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Shin, Tepper Face Off for the Last Time

By **BILLY BALL**
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Student body president candidates Sang Shin and Matt Tepper came together one last time to debate their major issues in a forum sponsored Monday night by The Daily Tar Heel in the Student Union Film Auditorium.

Tepper and Shin met in the forum as part of the final push for votes in the runoff election to be held today.

Candidates began the forum with opening statements. Afterward, they fielded questions prepared by the DTH, each other and the audience.

Shin opened the forum by explaining his

qualifications for the position. "I think the key word here is balance — someone who can be visible and still get things done," Shin said.

Tepper said he is running to increase the student role in campus decisions. "I'm running for student body president because I want to increase the power of the student voice on campus," he said.

Addressing one of the major issues of the campaign, Shin said he supports slight increases in tuition if the money goes to the right places, including increasing salaries for teaching assistants and faculty members and additional funding for financial aid. He added that he supports increasing out-of-state student admissions to bring more money to the University — an alternative to looking to tuition increases. "It's important

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Endorsements, Race Play Roles As SBP Campaigns Wrap Up

By **RACHEL HODGES**
 Staff Writer

With only two candidates left in the race, today's runoff election will decide UNC's next student body president.

Students can vote on Student Central from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. today to choose next year's student body president and senior class officers.

After the first election, former student body president candidates Nathan Cherry

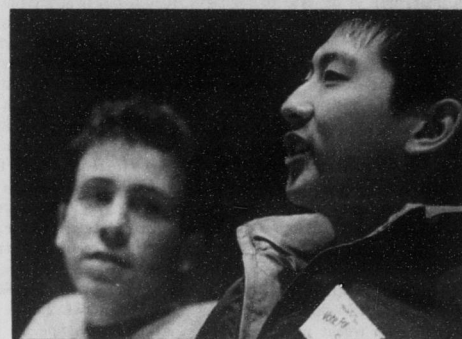
Elections	
Student Body President	Sang Shin Matt Tepper
Senior Class Officers	George Leamon/ Doug Melton Liz Manekin/ Doug Sue

and Ben Pickett and former write-in candidate Dan Pickel all chose to endorse Sang Shin.

Matt Tepper garnered 35.35 percent of the more than 6,000 votes cast in the race, while Shin came in second, receiving 24.54 percent of the vote.

Many students who originally supported candidates who did not make the runoff election now are deciding whether to vote

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DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA
 Student body president candidates Sang Shin (right) and Matt Tepper speak at the runoff forum Monday.

"I expect things to be back to normal (today)." **ROBERT SHELTON**, Provost

Ice Brings Fun, Not Much Trouble

Ice Storm Mild Compared With Dec. Predecessor

By **JESSA GIROUX**
 Staff Writer

After being hit with the second ice storm of the season Sunday, power companies and town officials are relieved by the storm's mildness compared to the December storm.

Bruce Heflin, Chapel Hill's public works director, said Sunday's storm was "no comparison" to the Dec. 4 storm, which resulted in massive power outages and large amounts of debris.

"We were lucky," said Heflin, adding that the 2 inches of sleet that fell Sunday caused only minor damage from falling trees.

Meteorologist Brandon Locklear of the National Weather Service said the Dec. 4 storm produced freezing rain in the area, which made it much more severe than Sunday's sleet storm.

He said that while sleet can cause poor road conditions, freezing rain is more problematic because it accumulates on trees and power lines, causing limbs to fall and power lines to snap.

Progress Energy and Duke Power said power outages in Orange County were few and sporadic, with most of the damage coming south and west of the Triangle.

Power crews were on full storm alert as they began to prepare for the winter weather early last week, said Duke Power spokesman Tom Williams.

"The outages were a lot less severe than they had the potential to be," he said.

This week's storm was "largely a non-event" compared to the Dec. 4 storm, when 90 percent of Duke Power customers lost power in the Durham and Chapel Hill areas, Williams said.

Without an extensive number of power outages, clearing ice and snow from the roads and getting bus routes running were the main focuses of Monday's storm response.

Although a significant increase in temperature is anticipated for today, Gov. Mike Easley still warned drivers to keep off the roads until they can be cleared.

He stated in a press release that the N.C. Department of

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DTH/BETH FLOYD
 Junior Matt Musselwhite slides on a parking sign down a hill at the Kenan-Flagler Business School on Monday afternoon.

Students Sled, Study During Unexpected Class-Free Day

By **LIZZIE STEWART**
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Dining hall trays, laundry baskets, an ironing board and a picnic table littered the sidewalk along Skipper Bowles Drive between Hinton James and Craige residence halls Monday afternoon.

These objects were remnants of a late-night sledding extravaganza that started Sunday because of the cancellation of Monday's classes — something that has not happened at the University since January 2000.

"It began about 10:30 p.m.," said sophomore R.J. Weber, who participated in the festivities. "We started off in Craige parking deck, but we got kicked out by a (Department of Public Safety) guy."

Undaunted, Weber said he and his friends moved elsewhere. "We moved to a hill by the business school and tossed around a Frisbee and played football," he said.

Jerrid Freeman, Hinton James community director, and Ciara

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Hazardous Roads Force Cancellation of Classes

By **EUGENE SCOTT**
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Inclement weather led to the cancellation of classes Monday for the first time since January 2000.

University officials decided Sunday night to cancel all classes until noon Monday but chose to keep campus offices open. The University was operating under Condition II of its adverse weather policy, which calls for the cancellation of classes until noon.

Condition II also allows UNC employees to decide whether it is safe to report to work, although critical employees are encouraged to come.

On Monday morning, University officials decided to cancel the rest of the day's classes because streets were so icy that driving was a safety hazard, although the Department of Public Safety reported no weather-related accidents Monday night.

Last month, administrators received negative feed-

back from many students about their decision to keep the University open during inclement weather despite other area schools' and universities' decisions to shut down.

Professors and students living off campus said at that time that they were unable to get to campus because Chapel Hill Transit was not operating. This time around, administrators paid more attention to weather conditions.

"Last time, we didn't have enough contact with Chapel Hill Transit, which led to our decision to keep the University open," Provost Robert Shelton said.

"But this time, with the ice buildup and the fact that temperatures have not increased, we thought safety was a major issue."

Although the safety of students and professors was considered Monday, another issue proved just as inconvenient for many students.

Carolina Dining Services originally planned to close Mainstreet Lenoir at 5 p.m., which would have put students without meal plans or cars at a disadvantage. CDS later postponed Mainstreet's closing time by two

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DTH/KRISTEN ASHTON
 Nanny Melanie Schlinn cruises along with 2-year-old Mia Lindsey on Polk Place on Monday afternoon.

Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.

Ferris Bueller