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### Voters OK Student Activity Fee Hike

By ROB LEICHER  
Staff Writer

Student voters passed a referendum Tuesday increasing student activity fees by \$8 for undergraduate students and by \$10 for graduate students to benefit student organizations.

**Student Fee Referendum**  
**YES**  
3,576 votes, 53.1%  
**NO**  
3,160 votes, 46.9%

"It's going to do so much for the intellectual climate and campus life," said Charles Phaneuf, president of the Carolina Union. "We already had one of the best campus climates of any school with our underfunded organizations, so this will only help more."

The referendum — which garnered 53.1 percent of the vote — raised the student activity fee to \$19.50 per semester for undergraduate and graduate students to cover inflationary increases. "I think this is long overdue," Phaneuf said. "This is a fee that students control, but it's not something that should remain the same over 20 years."

Margaret Thomas, Ethics Committee chairwoman for Student Congress, said Congress will not have to turn down as many fund requests in the future. Groups in the past have been upset that Congress allotted too little money, she said.

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### Students Pass Green Energy Referendum

By ROB LEICHER  
Staff Writer

Solar panels could grace some of the buildings under construction at UNC because of a renewable energy referendum passed by students in Tuesday's campus election.

"It's nice to know that our work paid off for sure," said senior Ken Varner, a campaign leader for the referendum. "Now it's time to work extremely hard and get this committee rolling."

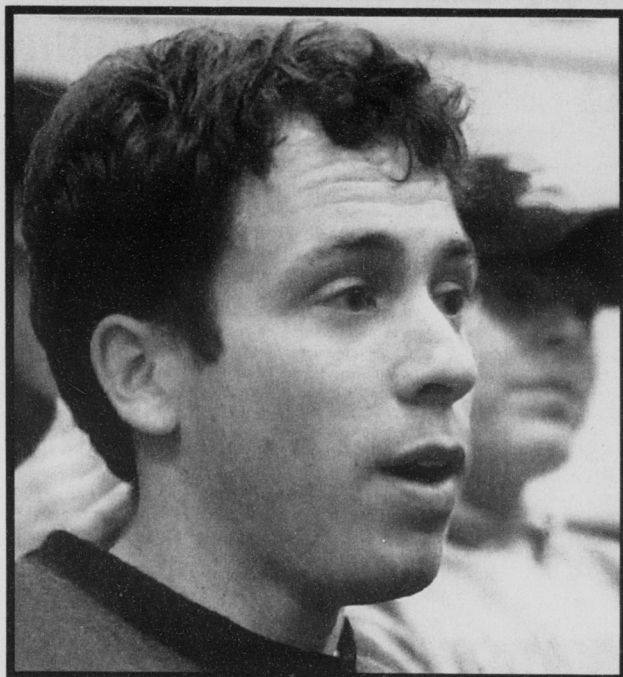
More than 74 percent of students voted for the \$4 per semester increase, which will go into effect in 2004 and will be reconsidered on the ballot every two years. Student government will appoint a committee to determine how to best use the money to promote renewable energy on campus.

Varner said some of the possible changes in campus energy use could include the use of solar electricity and solar-powered water heaters. The vote reflects a change in the ideologies of many students, who now are thinking about the future with regard to energy use, he said.

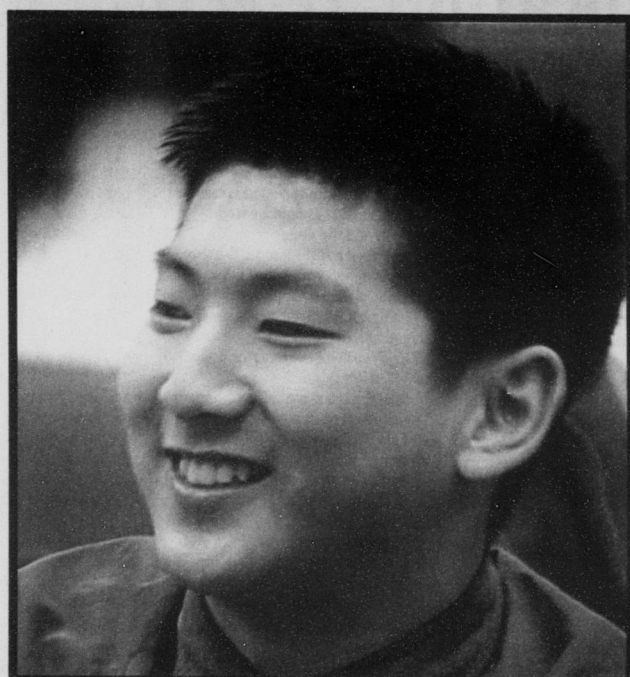
"I think one reason it passed is because there are a lot of people who want to get involved with renewable energy, but it's so difficult to do as an individual," Varner said. "By doing it as

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## STUDENT ELECTIONS 2003



DTH/HUNTER M. RAE



DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

# TEPPER, SHIN ADVANCE

## RUNOFF CANDIDATES GEAR UP FOR ONE MORE WEEK OF CAMPAIGNING

By JENNY IMMEL AND ARMAN TOLENTINO  
Staff Writers

Even up to the final minute, campaign signs were still visible in Carrol Hall on Tuesday as student body president candidates, surrounded by their campaign staffs, waited for the general election results.

Finally at 11:15 p.m., Brian Fauver, chairman of the Board of Elections, announced that Matt Tepper and Sang Shin will enter a runoff election next week. Tepper garnered 35.35 percent of the more than 6,000 votes cast, while 24.54 percent voted for Shin.

"I couldn't believe it," Tepper said. "All our hard work paid off, but we're going to have to do it all again in the coming week."

The moment Shin heard that he had qualified for the runoff, he said, he squeezed the hands of the people next to him.

"I was so nervous and so tense," Shin said. "But after I found out about the results, I was very, very excited. I felt warmth in my heart."

Tepper said that in preparation for the runoff elections, he will once again focus on making himself visible to the student body.

"I apologize in advance to everyone, but we're going to be out there once again with all our signs and fliers so we can get the word out," he said.

Like Tepper, Shin said he attributes his success to his visibility and persistence.

"If there were any mistakes we made, we have to improve on them," he said. "But I will still go out and talk to people, which is the biggest part of

Student Body President

**MATT TEPPER\***

2,334 votes, 35.35%

**SANG SHIN\***

1,620 votes, 24.54%

**NATHAN CHERRY**

1,509 votes, 22.86%

**BEN PICKETT**

899 votes, 13.62%

Write-ins

**DAN PICKEL**

65 votes, 0.98%

Other write-in votes: 186 Total

\*denotes runoff candidate

my campaign."

Ben Pickett, earning 13.62 percent of the vote, said that it was a hard-fought campaign and that he was surprised by the results. "We took a stance, and we didn't sacrifice our beliefs throughout the whole time," he said.

Nathan Cherry, with 22.86 percent of the vote, said he was more disappointed than surprised after the results were read. "It's all over in an instant," he said.

But both candidates said they hope their platform issues will be incorporated into the decisions of next year's student body president.

Pickett said he will continue to push for the implementation of his platform issues through student groups. "I am the same guy coming out (of this campaign) as I was going in."

Cherry also said he will be active in student issues next year, even if he is not a part of student government.

Pickett and Cherry both said they were not yet sure which candidate they will endorse in the upcoming week.

Cherry said he was definitely leaning toward one candidate but would not reveal who. Pickett said that he wants to wait and talk to each candidate and that he has a lot of questions for them to answer. "There is a big decision to be made right now."

Write-in candidate Dan Pickel received 0.98 percent of the total votes

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## Leamon, Manekin to Meet Tuesday in Senior Class President Runoff



George Leamon (left) and Doug Melton



Liz Manekin (right) and Doug Sue

By WILL AREY AND EMILY STEEL  
Staff Writers

Four of the six candidate teams were eliminated Tuesday night in the race for senior class office, leaving two groups to battle it out in a runoff election next week.

Of the 1,838 rising seniors who cast their votes, 36.7 percent chose candidates George Leamon and Doug Melton. Candidate Liz Manekin and running mate Doug Sue placed second, receiving 24.7 percent of the vote.

Leamon and Melton, who gained attention during the election season by camping out in Polk Place to show their enthusiasm for the rising senior class, expressed their gratitude for those who have supported their campaign.

"I can't wait to call my momma," Leamon said. "But with this glory comes consequence. The celebration doesn't come until next Tuesday."

Manekin, whose intramural co-ed soccer team won a championship earlier Tuesday, said reaching the runoff was the perfect ending to an awesome day.

"It's been a beautiful day overall," Manekin said. "Winning two championships in one day is wonderful."

Manekin said she is extremely excited to be

part of the runoff and already is looking forward to the next week.

"I'm willing, ready and excited for another week of this," Manekin said. "We're going to have a night of rest and fun and then get the troops back out on the campaign again."

Leamon also stressed the importance of the final week of the campaign season.

"This week is more important in magnitude," he said. "We have our name established, but we need to make sure people vote."

While Leamon and Melton said they will continue to sleep in their tents in Polk Place, the two have a plan up their sleeves.

"Just wait until next week, and we will come up with something new and exciting," Leamon said.

Manekin said that she plans to keep her campaign virtually the same but that there could be a few changes in the next week.

"We might change a few things," she said. "But overall I think we're going to stay with what got us here."

Manekin said that although she was hoping to be successful in the primary election, it was great to finally hear the results.

"We felt that we might do well tonight,"

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Senior Class President and Vice President

**GEORGE LEAMON/**

**DOUG MELTON\***

675, 36.7%

**LIZ MANEKIN/DOUG SUE\***

454, 24.7%

**ZACK MANSFIELD/**

**DAN WALKER**

295, 16.1%

**KIMBERLY TURNER/**

**JORDAN HARDY**

212, 11.5%

Write-ins

**JORDAN CAMPBELL/**

**LAUREN COOK**

135, 7.3%

**HAROUN HABIB/**

**RACHINI OPATHA**

42, 2.3%

All voting is a sort of gaming ... with a slight moral tinge to it, a playing with right and wrong.

Henry David Thoreau