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PETERSEN/SCHMIDT TO LEAD SENIOR CLASS

Beat Weiss/McDonald in runoff election

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It's the election that almost wasn't.

In light of technical difficulties that plagued Tuesday's senior class runoff election, Nick Mosley, chairman of the UNC Board of Elections, decided to void the election and call a re-election.

But rather than see the campaign drag on for another week, the two candidate pairs asked at the eleventh hour for certification of the results, regardless of voting irregularities.

After a round of votes from elections board members, Mosley called the election for Meg Petersen and Eric Schmidt, who defeated Doug Weiss and Juelle McDonald 598 votes to 495.

"This is exactly what we were hoping for," Schmidt said.

"I think we're going to take a little time off," Petersen said afterward.

When the board made its initial call for re-election — after UNC's network crashed and crippled campus Internet access for several hours — both parties were surprised that the results were going to have to wait.

"We're ready to get this done," Schmidt said before the results were announced. "We worked so hard to start doing this job, so now we're ready to start."

For 40 tense minutes candidates and their staffs waited in the student government office as board leaders called other elections officials for consult.

The board voted unanimously to overturn the earlier decision.

"If both candidates desire the results — we're working for them at the end of the day," Mosley said.

After hearing of the loss, Weiss said he did not regret of the deci-



Meg Petersen and Eric Schmidt embrace after news of their election to senior class president and vice-president. Petersen and Schmidt edged competitors Doug Weiss and Juelle McDonald in Tuesday's runoff race. Neither pair earned a simple majority in the Feb. 14 election.

DTH/JULIA BARKER

SENIOR CLASS RESULTS

Meg Petersen & Eric Schmidt	Doug Weiss & Juelle McDonald
598 votes	495 votes

CONGRESS ELECTIONS VOIDED

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sion. "Regardless, it was a good move to get this over with."

With the election behind them, Petersen and Schmidt said they are anxious to begin work.

Weiss also said he wants to work with the new senior class officers to implement parts of his platform.

"I'll work with them to do as much as possible," he said. "I

thought I had a good platform."

Tuesday's victory is due at least in part to an endorsement from former candidates Jonathan Friedman and Barry Turner, eliminated during the Feb. 14 general election.

The crux of Petersen and Schmidt's victory was their platform. SEE PETERSEN, PAGE 5



Weiss reacts to news of his close loss to Petersen. He said he would try to stay active in senior class activities next year.

DTH/LARRY BAUM

Flagship at home in quiet setting

"Why here?" newcomers to campus might ask.

"Why was the University built in this little town, and not in an urban place that would have had more to offer students in the way of entertainment, shopping, restaurants, transportation and other institutions?"

Remember also that Chapel Hill was even smaller at its founding.

But there are several reasons for the decision to place the flagship in Chapel Hill, some of which were more cogent in 1792 than they are today.

First, the sponsors of the University of North Carolina said they wanted to make sure the flagship university was built in a "healthy and convenient situation," centrally located in the state.

That ruled out North Carolina's towns of any size, Wilmington and New Bern near the East Coast and up-and-coming Fayetteville, which was argued was too far to the southeast.

Second, the University was intended to serve a set of lusty males, defined at the time as those between 16 and 22 years old. Some of them were already familiar with the sins of the flesh and the others were eager to become acquainted with such behavior.

Thus the University's 1789 legislative charter directed that the trustees choose for it a site "which shall not be ... within five miles of the permanent



GUEST COLUMNIST

John Sanders is a professor emeritus with the University.

Next week: Will Raymond

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SBP seeks supporting castmates

Allred puts out applications

BY BRIAN HUDSON
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Even before he's had the chance to move into his new corner office, Student Body President-elect James Allred has started the process of filling the ones around him.

Applications for Allred's Cabinet and officer corps were released this morning.

Applications for the officer corps are due March 7. The deadline for executive assistant and committee chairman applications is

March 24. Forms are available in the student government office in Union 2501 and online at studentorgs.unc.edu/studgov.

Allred said he hopes to have the

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Consumers squeal for rare little piggies

Mebane woman has unique herd

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If the many varieties of North Carolina barbecue are any indication, the Old North State knows its pork.

So it's no surprise that Mebane is home to one of only four Ossabaw pig breeders in the nation and the sole breeder in the state.

Lantern, Magnolia Grill and Barbecue Joint are just a few local restaurants that use pork

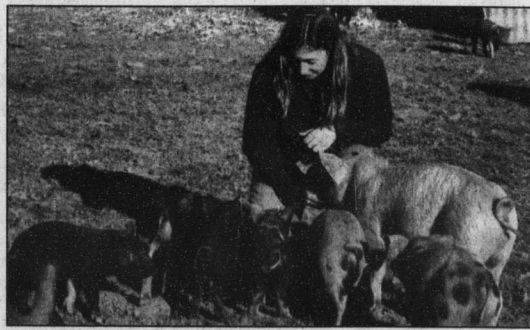
produced at Eliza MacLean's Cane Creek Farm.

"The fat is very creamy, rather than being greasy, and has a very pure, nutty flavor," says Andrea Reusing, owner of Lantern in Chapel Hill. "It's delicious."

About 500 years ago, Spanish conquistadors deposited a group of pigs on Ossabaw Island, off the coast of Georgia, explains Don Schrider, communication director at the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy in Pittsboro.

Part of the conquest of the New World involved leaving

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Eliza MacLean spends Sunday afternoon with her Ossabaw pigs. She is about to face the task of herding the rare pigs into a new pen.

DTH/MAGGIE SARTIN

ELECTIONS BODY TO LOSE ITS HEAD

Longtime director will call it quits after 35 years

BY SHATARRA GIBSON
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Though she might spend most of her time behind the scenes, co-workers of retiring Orange County Board of Elections Director Carolyn Cates say her May departure surely will be noticed.

Cates, who announced her retirement Monday, said she intends to kick back, relax and enjoy all that she has accomplished during her three-plus decades in office.

"I'm still going to work part time, but I'm ready for some changes in my life," she said.

"I can't give it all the way up; it's been my life."

Despite her plans to work part time for the board, Cates has plans for the free time she soon will acquire, including a stained glass painting class, horseback riding lessons and a cruise to Alaska.

Cates has worked for the board of elections for 35 years, serving as director for eight years.

During her tenure on the board, the county has seen advancements in voting technology and voting education.

Real-time election results were made available on the Internet.



Carolyn Cates, the retiring director of the county board of elections, pores over paperwork for the May elections in her office Tuesday.

DTH/LEAH GRONNING

Voter registration has increased from 15,000 to 94,000.

Improved voting technology has been implemented, with the newest crop of machines being readied for this November.

Cates' job consists of overseeing elections and candidates' campaigns as well as programming ballots and machines.

County personnel director Elaine Holmes said the process for selecting Cates' successor will

consist of a series of interviews and background checks conducted by an assessment panel.

Cates' decision marks the second county department head to announce retirement plans in less than two weeks.

Orange County Manager John Link declared that he would leave his post after 18 years at a Feb. 9 Orange County Board of

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RELATIONS THERAPY Duke professor characterizes U.S.-Iran relations as poor

WHO'VE YOU GOT? N.C. Republican party requests member church directories

BEHIND DOOR NO. 4 Freshman Luke Putkonen throws solid game in 15-0 romp

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FINE WOMEN'S ARTS

The Women's Center is holding its 22nd annual woman artists' exhibit through Sunday at the Sheraton hotel in Chapel Hill.



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UN MES DE NOTICIAS

Efectos de inmigración, un programa de profesores visitantes y una telenovela que está rodeando en Durham en esta edición de La Colina.

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Chancellor James Moeser announces the University's commitment to a campuswide genome science initiative, a \$245 million project.

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