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## Election runoff scheduled

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Ten candidates vied for three vacant freshman senator seats in student government elections earlier this week.

Although there were more candidates than in previous years, voter turnout was about average, according to Geoff Cabe, Student Government Association elections commissioner.

The election did not give any of the candidates the votes necessary to win a seat.

This year's candidates included: Andrew Pooser, Rick Beinke, Cassie Burrell, Corrine Valentine, Rob Young, Rich Wessling, Valeria Sinclair, Wendi McDevitt, James Miller and Patrick Gorman.

The votes were split five ways with Pooser receiving 68, Sinclair 63, Burrell 62, Young 58 and Beinke 58 votes.

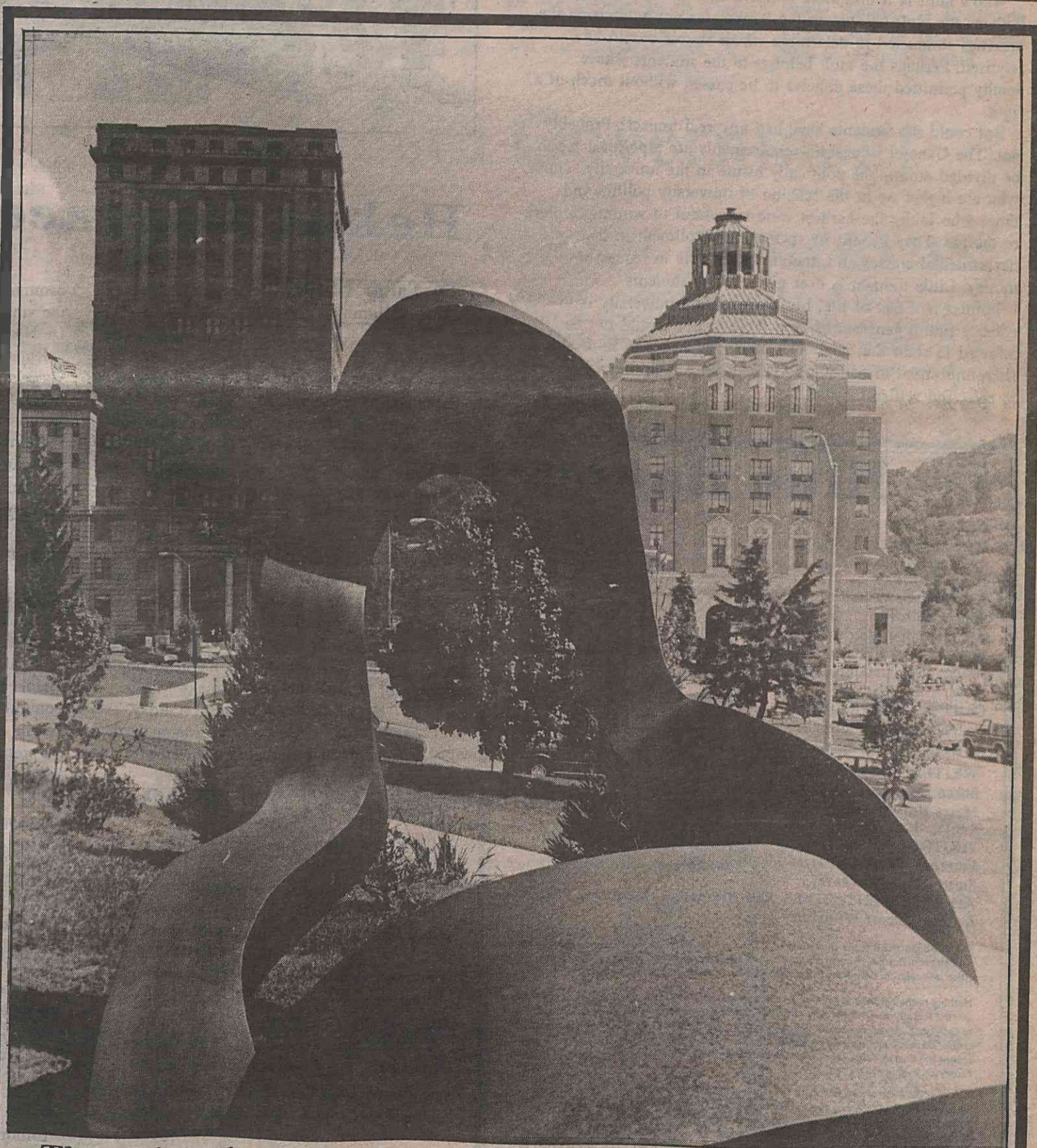
A runoff is scheduled for next Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Highsmith Center.

Student Government by-laws require a student to receive a majority of the votes to be declared a winner, according to Cabe. A majority of the votes in this election would have been 72.

"Voting is usually poor in this type of election because of student apathy and lack of communication on campus," he said.

The increase in students willing to campaign for student senate could be an indication that more students are beginning to get involved, Cabe said.

"We've had runoffs before, and this one was to be expected because we had so many candidates, and they all campaigned effectively," Cabe said.



### *The old and the new*

This modern sculpture at City/County Plaza shows off Asheville's cultural diversity and interest in the arts.

Staff Photo--Rudi Schwab

It provides an interesting contrast with the background architecture, a reminder of Asheville's past.