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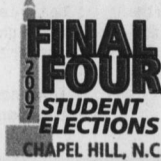
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CHAMPIONSHIP TUESDAY

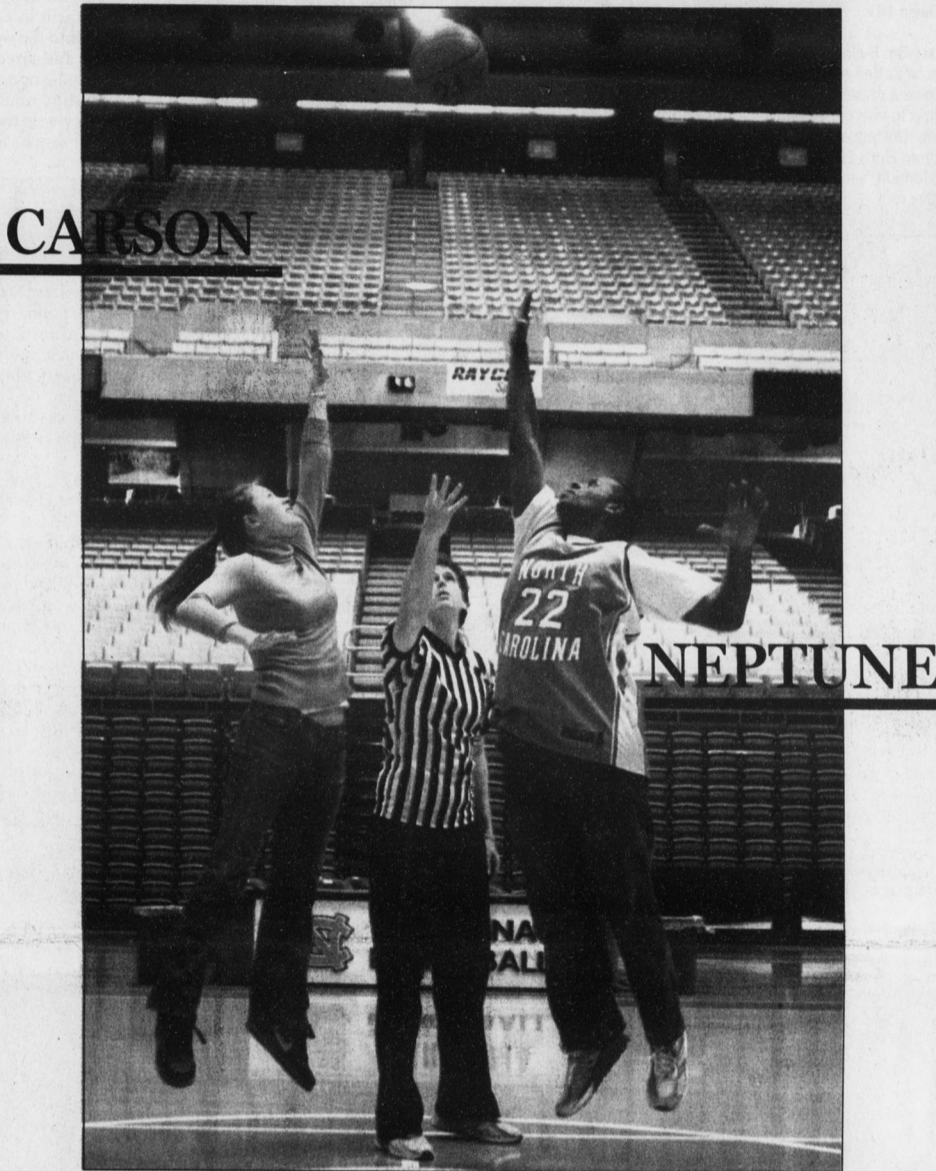
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GAME TIME: 7 A.M. TO 10 P.M.
ARENA: STUDENT CENTRAL,
PAPER BALLOTS AVAILABLE AT UNION 2501.

No. 1
EVE CARSON
2,941 votes

No. 2
NICK NEPTUNE
2,459 votes



No. 4
JON KITE
797 votes

No. 3 **Caroline**
CAROLINE SPENCER
965 votes

Candidates Eve Carson and Nick Neptune will settle the score today with Board of Elections Chairman Jim Brewer (center) overseeing the vote. Below: Core campaign workers from both camps are rooting for their candidates today and hoping that months of work will earn a victory.

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Campus will decide today who will lead students next year as president

BY AMANDA YOUNGER
STAFF WRITER

The scrutiny that student body president hopefuls Eve Carson and Nick Neptune have withstood for the past month will end tonight for one of them.

When the votes are tallied, only one person will emerge as UNC's next student body president, giving Carson or Neptune access to power and administrators, with a thrust to the forefront of student affairs.

Today's runoff election will present challenges for both candidates, as second elections are notorious for lower voter turnout than the general election. Both candidates have worked during the past week

to shore up their bases and attract swing voters.

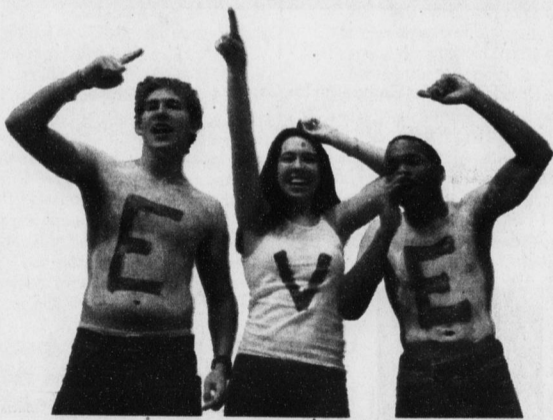
"I think you have a much more focused electorate to appeal to," said Jim Brewer, chairman of the Board of Elections. "You have to decide who you are appealing to."

In last week's general election, Carson secured 40 percent of the vote, while Neptune garnered 33 percent in an election that saw the highest voter turnout in UNC history.

"As a candidate, you have to worry about voter turnout," Brewer said.

Carson and Neptune have taken distinct paths throughout the cam-

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Easley keys in on education access

BY LIZ GILLIAM
STAFF WRITER

RALEIGH — North Carolina's average college tuition is one of the lowest in the nation and it's going to stay low, Gov. Mike Easley said in the State of the State address Monday night.

Affordable education, as well as health care and income taxes, topped the agenda in Easley's final

speech to a packed audience of legislators, lobbyists and onlookers.

"As more of our students receive an advanced degree, North Carolina becomes stronger," Easley said. "They generate more wealth; they generate more revenue; and they generate more innovation."

An increase in "Learn and Earn"

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Gov. Mike Easley delivers his final State of the State address Monday night at the N. C. General Assembly. He gives the speech every two years.

ANALYSIS

Gift is saving grace for struggling Morehead

BY LINDSAY MICHEL
INVESTIGATIVE TEAM CO-EDITOR

A driving force in merit-based aid, the Morehead Foundation was running low on fuel until a \$100 million gift was thrown into its engine.

The donation, a gift from the Gordon and Mary Cain Foundation in Houston, nearly doubles the

Morehead's \$115 million endowment, which has seen poor returns in recent years.

In 2003, the foundation dipped to its lowest class size with 40 incoming freshmen scholars. There were 42 entering scholars in fall 2004 and fall 2005.

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PB PROBLEMS Some brands of peanut butter are recalled because of salmonella
USING THINKING CAPS UNC scientists study mental disorders using infant brains
HOLLA FOR DOLLAS County schools leaders want a 15 percent budget increase



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ALMOST READY TO ROLL
With just a few days left until the culmination of the year's work, Dance Marathon organizers are putting the final details together for the 24-hour dance.

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GO 49ERS
UNC-Charlotte is studying the idea of starting a football program through a formal survey and online poll of students' willingness to pay.

this day in history

FEB. 20, 1951 ...
John Motley Morehead earmarks \$2 million to scholarships for University students. The Morehead Foundation, under Robert Fetzer, will give \$1,500 per student.

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