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Run-offs dominate freshmen elections

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News Briefs

- Emmet J. Roe, owner of the Hamlet chicken-processing plant where 25 people died in a fire last year, pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter Monday. Roe was sentenced 19 years in prison.

- Chapel Hill town Council Member Roosevelt Wilkerson resigned Monday night after he admitted to forging the mayor's signature on a letter concerning federal funding for low income housing development for the elderly.

- President Bush offered Monday to debate Bill Clinton if the Democrats accept the same terms as 1988: two debates with three panelists asking questions. Clinton has not agreed, but is considering a proposal for debate by the bipartisan Commission of Presidential Debates.

- An auto safety group said Monday that fuel tanks in some General Motors trucks are vulnerable to fires or explosions in side-impact crashes. The Center for Auto Safety estimated that more than 300 people have died in side-crash fires in GM trucks since 1973. There are about 5 million of these trucks on the road.

- *USA Today* celebrates its 10th birthday this week.

- In the American League West, the Oakland A's beat the Minnesota Twins. The A's extended their winning streak to six. In the AL East, Toronto leads Baltimore by four.

- Beating Houston Sunday, the Atlanta Braves stretched their win streak to nine to lead the National League West by 10 1/2 games. In the East, Pittsburgh leads.

Freshman class elections were held Monday, Sept. 14. About 45 people ran for positions that were available in 11 offices.

As of Monday night, most of the electoral races were not final as run-offs had to be arranged in seven races, including Class President, Vice President, Treasurer, Senate, Cornhukin' Co-Chairs, Honor Council, and Class Marshalls.

The run-offs are as follows: president: Allison Carroll and Hope Murdock; vice president: Amber Routten and Shani Seidel; treasurer: Shannon Brittain and Inga Lanier; Senate: Morgan Dalrymple, Julie Honeycutt, Christian Hunt, Melanie Keel, and Carmen Prevette; Cornhuskin' Co-Chairs: Shelly Barwick and Erin May; Georgette McGill and Starlotte Smith; Honor Council: Leah Bumgarner, Marcie Davis, Shauna March, Tonya McGee, and Mindi Outlaw; and Class Marshalls: Scottie Eustis, Sara Maultsby, and Jennifer Robeson.

In the Senate, Honor Council, and Class Marshall races there was only one position (instead of two) left as of run-off time. Nikki Palmer won one of the positions in the Honor Council, and Amy Johnson won a position in the Senate. Emily Brown received enough support to gain a position as a Class Marshall.

As for the races that were decided on Monday, Mary Pulley won Class Secretary, and Amy Dunn won Class Historian. Dana Stephenson ran unopposed in her bid for Stunt Co-Chair as did both Diep Tran and Jan Yow in their bids for the Elections Board.

Election speeches were given on Monday morning during Insight 101. Due to the amount of people who were running, speeches were



photo by Tracey Rawls
Hope Murdock delivers her campaign speech to classmates.

only given by those vying for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian.

The four candidates for class president were Allison Carroll, June Holland, Hope Murdock, Laurie Pelletier, and Perri Sutton.

Allison Carroll had the audience yell a few times while she emphasized "We, Awesome, Friendship, Allison" throughout her whole speech. June Holland had balloons floating around in the crowd while she stressed that "A good leader not only gets the job done but works well with others." Hope Murdock appealed to the audience by stating "I'm no different than you." Lori Pelletier stressed commitment and doing things for the right reasons while also saying "We are the class of 1996 and it's time to show what we can do here at Meredith." Perri Sutton wrapped up the speeches for Class President by saying "I can be all of the president that you want me to be."

The five candidates for vice president were Elizabeth Beale, Veronica Ingram, Amber Routten,

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photo by Tracey Rawls
Allison Carroll speaks to the Class of '96.

Shani Seidel, and Heather Shook. Elizabeth Beale performed a dance to open her speech and then proceeded to stress that "Being vice president of this class would be a great challenge for me and I would like to meet that challenge." Veronica Ingram stated that she believed in class input, and she also said that "I believe that I can get the job done." Amber Routten spoke about her leadership roles in the past, and she also said that "I've learned the value of time as well as patience. As your vice president, I would like to make this experience a memory." Shani Seidel spoke about dealing with people and having fun as a class. "I think that we can really grow as a class," Seidel

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