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Students voice concerns at election forum; SGA sponsors 'get out and vote' day today

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More than 100 students gathered in the Hawk's Nest last Tuesday to hear a panel of UNCW faculty and student opinions about the upcoming presidential election.

"Supporters (of the candidates) will not likely be affected by the debate," said Political Science Professor Roger C. Lowery before the debate. "Undecided voters will probably be the ones swayed. Bush needs to exceed expectations."

The panel was made up of Lowery and Walter D. Devries of the political science department; Lloyd E. Rohler, professor of communication studies; and senior, political science majors Melissa R. Clary and Melissa E. Johnson. Stephen S. Meinhold, associate professor of political science, served as moderator.

Some members of the panel were clear supporters of a particular candidate while others simply offered opinions on the election process as a whole.

"Bush has a lot to gain, and Gore doesn't have much to lose," Johnson said. "People can't win debates, but they can lose them."

Several members of the panel emphasized how important it was for the candidates to grab the audience's attention. Rohler said, "The enthusiasm and excitement at the debates are very important."

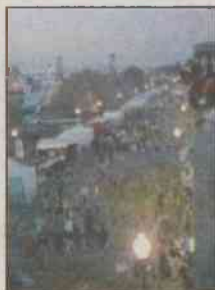
Devries said, "The first 15 minutes of the debate is the key. It will

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Several students and faculty participated in the panel discussion of the presidential campaign before last week's debate between Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore.

Davis lobbies for more graduation tickets

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The clocktower that was erected on campus last year as a senior gift drew a lot of attention from the university. Senior class President Aaron Davis said he believes he has come up with an idea for this year's gift that "everyone will be happy with."

According to Davis, this year's gift will be an "architecturally designed landing."

The landing will be located in part of the open space on the north side of the University Union. A small bit of the hill that was created when the ponds were dug will be removed and then replaced with a brick patio, complete with flowers and UNCW spelled out in polished, concrete letters.

Davis believes that there needs to be a special place central to the campus that will have the school's letters and be visually pleasing.

"Right now, where do you take a picture to signify that you went to UNCW?" Davis said.

The price for the gift is not yet known but Davis said it will be relatively inexpensive. The estimated price and a finished design will be available soon.

The money for the senior class gift is raised entirely by the senior class and does not come from student fees or state generated tax revenue.

Davis is busy as the senior class president with other issues besides the class gift. He is currently working on an initiative that would increase the number of tickets students are allowed to have for graduation ceremonies.

Currently, graduates are only allowed three tickets for graduation ceremonies. Davis does not think this is fair and wants

the policy changed because graduation represents an outstanding moment in a person's life. He also said that many students have more than three people who would like to attend their graduation.

"I would be willing to pay extra for more tickets," Davis said.



Wizards play to sold-out Trask

Wizards forwards Felipe Lopez goes up for the reverse layup. The White team defeated the Blue team 78 to 69 in this past Monday's scrimmage.

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