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Photo By Debbie Miller

Presidential Candidate Polly Purgason (right) relaxes with top student court vote getter Karen Mahoney. Purgason will face Henry Gatling Wednesday and Thursday in a run-off election to determine next year's Student Body President.

## Russell Unseated From Nursing Spot

By Chip Wilson  
Carolina Journal Staff Writer

In what may have been the hottest contest, Beth Marlin defeated incumbent Linda Russell for the Student Legislature Nursing Representative by a 51-35 margin.

Both Russell and Marlin campaigned extensively and spoke to nursing classes concerning how they would represent the College of Nursing.

The turning point may have come in the Student Nursing Association's endorsement of Marlin over Russell.

A spokesman for the SNA said Russell did not appear at many of the groups meetings, and this was a secondary factor in the endorsement.

"Linda never would take the time to come to our meetings," said one SNA member. "Betty came to our meeting and explained what she would do for us on the legislature."

This was important to us because SNA is a political organization."

When interviewed by telephone, Russell would not comment on the outcome or the SNA endorsement.

"I faced this thing two days ago, so I've got this out of my system," Russell said from her hotel room in Raleigh where she was attending a meeting of the North Carolina Student Legislature. "I'm feeling pretty good about the other candidates who won."

Marlin said she felt she could address certain issues in the legislature that previously have not been discussed.

"A lot of things need to be done for the handicapped. They really need a spokesman on legislature," Marlin said. "I've been to two or three of their meetings and I have never heard them mention anything about the problems of the handicapped."

Marlin, a registered nurse, is a mother of two who entered the College of Nursing to complete the requirements for her baccalaureate degree. She feels she has much to offer the student government as a re-entering student.

"I've met a lot of re-entering students and I really think many of them have a lot of talent. They say 'It's too much hassle' of they just won't do it. I feel that working for the members of the nursing college is worth the sacrifice."

Before her election to the student legislature, Marlin had been active in other campus activities as a writer for *The Carolina Journal* and staff member of WFAE public radio. She also asked student legislature to support the implementation of designated smoking areas on campus.

"I did a lot of research on the smok-

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## Purgason, Gatling To Meet In Run-off

By David Griffith and Teresa Skipper  
From Carolina Journal Staff Reports

An election official called out to the anxious crowd gathered in the UNCC Student Government office Wednesday night, "This is it. This is the last card. We'll be running it in a minute."

And, as the card rolled through a vote tabulating machine, it became apparent that this year's Student Body President race was not yet over.

Candidates Polly Purgason and Henry Gatling will face each other in a run-off election, to be held next Wednesday and Thursday.

Purgason was the top vote-getter, receiving 487 votes (34.3 percent), her opponent, Henry Gatling, received 361 votes (25.5 percent). Former UPB at-large member Gary Knox received 359 (25.3 percent). Commuter

representative Mike Derby gleaned 101 votes (7.1 percent), Sigma Phi Epsilon president John Ellison got 78 votes (5.5 percent) and Chris Papagni earned 31 (2.2 percent).

Both remaining candidates seemed shocked by the results. "I don't feel like talking," Purgason said. "Personally I was hoping it wouldn't come to a run-off."

But both were glad to remain as participants in the election. "I'm twice as motivated now," Purgason said. She expected the election to be close because of the intense campaign waged by herself and Gatling.

"I am thankful to be one of the remaining candidates," Gatling said noting voter turnout would be a problem in the run-off, "It's hard enough

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## Election Results At A Glance

\* Denotes Winner

<b>President</b>		<b>Soph. Class Pres.</b>	
* Polly Purgason 487		Ellen Epps	
* Henry Gatling 361 (Run-off)		* For 198	
Gary Knox 359		Against 80	
Mike Derby 101			
John Ellison 78		<b>Nursing Rep.</b>	
Chris Papagni 31		* Betty Marlin 51	
		Linda Russell 35	
<b>Business Rep.</b>			
* Debra Thompson 174		<b>Commuter Rep.</b>	
* Ricky Barger 166		* Dorothy Smalls 221	
* Benita Smith 164		* Leah Williams 211	
John Chumley 162		* Darryl Mansel 206	
Herbert Murphy 110		* Eric Moore 171	
Tim Ingersoll 108		* B. Wallace 168	
Anthony Cozart 98		* Vincent Blanks 165	
		* Lee Williams 154	
<b>Engineering Rep.</b>		Melody Myers 144	
* Hervin Young 89		V. Winborne 141	
* Jaqueline Ariza 85		Tom Chumley 139	
Iris Alston 72		Ed Hausle 134	
		Douglas Roaten 129	
<b>Arts &amp; Science</b>		Michael Briney 114	
* Brenda Peoples 393			
* Valerie Grays 324		<b>Architecture Rep.</b>	
* Teresa Hughes 313		William Van Sickle	
* John Johnson 284		* For 37	
* Brad Barton 276		Against 6	
* Tammy Guin 263			
Carolina Hey 261		<b>Court</b>	
Randall Cauble 252		* Karen Mahoney 892	
William Faquin 220		* Alex Mills 764	
		* Sharon Chisholm 764	
<b>Sr. Class Pres.</b>		* John Shook 642	
* Ginny Newton 298		* Jamie Parham 609	
Rodney Hinson 138		* Eric Rose 606	
Steve Klocke 120		* Cathye Winborne 602	
		Marcia Cafferty 538	
<b>Jr. Class Pres.</b>		Bruce James 511	
* Karen Petty 190		William Boone 463	
Steve Sherman 155		Ross Gellen 392	
		<b>UPB Chair</b>	
		* Robbie O'Neal 475	
		* Charles Simms 398	
		(Run-off)	
		Maria Howe 264	
		<b>UPB Vice Chair</b>	
		* Mike Harris 650	
		Mary Sue Macke 521	
		<b>UPB At-Large</b>	
		* Mark Young 641	
		* Boo Roberts 533	
		Shenita Gilmore 520	
		William Brassil 404	
		<b>WFAE Chair</b>	
		Barry Gordemer	
		* For 838	
		Against 300	
		<b>Carolina Journal Editor</b>	
		Teresa Skipper	
		Chip Wilson	
		(Co-editors)	
		* For 874	
		Against 333	
		<b>Sanskrit Editor</b>	
		Sandi Constantino	
		* For 888	
		Against 267	
		<b>Media Board At-Large</b>	
		Tommy Warlick	
		* For 724	
		Against 241	
		Michael Roseman	
		* For 710	
		Against 200	
		Utannah Chick	
		* For 634	