local schools, participate in activities designed to encourage interracial interaction and engage in discussions about serious health issues.

Both candidates were thrilled about winning.

"The main thing is to thank everybody," Foxx said. "Really, I just want to be there for my student body because they made my dream come true."

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## Operations center breaks new ground

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Twelve silver, green-handled shovels stood at attention amid a virgin pile of dirt Friday afternoon, awaiting the start of a groundbreaking ceremony for Chapel Hill's new Town Operations Center.

During the next few years, contractors will construct a four-building complex for the town's Public Housing, Public Works and Transportation departments as part of the largest capital project in the town's history.

The departments' new location is situated on Millhouse Road, north of Eubanks Road near Interstate 40.

"It will be an improvement to the facility they have now. No question about that," said Mike Hammersley, a project engineer with the design firm Corley Redfoot Zach Architects.

The public works area of the complex will house facilities for field operations, administration and maintenance of the town's vehicle fleet, as well as a large transportation center.

Mayor Kevin Foy said the groundbreaking marked an exciting day for Chapel Hill.

"This has been a project that has been expertly designed by the staff," he said. "It tries to envision how the facility will play out long into the future."

At a cost of \$42.9 million, \$7 million of which will be donated by the N.C. Department of Transportation, the project is one of the largest undertakings in Chapel Hill history.

Bruce Heflin, assistant town manager, said he was eager to involve local residents in the project.

"We want to show the community ways to build buildings that are sympathetic to the community," he said.

Mary Lou Kuschatka, the town's director of transportation, said the groundbreaking marked the project's halfway point. Two years of research and analysis led to Friday's events, and two years of construction will lead to the complex's completion.

The buildings will occupy 54 acres on the 89-acre plot of land.

Kuschatka, who along with other officials demonstrated a commitment to the project by leaving the groundbreaking by bus, said the plans allow for expansion and future growth.

"The folks in Chapel Hill love transit, so I know we will grow," she said. "It's necessary to keep up with the growth of Chapel Hill Transit."

The current town operations center is located on the Horace Williams tract along Airport Road.

But because of planning on Carolina North, the University's proposed satellite campus, the Public Works and Transportation departments' contract with the University will expire at the end of 2006 and will not be renewed.

Town Council member Ed Harrison said he is pleased that the groundbreaking took place when it did.

"It's really good to get going this soon because we are getting kicked out of our other location."

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## Cops arrest suspect in murder of ASU senior

Durham man to be in court Nov. 2

BY KEVIN CHANDLER  
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Late on Oct. 21, on the side of a gravel road, the body of an Appalachian State senior was found.

Joseph McClure, 22, was shot in the head in a murder that shocked the ASU community and his hometown of Pfafftown.

McClure, known to friends as "Uncle Joey," was a recreation management major at Appalachian State University.

"He was just a real clean-cut kid," said Watauga County Sheriff Mark Shook. Shook's office made the arrest of the suspected killer, Marty Lee Thompson Jr., on Oct. 27.

Thompson, 21, is a Durham resident with a string of misdemeanor and felony convictions.

The Watauga Democrat reported that Thompson told investigators he went to McClure's apartment. He told investigators that the two used cocaine there and then drove off in Thompson's wife's 1991 Geo Prizm to buy "a substantial amount" of marijuana, the Democrat reported.

They drove to an unspecified location in Boone where Thompson let McClure out of the car and drove back to McClure's apartment to wait for the marijuana to be delivered, Shook said.

When McClure didn't show, Thompson drove back to Durham, where he slept in a parking lot, Shook said. McClure's body was later found dumped beside a gravel road with one gun shot wound to the head.

Shook said Friday that there was no reason to suspect the involvement of drugs in the murder. Thompson, whom the police contacted through his cell phone, eventually went of his own accord to the Durham Police Department, the Democrat reported.

There, Shook said, Thompson was interviewed by Watauga County Sheriff's Office investigators and the State Bureau of Investigation. Later, a warrant was issued for Thompson, citing probable cause, Shook said.

Thompson was denied bail for the time being and requested a court-appointed attorney.

He is next scheduled in court Nov. 2.

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