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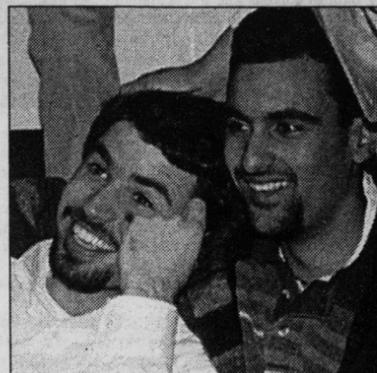
**Today's Weather**  
Breezy, rainy; high 50s.  
Thursday: Rainy, cooler; high mid-30s.

**"The fact that there is no run-off this year gives us a mandate to put students first. It feels unbelievable."**

Aaron Nelson, after winning the student body president election without a run-off for the first time in 14 years.



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## NELSON ELECTED IN LANDSLIDE

BY SHARIF DURHAMS  
STAFF WRITER

Campaign workers jumped all over Aaron Nelson celebrating his landmark win in the student body president election. "Oh my God," Nelson exclaimed as the elections board announced he had won by more than 54 percent of the vote. Because Nelson received more than 50 percent of the vote, there will be no runoff. This victory was the first without a run-off election since Mike Vandenberg won in 1982 by a slim majority. "It was unbelievable," Nelson told his mother on a cellular phone as campaign workers ran down the street celebrating. Nelson, a student congress representative from Dist. 13, won with 1898 votes. His closest opponent, Lee Conner, garnered 696 votes. The victory was a mandate for advocating the student voice, Nelson said. "We ran on a campaign that had to do with going

to the students," he said. "We will be working hard to make concerns of students a priority of the University. They are a priority of our administration." As the former president of UNC Young Democrats, Nelson has been active in many political issues on campus. He wrote and proposed in student congress a bill opposing federal financial aid cuts and presented the bill to Rep. Fred Heinaman, R-N.C. Endorsed by the NAACP, the Black Student Movement and The Daily Tar Heel, Nelson said his victory would not have happened without his hard-working staff. "We had a huge campaign staff," he said. "I have never worked with more qualified and energetic people." Nelson said he had always felt student government could make positive changes in the University. "I came in initially frustrated as a freshman," he said. "There were easy things the University could do to make our lives better and they just weren't doing it."

During the campaign, Nelson criticized opponents for using issues in their platforms that were already being handled by University administrators. However, Nelson said he felt the other candidates had ideas he would like to see student government pursue. "We're going to need a lot of people to get things done," he said. "I'll look forward to working with all of them." Conner described the election as a "hard-fought race with four quality candidates." He said he wanted to work with Nelson and continue to serve student interests. "I've spent three years at this University trying to do good things for students," Conner said. "I'm not going to stop now." On Tuesday, Elections Board Chairwoman Annie Stuart warned Conner for improperly distributing campaign materials. Campaign workers slid cards containing highlights of Conner's platform under

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### ELECTION RESULTS

| Student Body President        | Senior Class Officers | GPSF President              |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| ✓ Aaron Nelson 1,898          | ✓ Katie McNeerney 327 | ✓ Katherine Kraft 155       |
| Lee Conner 696                | Minesh Mistry         |                             |
| Michael Farmer 539            | ✓ Ladell Robbins, 266 | <b>Referenda</b>            |
| Sean Behr 356                 | Amelia Bruce          | Food Service Changes        |
|                               | Charlie McNairy, 220  | ✓ Favor: 2,015              |
| <b>CAA President</b>          | Justin Hart           | Oppose: 1,151               |
| ✓ Ian Walsh 1,562             | Alex Thrasher, 145    | Student Fee Audit Committee |
| ✓ Seth Nore 1,561             | Jenn Marcum           | ✓ Favor: 2,684              |
|                               | Bryan Pruitt, 33      | Oppose: 316                 |
| <b>RHA President</b>          | Joshua Eaton          |                             |
| Latoya Porterfield results    |                       |                             |
| Matthew Leggett not available |                       |                             |

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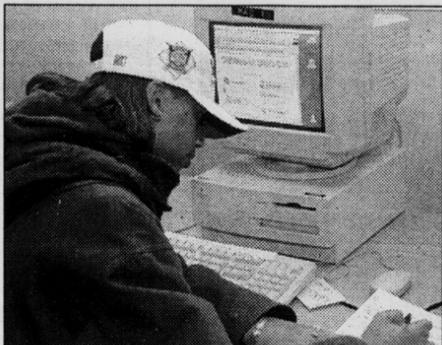
Candidates and supporters anxiously await the results of Tuesday's campus elections in the Union Film Auditorium.

### Voting Changes Muddle Results

BY MARC MCCOLLUM  
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Although 11 World Wide Web votes were not tallied Tuesday night, Elections Board Chairwoman Annie Stuart said the election results would probably still be official. "Web voting didn't work out to the best of its ability," she said. Stuart was unable to obtain the results because she could not get in touch with Jason Purdy on Tuesday, who was coordinating the Web voting. Students could vote on the Web at three pollsites: the Undergraduate Library, Spencer Residence Hall

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Sophomore Joi Corrothers prepares to cast her electronic ballot in the first year of World Wide Web voting.

### Food Changes, Audit Board Referenda Pass

Students approved a fee that will fund sweeping changes to dining services.

BY JOHN SWEENEY  
STAFF WRITER

Maybe it was the white hardhats worn by executive branch members as they handed out flyers; maybe it was the yellow "caution" tape hanging from Lenoir Dining Hall; maybe students just decided it was time for something new. Whatever the reason, students voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to approve an estimated 31-cent fee increase that would fund radical alterations to UNC food services. Voters also approved a second referendum to create a new, constitutionally-mandated Student Fee Audit Committee in the student body election. "I think it sends a message that students want a change in campus food services," said Student Body President Calvin Cunningham, who sponsored the Student Congress bill to place the food services referendum on the ballot. The plan would most likely increase student fees by 31 cents to fund renovations to Lenoir, Chase Hall and the Student Union. The referendum does allow a fee ranging from nothing to more than \$18 a semester dollars over the next 20 years, depending on food services revenue. However, the increase cannot be implemented until the Board of Trustees and the Board of Governors vote on it. Cunningham said on Monday he expected the plan to be passed at the BOT's March 22 meeting.



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The Food Services Task Force wrapped Lenoir Dining Hall in caution tape to encourage students to vote for a \$12.5 million dining services renovation. The final vote for the plan was 2015-1151. The proposed changes include rebuilding the inside of Lenoir to house two above-ground dining floors, knocking out one wall to expand Chase and increasing the availability of food services in the Student Union. The changes would increase seating in all three facilities by a combined 30 percent. Cunningham said the changes would also make Lenoir more environmentally sound by expanding the dishwashing system to decrease solid waste. Cunningham said he also had a commitment from the UNC Office of Business and Finance to hire an environmental consultant in the redesign of the building. The plans for the renovations were developed by the Food Services Advisory Task Force in conjunction with Thomas Ricca Associates, a consulting firm from Englewood, Colorado. The task force has spent the past year visiting other large campuses in North Carolina, looking at alternatives to UNC's current food services system. The task force also visited several schools in the Boston

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### Carolina Review Coverage of Nelson Called Anti-Semitic

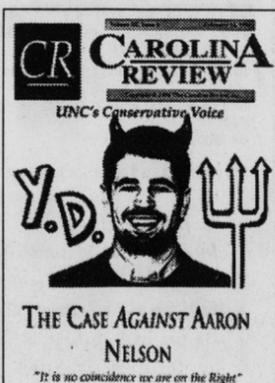
STAFF REPORT

The Carolina Review's latest issue, released Tuesday, has been called anti-semitic by student leaders, the campus Jewish community and the former review adviser, who announced his resignation from that post Monday. The cover of the Feb. 14 edition portrays Student Body President-Elect Aaron Nelson with devil's horns and a pitchfork. The Review also claims that Nelson's religion motivated many of his votes in Student Congress on funding issues. Darin Diner, director of Hillel, said he thought that, although the publication raised valid concerns about student government, the attack on Nelson and his religious beliefs was unfounded. "They have valid frustrations and concerns with student government," Diner

said. "But what do his religious beliefs have anything to do with his Congress record?" "If the writers of this article have a valid bone to pick with student government let them pick it with valid arguments." Student leaders are still considering possible courses of action, including possibly freezing funding for the publication. Student Body Treasurer Nathan Darling said Tuesday night that he could not freeze the Review's account without knowledge of a treasury law violation. "We are reviewing our options as to what to do exactly," Darling said. "Tomorrow I'm going into SAFO (the Student Activities Fund Office) to check on some recent expenditures." The Review staff responded to criticism of the issue with a press release. Publisher

Charlton Allen and editor Ashley Garner signed the release. "Our staff condemns anti-semitism," the release states. "It is sickening to compare the genocide of over 6 million Jews to the examination of a public figure's political record." The Review's press release also accused Nelson of destroying issues of the publication and "challenges Nelson and his staff to repay the publication for the destruction of issues." "We saw Aaron Nelson's campaign staff throwing them away," Allen said Tuesday night. Garner defended the Review and said Tuesday night 1,000 of the Reviews were taken from classrooms Monday night. She

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### Chapel Hill Activist Lightning Brown Dies After Long Battle With AIDS

BY TODD DARLING  
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Lightning Brown, the first openly gay man to run for office in North Carolina, died Monday at age 48 of complications from AIDS. He had been living in the Carboro AIDS Home for several weeks prior to his death. Brown left behind a legacy of activism not only for the gay and lesbian community, but for the town of Chapel Hill as well, said Doug Ferguson, founding member of the Orange Lesbian and Gay Association. Michael Nelson, Carboro's first openly gay mayor, said he thought Brown was

instrumental in his work with the gay and lesbian community. Brown worked closely with the town in getting the non-discrimination policy and the domestic partnership act passed. Those acts opened the way for partners of town employees to receive health benefits and for gay partners to register with the town. "He had a great deal of creative opinions," Nelson said. "It's the energy we will all miss. In a general sense he set the stage for people like me." Ferguson said he thought Brown was an inspiration to people living with AIDS and was a model for people struggling with

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*In the race for love, I was scratched.*

Joan Davis