

# Runoff likely to come for CAA, candidates in dead heat Tuesday

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David Cohn and Hunter McCrossin

## CAA results\*



David Cohn and Hunter McCrossin

1,816 votes



Jeff Pierce and Jeff Stencel

1,619 votes

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emerged the victors in the close race for Carolina Athletic Association co-presidency, but a runoff election could occur next week depending on the number of write-in votes.

Unofficial results showed Cohn and McCrossin with 1,816 votes while the team of Jeff Stencel and Jeff Pierce totalled 1,619 votes.

A number of write-in candidates could force a runoff election between the candidate pairs next Tuesday.

"This has been a life experience," said McCrossin, a junior political science and history major from Rumson, N.J. "I'm proud of the job that David and I have done."

Cohn and McCrossin said they would work on Homecoming and ticket distribution plans on their first days in office.

"We're getting on the phone tomorrow to call Charlie Roederer and the (Black Student Movement) president to talk about plans for the future," McCrossin said.

Their plans might need to be delayed until after the runoff election.

Jeff Stencel and Jeff Pierce expressed their confidence in their opponents and

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JEFF STENCEL  
CAA co-presidential candidate

said they hoped to be involved in the new administration.

"We both put in a hard campaign, and we definitely need to commend them," said Stencel, a junior political science major from Cary.

"I hope we get the chance to give some input and share our ideas."

Pierce said he was glad he had run despite the outcome.

"Either way, this has been an exciting experience. It's been a long night, but it's all been worth it," he said.

"Both us and our opponents are in this to better Carolina athletics. We're working for the same thing."

Before the final results were tallied, both candidate pairs said they hoped a



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CAA Co-president hopefuls Jeff Pierce and Jeff Stencel will face a runoff election due to a number of write-in candidates. They will be running against David Cohn and Hunter McCrossin.

runoff election would not be necessary. "We'd just like to see (the race) finished now," Stencel said.

"I'm kind of scared about the amount of voter turnout in a possible runoff."

McCrossin said he thought the write-ins should be disregarded.

"I think a lot of write-ins are jokes

and should be ignored," he said.

"Whoever has the highest percentage when all the votes are in tonight should win."

Both candidate pairs have advocated more support of Olympic sports, a better ticket distribution policy and increased awareness of the CAA and its

role. McCrossin and Cohn favor CAA representatives at student organization meetings to increase communication between student groups.

Stencel and Pierce plan to create a student advisory board allowing student voices to be heard.

# Senior class race to continue to runoff

BY MARISSA DOWNS  
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The race for senior class president and vice president will continue when running mates Carrie Heise and Bill Warren face Jeremy Cohen and Janora McDuffie in a runoff election Feb. 17.

Warren, Cohen and their opponents Adam Aberra and Neil Bagchi expected a runoff election well before all the poll results were announced.

Once the results were in, Heise and Warren received 376 votes followed by Cohen and McDuffie's 534 and Aberra and Bagchi's 233.

Heise and Warren said they were optimistic about their chances before the elections results were even collected.

The strength of their campaign lay in the effective organization of their platform, Heise said.

"We believe our platform focuses on the entire senior class," she said.

However, Warren expressed the need for more forums in the future as a means of reaching student voters.

"The contact was available — people

just didn't take advantage of it," he said. Cohen plans to continue campaigning at the same rate, he said.

"We plan to keep on working ahead and getting the word out there," he said.

"I'm afraid that not too many people will turn out for a second time to vote."

Aberra, faced with votes that lagged behind those of the other candidates throughout the night, remained optimistic till the end.

But when all was said and done, Aberra said he was surprised by the vote distribution and attributed the defeat to a lack of connections.

"I know way too many sophomores and seniors and not enough juniors," he said.

Bagchi said the fact that the two running mates were both minorities presented a big obstacle in their campaign.

"There's a lot of misconceptions by a lot of people about the diversity represented by two minorities," Bagchi said.

Although he plans to apply for senior marshal regardless of who wins the runoff election, Aberra said he supported Heise and Warren.

## Senior Class results\*



Jeremy Cohen and Janora McDuffie

534 votes



Carrie Heise and Bill Warren

376 votes



Neil Bagchi and Adam Aberra

233 votes

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# Kennedy to follow Kraft as GPSF head

■ Bryan Kennedy ran unopposed to lead UNC's graduate students.

BY ANGELA MERS  
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The new Graduate and Professional Student Federation president has big shoes to fill as his popular predecessor leaves office.

Bryan Kennedy will be the GPSF president next year, after running unopposed and receiving votes. As of press time, Kennedy had 196 votes to two write-in votes. Kennedy will replace the GPSF President Katherine Kraft.

Kraft graduates in August, leaving the position open after a two-year reign. Some of her accomplishments include winning insurance coverage for students, increasing tuition remissions and expanding benefits for teaching assistants.

Kraft said she had confidence in Kennedy, despite the mixed feelings she had for leaving her position.

"There's some sadness, but I have seen enough enthusiastic people active in the GPSF in the past year that I feel the GPSF given an opportunity, will thrive," she said.

Kennedy said he hoped to continue the work Kraft had done for the GPSF. "I think Katherine has done a hell of a job," he said. "She has left some very big shoes to fill."

Kraft said she felt Kennedy would do well.

"I think Kennedy is very competent and capable," she said. "I have a great deal of respect for him."

Kennedy is a graduate student from Hagerstown, Md., in the Department of Romance Languages. He has served as a Student Congress representative for the past two years.

Kennedy said he eagerly awaited getting to work as president.

"I look forward to getting started," he said. "We can start talking in definite terms, working toward a transition."

Kennedy supports an increase in tuition remissions, the reevaluation of loan limits and an insurance package with reduced rates. The first issue Kennedy plans to tackle is tuition waivers and loan limits, he said.

Speaker of Student Congress James Hoffman said Kennedy could successfully execute the tasks of GPSF president. "I think Bryan is made for this job," he said. "He has huge shoes to fill, but I am sure he will fill them wonderfully."

Kennedy said he intended to work on these issues during the summer so they can be put into effect for the next academic year.

"I will be working on these two issues simultaneously," Kennedy said. "Tuition waivers should be coming up this summer, so that will be the first issue I will battle. Loan limits need to be implemented by June 30."

## GPSF results\*



Bryan Kennedy

233 votes

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## Student Elections

### NOTES

### Student Congress results not ready at press time

The Daily Tar Heel was unable to obtain final poll results for the Student Congress elections by press time.

On Wednesday, the Elections Board will finalize its results. Elections Board Chairman Joe Kleidis said high voter turnout caused the delay. More than 4,000 people turned out to vote, the highest number in two years.

Thursday's DTH will carry final poll results for Student Congress elections.

# Jernigan takes reins of Residence Hall Association

■ David Jernigan said an opponent would have made the race more interesting.

BY PAUL HOBSON  
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Morrison Residence Hall Co-governor David Jernigan ran unopposed for Residence Hall Association president but said the lack of competition hurt the race.

At press time, Jernigan had garnered 597 votes.

"I'm kind of disappointed that I didn't have an opponent," Jernigan said.

Competition forces candidates to focus on the issues, and the lack of competition shows that many students are

indifferent, he said. "I think it does project some apathy," he said.

Despite having no opponents, Jernigan said he was excited about the "fresh variety" of ideas and viewpoints represented in the election.

Jernigan's supporters were also excited about his term in office.

"I think he's the best person for the job," said current RHA President Allena Hall. She said she would teach Jernigan everything she could before he took office to ensure a smooth transition.

Sophomore Andrea McJunkin, a journalism and mass communication major from Statesville, agreed.

She worked with Jernigan on a committee to bring the N. C. Association of Residence Halls conference to the University this year.

## RHA results\*



David Jernigan

1,963 votes

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"He did a wonderful job," she said. Jernigan's platform focused on making "residence halls residents' homes."

To do that, Jernigan said he planned to establish regional programming coordinators in South, Mid and North cam-

pus. Freshman Cianti Stewart-Reid, a political science and international studies major from Charlotte, is a friend of Jernigan's and is confident he will succeed. He's "so energized about everything he does," she said. "I think David is really going to get into improving things."

Jernigan said he planned to use surveys and forums to combat student apathy and to make the RHA more responsive to residents' concerns.

He said he wanted to fight the belief that RHA wasted housing fees on pizza. Jernigan said he was prepared to challenge students' misconceptions and work to improve residence-hall life.

"I think I've proven to be an effective leader," he said. "People expect me to continue in that capacity."

# Packed polling sites could signify new turnout record

BY KATIE ABEL  
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Elections officials said Tuesday that this year's voter turnout was so high it could set records.

The turnout could surpass the vote in the 1994 election when more than 4,200 voters participated.

The high numbers are also a turn around from last year's low turnout of 3,300 students.

The number of voters this year was so high that the Elections Board took longer than expected to compile the results.

As candidates and their supporters gathered in Peabody Hall to wait for the results, they speculated on why the turnout might have been so heavy.

They cited several possible reasons, including that the races seemed to be more exciting this year with five people running for the position of student body president.

The weather also probably had a lot to do with the high numbers, said Christian Charnaux, who was the campaign manager for student body president candidate Anne Neville.

The Student Union usually attracts the most voters because of its central

location. And Elections Board Chairman Joe Kleidis said he was pleased with the turnout there.

"The Great Hall had a stream of people coming through all day," Kleidis said.

The Union, Granville Towers and Chase Hall stayed open the latest, allowing voters to cast their ballots as late as 7 p.m.

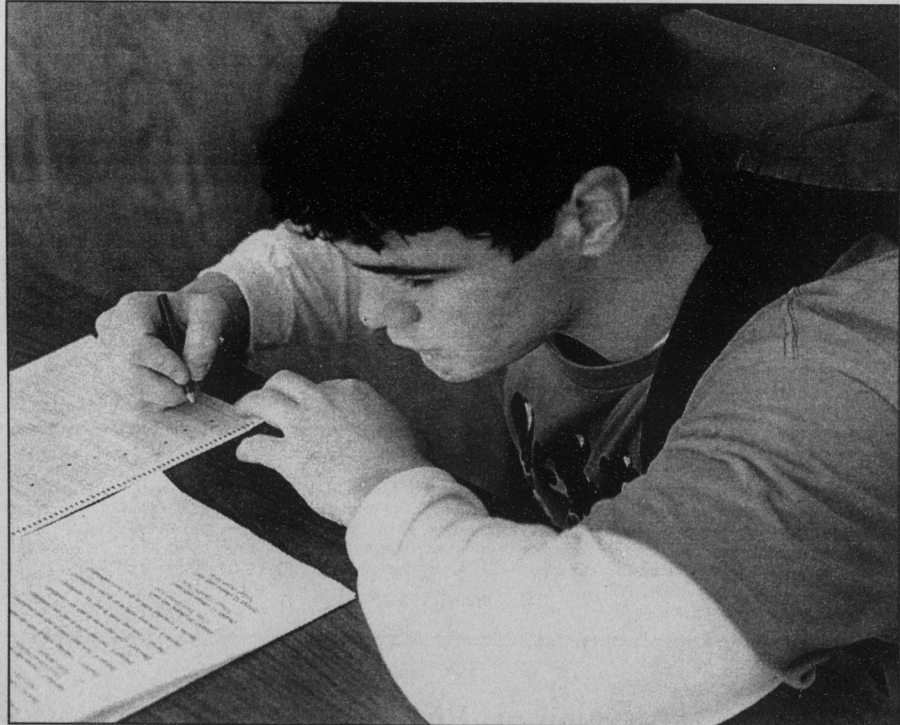
Officials at poll sites in the Union and Granville Towers said the greatest number of voters came during the hours of lunch and also in between classes.

Those who spent the day campaigning said it was hard to tell exactly who was voting.

Andrea Lee, a junior who worked for student body president candidate Lacey Hawthorne, said that when campaign workers asked voters whether they had gone to the polls, everyone seemed to say they had.

Grapevine Cafeteria, located in the Health Sciences Library, experienced the lowest University turnout.

The Elections Board designated McColl Building as a polling place this year because of requests by South Campus residents, but Kleidis said he did not see many voters when he visited the site.



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Clint Osborn, a freshman from Chapel Hill, defies the usual low voter turnout and takes civic pride Tuesday afternoon by voting in student elections.