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STUDENT 2007 ELECTIONS

CARSON, NEPTUNE GO ON



DTH/MELISSA WILLIAMSON

Student body president candidate Nick Neptune shakes hands with competitor Eve Carson after the two learned that they will advance to a runoff next Tuesday. Carson, the race's top vote getter, was supported by a boisterous campaign team while Neptune's group reacted calmly.

Carson aces opponents, looks forward to runoff

BY ELISABETH GILBERT AND GREG MARGOLIS
STAFF WRITERS

After round one of the student body president election, Eve Carson and Nick Neptune were left standing and will battle head-to-head in a runoff election Tuesday.

Carson received 40 percent of votes cast, while Neptune got 33 percent. The 7,441 total votes cast represented the highest voter turnout in student election history.

The results are considered complete once candidates submit their financial statements today. A runoff election is held when no candidate garners more than 50 percent of votes.

The overtime finish of the UNC men's basketball team's game against Virginia Tech heightened the tension in Carroll Hall 111.

Just after 11:30 p.m. the Board of Elections entered the room to widespread applause from the anxious candidates and supporters.

As the vote was announced, Carson and her supporters cheered loudly and hugged.

"I'm thrilled," she said. "I'm thrilled that we have another week to reach out to students."

Neptune's response was more subdued. He shook hands with those around him, including his parents, John and Donna Neptune.

"I think it's terrific," he said. "I look forward to the runoff."

The third-place finisher, Caroline Spencer, garnered 13 percent of the vote and said she will consider other student government options.

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STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

EVE CARSON	40 percent	2,941 votes	Runoff election on Tuesday
NICK NEPTUNE	33 percent	2,459 votes	
CAROLINE SPENCER	13 percent	965 votes	
JON KITE	10 percent	797 votes	



DTH/TRACI WHITE

Caroline Spencer said she will pursue other student government opportunities next year.

Almond wins CAA president in a landslide

BY ASHLEE SADLER
STAFF WRITER

After facing a year marked by criticism and scrutiny, the Carolina Athletic Association will welcome Colby Almond to its top position.

"I'm very excited," Almond said Tuesday night after the announcement. "We campaigned and got our ideas out there, and the students showed up."

Almond won the presidency by a substantial margin over competitor Marcus Carpenter, who lacked experience within the CAA and ran on a platform of increasing students' voices in the organization.

Almond won 3,748 votes, with Carpenter trailing by 1,618.

"I would say I was disappointed, but we ran a good campaign and got a lot of good ideas out there," Carpenter said.

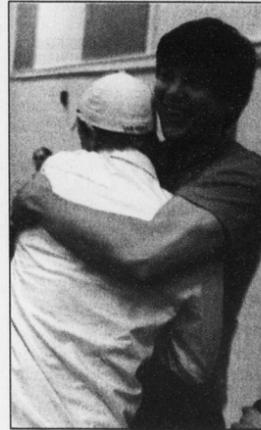
Almond said he already is lining up plans for when he takes office in early April and for tackling his platform.

"We're going to start taking CAA to the next level," he said. "We'll start by getting student input on the new ticket policy."

Addressing the ticket distribution system is one of Almond's top priorities, he said.

The basketball ticket distribution system has come under fire since officials announced a change from the bracelet system to an online registration this summer.

And with last week's announcement of plans for general admission seating, Almond has said he



DTH/COURTNEY POTTER

Colby Almond embraces junior Todd Gardner after defeating his opponent by a wide margin. He said he's ready to talk basketball tickets.

CAA PRESIDENT

COLBY ALMOND	61 percent	3,748 votes
MARCUS CARPENTER	34 percent	2,130 votes

wants to solicit more student input before taking any action as CAA president.

"We can mold it to fit all students and make all of them happy," he said.

Almond noted that his inter-

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The Carolina Union Activities Board and the Campus Y each appointed internally new presidents. See pages 3 and 7, respectively.

ONLINE

Results are in for the race to fill seats in Student Congress. Plus view our election guide to decide how you'll vote Tuesday in the runoff election.

Anderson holds on to GPSF post

BY DEBORAH NEFFA
STAFF WRITER

Lauren Anderson retained her post as Graduate and Professional Student Federation president Tuesday night, fending off competition from write-in candidate Doug Whitfield.



GPSF President Lauren Anderson will focus on finishing the job.

"I'm relieved," said Anderson, who did not attend Tuesday's election announcement.

Anderson received 311 votes, or 57 percent of the vote. Whitfield earned 210 votes, or 38 percent.

"She was on the ballot; I'm

GPSF PRESIDENT

LAUREN ANDERSON	57 percent	311 votes
DOUG WHITFIELD	38 percent	210 votes

not," Whitfield said. "It's as easy as that."

Whitfield said he hopes to become active in Student Congress in the future.

"That's something I've thought about," he said. "We need to have more representation."

Whitfield also said he hopes Anderson will execute the campuswide peer-review journal and the senior mentoring program that appeared on his platform for office.

Anderson said she plans to work on some of Whitfield's plat-

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DTH/STACEY AXELROD

Veronica Mora (left) and Ashley Shores scream with jubilation after the announcement that they will lead next year's senior class. Their victory, earned without a runoff, was unexpected.

Shores, Mora beat out two other teams for senior class

BY EMILY STEPHENSON
STAFF WRITER

In a rare decisive victory, Ashley Shores and Veronica Mora won the race for senior class officers Tuesday night, garnering 51 percent of the vote.

Shores and Mora defeated two other pairs who were vying for the office — Kareemah Lewis and Nick Harper, and Sade Carter and Beth Hopkins. Shores and Mora received 877 votes. Lewis and Harper trailed with 541 votes. Carter and Hopkins

SENIOR CLASS

SHORES AND MORA	51 percent	874 votes
LEWIS AND HARPER	32 percent	541 votes
CARTER AND HOPKINS	11 percent	191 votes

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Sugg officially nets RHA president job

Uncontested candidate eager for months ahead

BY SERGIO TOVAR
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday night was more of a confirmation than a surprise victory for Brian Sugg.

As the only candidate running for Residence Hall Association president, Sugg won the race by a wide margin, receiving 3,037 votes to become the next RHA president.

No one ran a write-in campaign, and the next place finisher only earned four votes.

"Two years ago to this very day at N.C. State (University), I had no idea where my life was going," Sugg said after the announcement Tuesday night in Carroll Hall.

"To be here today and to have this special opportunity makes me feel very privileged."

As his name was announced, Sugg showed his excitement by giving a high five to one of his supporters.

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Junior Brian Sugg ran uncontested and garnered 3,037 votes.

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Athletics Department officials announce that the 1924 and 1982 basketball National Championship banners: have been stolen and point to N.C. State students.

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