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## RUNOFF ELECTIONS

# TEPPER TRIUMPHS

## SECURES PRESIDENCY WITH 56.6 PERCENT OF VOTES



DTH/LEAH LATELLA

Junior Matt Pepper, who finished first in the general election with 34 percent of the vote, held off Sang Shin to win the student body president election by more than 600 votes.

By JENNY IMMEL AND ROB LEICHER / Staff Writers

Matt Pepper narrowly defeated Sang Shin on Tuesday to win the student body president race with 56.6 percent of the vote.

But from their embrace 30 minutes after the announcement, it was hard to tell if Matt Pepper or Shin was the victor.

The look of nervousness on Matt Pepper's face instantly faded into one of shock and amazement when Board of Elections Chairman Brian Fauver read the results in the packed "Carolina Week" studio.

"It is an amazing feeling," Matt Pepper said. "It was a really hectic campaign."

After the announcement Matt Pepper said that he planned to consider the other candidates' platform ideas for incorporation in his upcoming term.

"I'll definitely have to sit down and look at all of them and see which points fit into my platform," he said.

His own platform is the first priority, Matt Pepper said, especially establishing his proposed student wish list and setting up bike pumps at the Student Union.

Although he said he does not yet have any specific people in mind for his administration, he wants to follow Student Body President Jen Daum's lead and select a diverse group.

"I want to make sure we pull from a large group of people so we have a diverse voice, representative of the entire student body," Matt Pepper said.

Ending the campaign and taking office will be a great relief, Matt Pepper said. "Hopefully, I'll have time to get some schoolwork done ... before I get to work on my platform," he said.

Before he takes office in April, Matt Pepper said, he plans to work with the current administration and to ask for advice on selecting his administration and taking office. "I'm sure I'll be talking a lot with the Jen Daum administration, and they have a lot they can tell us," he said.

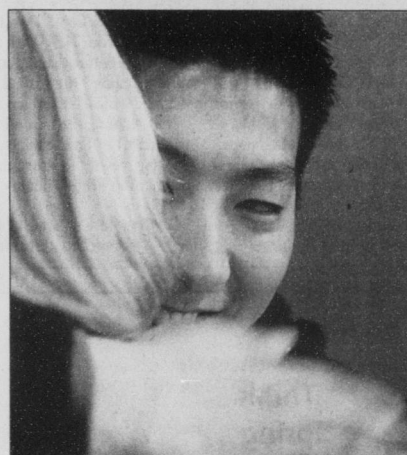
Most of Matt Pepper's supporters watched the announcement from 111 Carroll Hall after arriving too late to find a seat in the crowded studio. Matt Pepper said his campaign staff was instrumental in helping him win the election.

Matt Pepper said his sister, freshman Megan Pepper, lifted a lot of the burden from his shoulders during the campaign. Her support and campaigning in the residence halls provided a great help, he said.

"She definitely helped out a whole lot," Matt Pepper

### Student Body President

Matt Pepper	Sang Shin
2,883; 56.6%	2,213; 43.4%



DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

Sang Shin is hugged by Student Body President Jen Daum after results are announced.

said. "She rallied the freshman class, and it was good to have some familial support through this whole thing."

Megan Pepper said that although she does not plan to get into campus politics, her brother's campaign will be beneficial to the school. She said she is excited about his plans to acquire more sports fields for the campus.

"I think he has some really great ideas that are really new and will help the school a lot," Megan Pepper said. "It was hard to keep motivated through some of it, but it was a lot of fun."

Shin sat by as the results were read, clasping hands with his supporters gathered around him, who had been waiting more than an hour. "I'm not going to lie," he said after the results were read. "I am very disappointed. We were above qualified for the job."

Shin, who had received endorsements from former student body president candidates Nathan Cherry, Ben Pickett and Dan Pickel, said that he and his campaign staff had a busy week but that it was worth it.

Shin said that he congratulates Matt Pepper on a hard-fought campaign and that there is a chance he will work with him next year.

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## Leamon, Melton Snag Senior Class Offices

By JOHN LIPPS / Staff Writer

Longtime friends George Leamon and Doug Melton shouted and embraced Tuesday night as it was announced that the duo had won the runoff election for senior class officers with 58 percent of the vote.

Leamon and Melton, both of whom said right before the results were announced that they were even more confident than they were last week, added that they were elated to see their efforts finally pay off.

"It's not our nature to shy away from a chal-

lenge," Leamon said. "We played (last week) like it was the last minute of the game."

But Leamon said the accomplishment of which he is most proud is the strengthening of his friendship with Melton.

"We were friends before, but now we are best friends," Leamon said. "This will define my senior year and the rest of my life."

The runners-up, Liz Manekin and Doug Sue, said that despite the disappointment of not winning, overall the campaign has been a good experience.

"Everyone really gave 150 percent," Manekin said. "The best emotion right now is the relief that it is over. I'd like to get back to normalcy."

Sue said that he definitely will stay involved with senior class issues but that he is not sure whether he

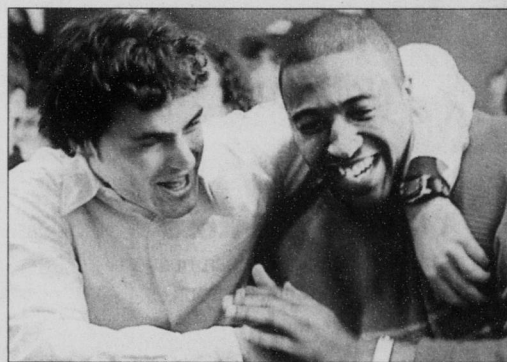
will apply to be a marshal.

Manekin and Sue both said before the results were announced that they would like to see parts of their platform achieved. Manekin stressed the importance of getting their proposed literacy program enacted, and Sue said he wanted to see a stronger push for service projects.

Leamon also said he would like to see more senior class service projects enacted regardless of the election's outcome, and Melton stressed the importance of promoting diversity.

Leamon and Melton said that they will be open to suggestions from their challengers but that they have a large platform to work with. He said he

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DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

George Leamon and Doug Melton embrace after winning the election for senior class president and vice president.

## Measures of Excellence Draft Lacks Key Priorities

### Officials cut diversity, contributions to state

By LYNNE SHALLCROSS  
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A new accountability study being developed by University administration to secure UNC's role as a leading public university lacks a much-needed emphasis on diversity, campus leaders say.

An analysis of the measures of excellence by The Daily Tar Heel reveals

that a total of 23 points of measurement were slashed in between the first and second drafts, including four references to measuring diversity, three to UNC's contributions to the state and a host of other measures addressing other areas of the University.

The measures - 46 in all - reflect the administration's priorities for improving the University and have been in the drafting process for the past few

months.

Criteria for the measures include financial accessibility for undergraduate students, graduation rates, graduate and professional admission scores, faculty awards and prizes, public service, endowment and competitive excellence in athletics.

UNC Board of Trustees members received a preview of the measures at their meeting last month.

University officials say the third draft of the measures, which was shown at the meeting, included aspects UNC

already had data on - such as staff turnover and student graduation rates - instead of things it might begin to measure.

As the only public university to be conducting a study of this kind, UNC is pitching itself as a pioneer in the area of accountability. University officials hope these measures will hold UNC to a higher standard than other schools.

In the higher education arena, U.S. News & World Report university rank-

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## Democratic Hopefuls Battle History in Presidential Race

By BOBBY WHISNANT JR.  
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American voters historically elect governors to the White House - leaving three Democratic presidential hopefuls who occupy seats in the U.S. Senate struggling for support, say political pundits.

The senators - John Edwards from North Carolina, John Kerry from Massachusetts and Joseph Lieberman

from Connecticut - will have to overcome a hardship last conquered by former President Kennedy. Of the many Democrats who are considering runs for the White House, only one - former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean - has been in the governor's office.

Experts say voters tend to elect governors to the presidency more than senators because governors already have

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*A president's hardest task is not to do what's right, but to know what's right.*

Lyndon Johnson