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## 2006 STUDENT ELECTIONS

# ALLRED ELECTED IN DECISIVE VICTORY



James Allred celebrates with his campaign manager Jonathan McNeill (left) and friend and campaign worker Anisa Mohanty (right) on Tuesday after receiving official word of his victory in Carroll 111. The Chapel Hill native defeated his opponent, Bernard Holloway, by almost 1,000 votes. He will assume office April 4.

**BY COLIN CAMPBELL AND KELLY GIEDRAITIS**  
STAFF WRITERS

In an emphatic victory James Allred won the student body's support to serve as its president next year.

Allred defeated his competitor, Bernard Holloway, winning 3,294 votes to Holloway's 2,362.

"I'm so excited about putting this vision into practice," Allred said Tuesday, moments after receiving news of his win.

Holloway, who wore a "Vote or Die" T-shirt for the announcement, said he hopes Allred considers using some of the diversity-related parts of Holloway's platform.

During a forum Monday night, Allred pointed specifically to Holloway's plan for a first-year diversity orientation as an attractive platform plank.

"I think it'd be great if he picked it up," Holloway said. "I don't know if I want to be involved personally, though."

Tuesday marked the end of what many have called one of the most heated student-leader bouts in recent history.

The campaign was littered with allegations of underhanded politicking and character assassination, although both candidates played down the intensity of the campaign discourse.

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### STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT RESULTS

**James Allred** ✓  
3,294 votes

**Bernard Holloway**  
2,362 votes

# Anderson vaulted to GPSF post

## Defeats Lusk in battle for top graduate student spot

**BY KATHRYN ROWLAND**  
STAFF WRITER

The campus leader to follow in Mike Brady's administrative footsteps will come from within the Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

Lauren Anderson, a fourth-year neurobiology student, defeated P.J. Lusk by almost 200 votes Tuesday to succeed Brady as the next president of the GPSF.

"I'm so excited," Anderson said soon after hearing the results. "I feel like I can start doing stuff now."

Anderson garnered 348 votes, while Lusk earned 159.

Immediately after the results were announced, Lusk said he will have to think about whether he will work with the GPSF next year.

"I really hope that she takes the GPSF in a new direction, that she brings in the new blood. But we'll see," he said.

Anderson said she would call Brady today to get the ball rolling.

### GPSF RESULTS

**Lauren Anderson** ✓  
348 votes

**P.J. Lusk**  
159 votes

This is her second year of involvement.

She said she hopes her new role will place her in a more prominent role on campus.

"I'll definitely be more visible on campus, for better or for worse," she said. "I'll probably start working nights in the (neurobiology) labs."

Anderson said that she had trouble logging in to Student Central to cast her own vote while the polls were open — and that she hoped no one was deterred from voting by any technical difficulties.

Her campaign focused on making graduate and professional students a stronger voice on campus.

"It's interesting for me to see that the students here

"We're going to start the transition process tomorrow," she said Tuesday night. "See what his meetings and plans are for the rest of the week."

Anderson is treasurer of the GPSF and was endorsed by the group.

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Bernard Holloway reacts to news of his loss. He applauded Allred after the announcement.

# Thompson secures post

## Wins unopposed contest

**BY ALLISON NICHOLS**  
STAFF WRITER

Without a formal competitor, William Thompson waltzed to an easy victory in Tuesday's election for Residence Hall Association president with 4,790 votes.

Now that the election season is over, Thompson said he can focus on fulfilling the promises he made on the campaign trail to strengthen RHA and improve residential life for students.

Thompson said his first plan of action after taking office will be to fill his executive board.

"The first step to have an effective transition is really just having qualified individuals at the core of our organization," he said Tuesday night.

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Sophomore Will Thompson will take the RHA reins.

# PETERSEN, WEISS TEAMS CLEAR HURDLE

**BY ROBBY MARSHALL**  
STAFF WRITER

Campus elections aren't over yet.

Because no candidates for senior class officers were able to garner a simple majority of the electorate Tuesday, the top two vote-getters — Meg Petersen and running mate Eric Schmidt and Doug Weiss and Juelle McDonald — will meet again in a run-off election Tuesday.

Petersen and Schmidt received the most votes, with 589, while Weiss and McDonald garnered 569.

Jonathan Friedman and Barry Turner were eliminated after gaining only 329 votes.

"We're totally hyped," Petersen said after results were announced.

"This is right where we wanted to be," Schmidt added.

Weiss expressed similar excitement.

"This is about as good a position as we could ask for," he said.

With just one more week to gain the favor of students, Petersen and Schmidt said they will try to win over the supporters of Friedman and Turner.

"We're going to work really hard to pull the votes that went the third way," Petersen said.

Weiss said his team will stick to their initial selling point — their



(Left) Meg Petersen and Eric Schmidt react to election results. (Right) Doug Weiss and Juelle McDonald share a moment. The pairs will meet in a runoff.



(Right) Doug Weiss and Juelle McDonald share a moment. The pairs will meet in a runoff.

expansive platform.

"We'll emphasize how our platform hits a lot more areas," he said.

Friedman and Turner were out of the race, but Friedman said he hopes to see their plans in action next year.

"Hopefully you won't see the last

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### SENIOR CLASS VP & PRESIDENT RESULTS

**Petersen & Schmidt** ✓  
589 votes

**Weiss & McDonald** ✓  
569 votes

**Friedman & Turner**  
329 votes

Runoff date:  
Feb. 21

# High coasts to CAA presidency

## Uncontested race offers no surprises

**BY NATE HUBBARD**  
STAFF WRITER

Oddly enough, the next leader for the Carolina Athletic Association wasn't able to attract any competition in her race for the presidency.

Rachel High won the CAA presidency Tuesday in an unopposed election with 4,784 votes.

"I was just worried I was going to lose to Ivory (Latta)," High said after the results were announced. "I appreciate that so many people at least took the time to click the button," she said, referring to the online voting procedure.

With her position officially secured, High now can confidently move ahead on the campaign platforms she proposed throughout the election.

In her platform High targeted working



Junior Rachel High will direct the CAA next year.

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### announcement

#### NO GUEST COLUMN

Because of space required for Tuesday's elections results, this week's guest column by Judith Wegner will be bumped to Thursday's front page.

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#### DTH BLOG

Want to help choose next year's editor? Not Fit to Print tells you how

#### UNIVERSITY BLOG

A few tidbits about post-election reactions around campus

#### ARTS BLOG

The TomKat phenomenon reportedly has ended its whirlwind tour

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#### EXHIBITING VICES

Hunter Levinsohn combines refuse and chocolate in a mixed-media exhibit that runs through Feb. 26 at the Horace Williams House.

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#### DUAL RECOGNITION

A longtime janitor and a bus driver acting to save her passengers were named the city school district's 2 most recent employees of the month.

### today in history

#### FEB. 15, 2001

UNC athletes Julius Peppers and Joseph Forte decline seats in Student Congress after being elected through write-in votes.

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