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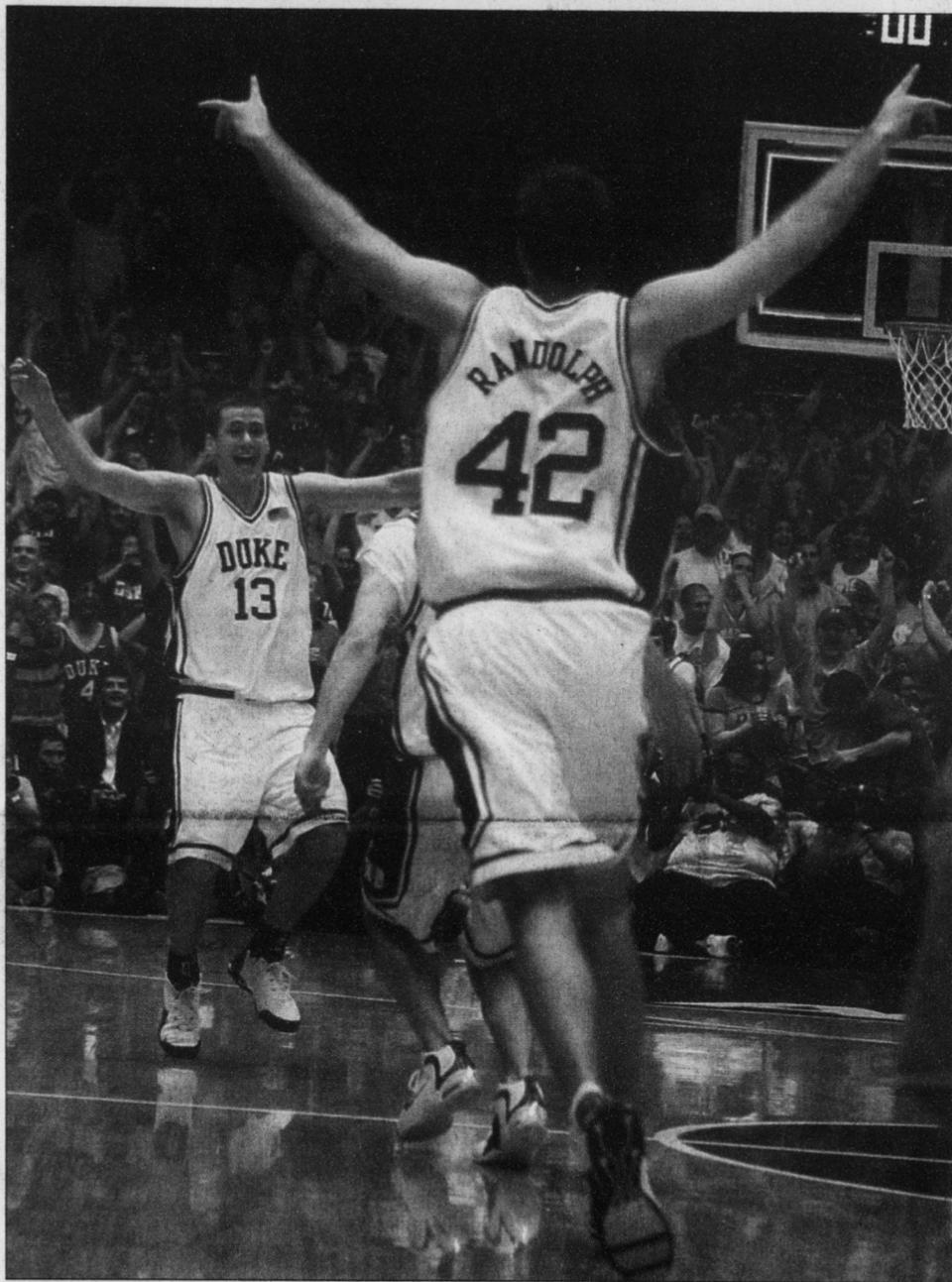
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DUKE 71  UNC 70 

TURNED OVER



Duke forward Shavlik Randolph (42) raises his arms in triumph with Lee Melchionni (13) after the Blue Devils' 71-70 defeat of North Carolina at Cameron Indoor Stadium on Wednesday. The Tar Heels have not had a victory in Durham since Feb. 1, 2001. DTH PHOTOS/LAURA MORTON

BY DANIEL BLANK SENIOR WRITER DURHAM

North Carolina had made all the stops and enough of its shots that it found itself with a chance to beat Duke after facing a late nine-point deficit.

Coming out of a timeout with 18.2 seconds left, the question for the Tar Heels was who would take the final shot. Would it be Rashad McCants, who struggled all game but has made a career off nailing big shots? Would it be Raymond Felton, who almost single-handedly willed UNC back into the game? Or would it be Sean May, who carried the Tar Heels throughout with 23



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May's toils fall short for UNC

BY BEN COUCH SENIOR WRITER

DURHAM — Sean May stood in a cramped corner of the visitor's locker room at Cameron Indoor Stadium with a sea of tape recorders shoved in front of his face.

Peppered with question after question regarding UNC's play against Duke and the aftereffects of a dispiriting 71-70 loss, May kept returning to a single theme: rebounding.

He was referring to the fact that his team needs to regroup, refocus and beat No. 19 Connecticut in Hartford on Sunday, but his word choice was appropriate.

In a valiant effort — one that UNC coach Roy Williams termed "phenomenal" — May ripped down 18 rebounds and scored 23 points, both game highs.

"In that environment, 18 points and 23 rebounds, that's impressive," Roy Williams said. "We would've got our tails kicked by 40 without Sean."

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ROY WILLIAMS, UNC COACH

Candidates fight their shock

BY DANIEL WILKES STAFF WRITER

Many students were awe-struck Wednesday after no candidate received a majority of votes in the two-ticket race for senior class president and vice president.

"We were really astonished," said Heather Sidden, chairwoman of the Board of Elections, calling the results an "unprecedented occurrence."

"It was close all day long, and we worried about no candidate getting the majority," she said.

Both campaigns will receive \$75 in additional funding as they vie for the support of rising seniors before Tuesday's runoff election.

Madison Perry and Whit Walker, candidates for senior class president and vice president, respectively, said Wednesday that they are enthusiastic about their second wave of campaigning.

Walker was especially visible Wednesday, dancing in the Pit and yelling campaign slogans at passers-by. Perry said that his campaign will consist of increasingly noisy and animated "attention grabbers" but that he understands the "line between making jokes of ourselves and showing enthusiasm."

Bobby Whisnant, Perry's competition

for senior class president, said that he was shocked and perplexed by the election results but that he's relieved that he and vice presidential candidate Jenny Peddycord are still in the race.

Whisnant said his campaign did the best it could during the first round but that the problem was voter turnout.

"We've had a very, very good strategy," Whisnant said. "The downside is we had many supporters that did not vote because they were overconfident that we'd win."

Perry and Walker received 915 votes for office, just one more than Whisnant and Peddycord's 914. Sixteen write-in votes in the competition left neither campaign with a majority.

Whisnant said he plans to focus on encouraging supporters to vote and maintaining a visible presence on campus. "We're definitely going to do it big Monday and Tuesday," he said.

Former student body presidential candidate Tom Jensen endorsed the Whisnant ticket Tuesday.

"I think that Bobby and Jenny represent the diversity of the senior class and have really good ideas for bringing people together for a high-quality senior year,"

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Candidate Madison Perry plans a more energetic and vocal campaign.



Candidate Bobby Whisnant Jr. tries to solidify his voting base.

Hopefuls step up final campaigns

BY KATIE CLINE STAFF WRITER

Students walking past the Pit on Wednesday could have forgotten that the University is at the peak of campaigns for student body president.

The throngs of supporters, waving signs and shouting platform promises were nowhere to be seen the day after election results came in.

But Seke Ballard and Seth Dearmin — the two remaining candidates for student body president — plan to push their efforts into full force today.

The duo have another week of full-time campaigning planned before the student body once again votes for its president in next week's runoff election.

"We've got quite a bit of ground to cover," said Justin Wade, Ballard's campaign manager. "We have to be super-aggressive."

None of the four initial candidates succeeded in garnering a majority of votes in Tuesday's election, mandating a runoff election and adding another week on the

campaign trail.

Dearmin, who received 40 percent of the votes Tuesday, said he was excited about finishing on top during the first election.

"I think we've been successful across the board," he said. "We just need to keep connecting with people on a personal level."

Although more students voted this year than in the last two years, Dearmin said his focus now is on encouraging students to get out and vote in the runoff.

Ballard, who received 27 percent of the votes, said members of his staff scheduled a meeting Wednesday night to discuss new aspects of their strategy.

"I am confident in our ability to mobilize our base," he said. "We just need to be out there as much as possible."

While about 250 people subscribe to Ballard's mailing list, about 40 actively work on his campaign. Dearmin has about 320 members on his mailing list and about 50 active campaigners.

"We will focus our efforts on



Seke Ballard and Seth Dearmin will compete for voters in the coming week before they face off Tuesday in the runoff election for the post of student body president.

word of mouth," Wade said. Wade said the campaign now is looking to win the support of groups that endorsed former candidate Tom Jensen, who received six endorsements during the original campaign.

"We can improve on our collaboration with other groups," he said. Former student body president candidate Leigha Blackwell threw her support behind Dearmin after learning the results Tuesday. Jensen said he would not endorse either of the remaining candidates.

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DUKE: STILL THE BEST

We apologize for this bet-induced statement. We'll never again drink a fifth of Jack before wagering.

WEATHER

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FRIDAY Sunny, H 50, L 27
SATURDAY Sunny, H 55, L 28

