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## Elections Redux

GPSF, RHA and Congress  
seats are confirmed.

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Positions are still available on the  
DTH's Community Feedback Board.  
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## Free Fallin'

UNC sets another record  
in a 63-73 loss to Virginia.

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## Weather

Today: Cloudy; H 51, L 24  
Thursday: Sunny; H 48, L 24  
Friday: Cloudy; H 55, L 30



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"Now we're just  
going to stick with  
what's been  
working and  
continue to work  
hard."

JEN DAUM  
Student Body President  
Candidate



DTH/SARA ABRONS

Jen Daum cries upon learning that she will be in the runoff for student body president.



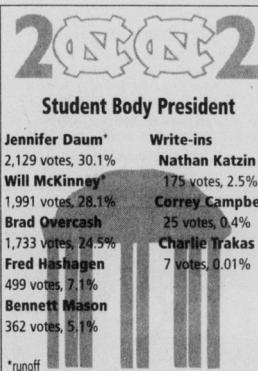
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Will McKinney applauds the results of Tuesday's student body president election.

"I feel really  
excited. I think  
we had a great  
message that  
resonated with  
a lot of voters."

WILL MCKINNEY  
Student Body President  
Candidate

## Daum, McKinney to Duel in SBP Runoff



BY JORDAN BARTEL, RACHEL CLARKE  
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Staff Writers

Student body president candidates waited anxiously Tuesday night in a tension-filled Peabody Hall for election results as Mardi Gras revelers donned their beads and downed their drinks uptown.

At about 11 p.m., about an hour after voting ended, Board of Elections Chairwoman Emily Margolis announced that there will be a runoff election Tuesday between candidates Jen Daum and Will McKinney.

Because neither candidate garnered more than 50 percent of the vote, Daum and McKinney will have the opportunity to campaign for another week.

Daum received 30.1 percent of the 7,074 votes cast, while McKinney walked away with 28.1 percent.

An elated Daum appeared shocked at the announcement and immediately began crying.

"Oh my goodness!" Daum said. "I feel great. I am so happy. For the first time ever, I'm just speechless."

When she heard the results, Daum began climbing over the seats in the room, greeting supporters, hugging campaign staff and shaking the hands of other candidates. "I am proud of all my supporters who came out in force today," Daum said.

During Margolis' announcement, McKinney listened intently, showing little emotion.

Once the results had been officially read, he began to thank those gathered around him and speak with the other candidates.

"Now I'm going back to talk with my supporters," McKinney said. "I feel really excited."

McKinney said he is not worried about overcoming the 138-vote difference separating him

from Daum and that he still is confident of his chance of winning.

Candidate Brad Overcash came in third with 24.5 percent of the vote.

He was followed by Fred Hashagen who received 7.1 percent of the vote and Bennett Mason who came in fifth with 5.1 percent of votes cast. Write-in candidate Nathan Katzin received 2.5 percent.

Margolis did not announce the names of candidates who received less than 2 percent of the vote, including write-in candidates Correy Campbell and Charlie Trakas.

Campbell and Trakas were originally slated to be on the ballot but were forced to run as write-in candidates after they did not get enough signatures to qualify to be official candidates.

Overcash said he was glad he ran even though he didn't win. "It's a real disappointment," he said. "I put a lot into it, and I thought we had a great campaign."

Overcash said he was not yet sure who he would endorse for next week's runoff. But he said he will encourage both candidates to incorporate a student summit, one of his main campaign issues, into their platforms.

Hashagen said he will remain involved in student government in some way, but he is not sure exactly in what capacity. He said he will be endorsing Daum for Tuesday's runoff.

Hashagen said even though he did not get as many votes as he had hoped, he was glad his platform had brought many issues into the public eye. "I think I brought attention to at least one important issue, providing free HIV medicine for rape and sexual assault victims," Hashagen said.

Mason described the campaign as "three weeks of absolute intensity."

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## Willett Wins Post Of CAA President By Large Margin

Kris Willett won the election with 61.4 percent of the vote to become UNC's first female CAA president.

BY JEFF SILVER  
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Candidate Kris Willett captured almost two-thirds of the vote for Carolina Athletic Association president

Tuesday night, becoming the first-ever female CAA president. On a platform that featured the installation of a jumbotron television screen at Kenan Stadium, Willett defeated candidate Chris Gore with 61.4 percent of the vote to his 28.9 percent. There were 6,315 total votes cast for the office.

Willett showed little outward reaction when the numbers were released but said she was surprised and glad to hear the results.

"It was a shock when I first heard," she said. "Now is the exciting part."

In the last two days of the campaign season, the candidates faced not only the challenge of defeating each other but also of staving off a last-minute write-in campaign organized for UNC football star Julius Peppers.

Peppers' votes did not end up being a factor in the race.

Willett said she spent Tuesday working to increase voter turnout. She said her campaign organized a "beach day" in the Pit to boost enthusiasm.

Before the numbers were announced, Gore said he

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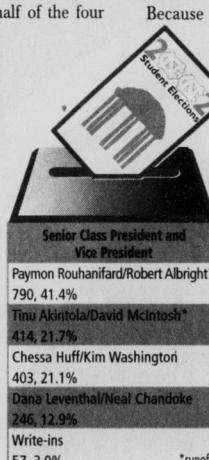
Carolina Athletic Association President	
Kris Willett	3,897 votes, 61.4%
Chris Gore	1,833 votes, 28.9%
Write-ins	619 votes, 9.7%

## Senior Class Race Narrowed to 2 Pairs

BY BROOK CORWIN  
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Voters eliminated half of the four candidates for senior class president Tuesday night, sending candidates Paymon Rouhanifard and Tinu Akintola to a runoff election that will be held next week.

Rouhanifard and his running mate, Robert Albright, led the field of candidates with 41.4 percent of the 1,910 votes cast. Akintola and her running mate David McIntosh finished second with 21.7 percent of the votes, narrowly edging Chessa Huff and Kim Washington for the second spot in the runoff election.



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Huff and Washington finished with 21.1 percent of the vote, and Dana Leventhal and Neal Chandoke finished fourth with 12.9 percent.

Because no candidates received more than 50 percent of the total votes cast, Board of Elections rules stipulate that the top two sets of candidates will compete in a runoff election to be held Feb. 19.

Rouhanifard said he did not have any idea going into the night that he and Albright would be ahead by such a large margin and said he was relieved to find them leading after the results were announced.

"I had no clue where we stood and



DTH/SARA ABRONS  
Robert Albright and Paymon Rouhanifard celebrate their advance to the runoff election.



DTH/JOSHUA GREER  
Tinu Akintola and David McIntosh react to news that they will move on to a runoff election.

## Online Voting Sets Voter Turnout Record for 2nd Year in a Row

From Staff Reports

Turnout for this year's student elections reached a record high with 7,421 students casting ballots Tuesday.

The high volume of votes was attributed to the popularity of the candidates and the emphasis they placed on voting, Board of Elections Chairwoman Emily Margolis said.

"We've been in touch more with the candidates about everything this year and publicized how to vote better," Margolis said.

Even though the turnout only amounted to 30.7 percent of the entire campus population, election officials and candidates declared the election a victory for all included.

"Of course I am pleased to see voter turnout so high," Margolis said. "We all worked very hard."

Margolis said e-mail reminders she sent out, as well as online voting, which was in its second year, helped increase the amount of students who voted.

Senior class president runoff candidate

Paymon Rouhanifard also said he thought online voting made a difference.

"Students are beginning to see just how easy it is to vote online," he said. "The ball is really starting to get rolling."

Many of the candidates also waged last-minute campaigning efforts that helped increase students' awareness of the election.

"A lot of candidates have been on South Campus at 7 a.m. — if you're a freshman living on South Campus, you know there's an election," said Brian Fauver, elections board vice chairman.

Former student body president candidate Brad Overcash said he tried to encourage voter turnout by reaching out to new voters. "I think a lot of my 1,700 had never voted before," he said.

Former student body president candidate Fred Hashagen said he worked hard to let students know about online voting and that he thought that effort had paid off in the large voter turnout. "I tried to get as many people to vote as possible," he said. "But I don't think anyone

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We hold the view that the people make the best judgment in the long run.

John F. Kennedy