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## BOG delays tuition vote

Cites info requests as reason to wait

BY CHRIS COLETTA AND CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR. SENIOR WRITERS

Citing a lack of sufficient time to consider all aspects of tuition increase proposals, the UNC-system Board of Governors delayed consideration of all increases until March.

The BOG was scheduled to vote on system tuition increases Friday but instead will hold a business-as-usual meeting, opening the door for another month of debate about the pros and cons of tuition hikes.

BOG Chairman Brad Wilson said the delay stems from requests made by the board's Budget and Finance Committee for more facts. He added that the committee, which is slated to meet Thursday, would not have had enough time to consider the information and make a salient recommendation — a scenario that would have delayed the full board's vote anyway.

"Chairman (Jim) Phillips and I talked today and made the decision that we want to do this right, not fast," Wilson said. "Everybody's anxious about it ... and we decided that it would be unfair (to reach a decision)."

Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president for finance, said the BOG made a wise decision that will allow it to consider all potential angles of tuition increases without having to rush through an analysis of any new information.

"It's not a matter of getting a piece of information and voting," he said. "It's a matter of getting a piece of information, digesting it and then discussing it with 31 other people."

All 16 UNC-system schools submitted individual tuition increase requests to the board, which will be considered along with a systemwide increase.

Phillips said he lost track of the number of information requests committee members made at their meeting last Friday. He said the more than 12 inquiries on the table made the delay foreseeable.

"We finally concluded today that there was no way for people to get that information in a timely fashion and to have those issues addressed," Phillips said.

The delay might reopen what has been a heated debate between student leaders and system officials concerning tuition hikes.

On Monday, members of the UNC-system Association of Student Governments met in Raleigh to give the public its first glimpse at a book documenting the negative affects of tuition hikes.

The ASG also plans to go ahead with a scheduled protest in front of the BOG this Friday.

ASG President Jonathan Ducote said the delay could mean that campuses return to the BOG a month later with more palatable tuition plans, which would have a better chance of being passed.

"I don't know right now," he said. "I think that perhaps the tuition proposals will be better thought out by the campuses ... but I don't know if in the short term this has any positive effect."

Phillips said he doesn't expect any changes because he thinks campuses crafted their original proposals carefully.

Regardless of whether alterations are made, the debate is likely to continue, something Wilson said can't be helped.

"People are working as hard as they can, but they can't do everything at one time."

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## STUDENT ELECTION RESULTS

# CALABRIA, WEST TO FACE OFF FOR SBP



Matt Calabria celebrates Tuesday with his campaign staff after advancing to the runoff. DTH/LEAH LATELLA



Lily West hugs a friend after learning she received more votes than any other candidate. DTH/JUSTIN SMITH

BY LYNNE SHALLCROSS AND ARMAN TOLENTINO STAFF WRITERS

Three weeks of petitions, forums, pit sits and dorm storms culminated Tuesday night in Carroll Hall with the announcement of the student body president election results.

At 11:15 p.m., Board of Elections Chairwoman Melissa Anderson announced that Lily West and Matt Calabria will face off next Tuesday in a runoff election, which occurs when no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote.

West received 27.4 percent of the 6,901 votes cast, while Calabria garnered 24.6 percent.

An elated West said there were a lot of emotions going through her head as the results were read.

"I was just grateful to be in that position," West said. "There were a lot of great candidates in this race. To be recognized by the student body as a front-runner is invaluable to me and my staff."

As Anderson revealed the results starting with the candidate who received the fewest votes, Calabria said, he and his supporters were hoping not to hear his name until the final two.

"I just held on to my friends around me and hoped for the best," he said.

West emphasized her gratitude for her campaign staff and all the hard work and dedication they put into the race. She added that she thinks the positive nature of her campaign propelled her to the lead.

"A campaign is really a revelation of the type of administration that a candidate will pursue while in office," she said.

The majority of the eight candidates said camaraderie and fairness dominated throughout the race.

Matt Compton, who came in third with 17 percent of the vote, said that although he was disappointed with the results, he was pleased with the spirit of the campaign.

"I'm just as happy as can be with the other two that did make it," he said. "I'm glad we ran the race we did. We really changed the way the other candidates were talking about the office."

Faudlin Pierre, who walked away with 7.8 percent, said he was glad the race was over because the campaign had become too political for him.

Pierre said that although he is not sure of his future involvement with student government, he will continue to reach out to students. "It's going to be more of me being in contact with the students and me being Faud," he said.

For John Walker, close behind Pierre with 7.6 percent, the campaign was an experience to remember.

"I learned a lot and met a lot of great people," he

### STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT RESULTS

- LILY WEST\* 1,890 votes, 27.4%
- MATT CALABRIA\* 1,699 votes, 24.6%
- MATT COMPTON 1,176 votes, 17%
- FAUDLIN PIERRE 538 votes, 7.8%
- JOHN WALKER 527 votes, 7.64%
- MATT LILES 335 votes, 4.85%
- LAURA THOMAS 230 votes, 3.33%
- ASHLEY CASTEVENS 204 votes, 2.96%
- JON LEPOFSKY 177 votes, 2.56%

\* DENOTES RUNOFF CANDIDATE

said. "We disagreed on some of the issues, but I think we were able to develop a good relationship that will hopefully last."

Matt Liles, who brought in 4.9 percent, said he was pleased with the number of votes he received and with the effort he and his staff made to get those votes. "I never compromised my ideals ... and there is something to be said about that," Liles said. Laura Thomas finished with 3.3 percent.

"I think I did a really good job to get some issues out there that were not addressed by any other candidates," she said.

Rounding off the group was Ashley Castevens with almost 3 percent of the vote. Castevens said that she was glad she ran, but that it was difficult competing against close friends. She and some other candidates said they hope the winning candidate will implement plans from their platforms.

As West looks ahead to next Tuesday's runoff, she said she and her staff will make sure everyone

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Jovian Irvin (left) and Becca Frucht celebrate together after their win. DTH/GARRETT HALL

## Irvin, Frucht win tight race

BY JOE SAUNDERS STAFF WRITER

Candidates Jovian Irvin and Becca Frucht screamed with joy and hugged Tuesday night as Board of Elections officials announced that they had won the positions of 2004-05 senior class president and vice president, respectively.

Irvin and Frucht received 53.4 percent of the vote, defeating the ticket of class president candidate Victoria Frangoulis and vice president candidate Blaire Huntley, who received 44.9 percent of the vote.

Both Irvin and Frucht said that they were confident going into the election and that they think people supported them because they knew the pair would hold true to

### SENIOR CLASS RESULTS

- IRVIN, FRUCHT 995 votes, 53.35%
- FRANGOULIS, HUNTLEY 837 votes, 44.88%

campaign promises.

"I think we began with a good base of people who supported us," Frucht said. "Our platform was ambitious but realistic."

Irvin added that she thinks she and Frucht stood out to voters because they both have enthusiastic personalities and students felt they could relate to them.

"What really set us apart was our personalities," she said.

Irvin and Frucht said their first

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## Keith coasts to CAA presidency

BY GREG PARKER STAFF WRITER

William Keith was elected to the post of Carolina Athletic Association president Tuesday, garnering 91.1 percent of the 5,955 votes cast.

Keith's sole competitor, write-in candidate Alexander Smith, received 1.88 percent of the vote.

Even though he was the only candidate on the ballot, Keith said, the night was not devoid of anxiety.

"You always get nervous," he said. "You can never quite know what is going to happen."

Keith said his first priority when he takes office in April will be to make appointments to various positions in the CAA.

"Priority one is to choose the members of my Cabinet,

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William Keith

## RHA leadership in Scott's hands

BY JENNY RUBY STAFF WRITER

Colin Scott probably was not surprised when Board of Elections Chairwoman Melissa Anderson announced that he would be the next president of the Residence Hall Association.

Scott ran uncontested in this year's election and received 94.6 percent of the 3,187 votes cast.

"I feel great," he said. "I'm really excited about getting started for next year."

During his campaign, Scott eagerly sought to inform the student body of his goals for the coming year.

"There were important issues that needed to be addressed," he said. "I enjoy campaigning and getting my message across to the residents."

Scott said his next step will be to assemble his execu-

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Colin Scott

## Grad students select Bushman

BY TORRYE JONES STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Bushman said you can never be too sure about election results.

But it was no surprise to her when she was elected Graduate and Professional Student Federation president Tuesday receiving 92.6 percent of the 541 votes cast.

"I'm excited," she said. "Even though I was running unopposed, it's nice for it to be official."

Bushman said she spent most of her time trying to publicize her platform to graduate and professional students instead of campaigning.

"My biggest concern was for people to vote because they were well informed, not just by default," she said.

Bushman, who is the GPSF vice president for external

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Jennifer Bushman

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