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the system by \$275 and "reluctantly" agreed to a proposed \$200 tuition increase at UNC-CH and N.C. State University.

Nieman suggested adjusting the rate that determines annual tuition increases as a substitute for the fee increase. The change would raise tuition at UNC-CH by about \$60 next fall.

Emphasizing a point Broad made in January, Nieman also said a \$36.8 million need-based financial aid package should be "front and center" when the board makes its recommendation to the legislature.

Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Bradley Wilson said Nieman's proposal could resonate well with board members.

"I think most of the board members still strongly believe that it's the General Assembly's responsibility to fund capi-

tal buildings," Wilson said.

Wilson also said BOG members acknowledged the need to raise tuition to boost faculty salaries.

"On the tuition, I think there is beginning to be recognized that a tuition increase is necessary, but how much and for how long is still being debated."

Budget and Finance Committee Vice Chairman Robert Warwick said tuition-increase proposals from UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Charlotte and East Carolina University, although not included in Broad's proposal, would also likely get support from the BOG.

"(Broad) is certainly aware that some (BOG) members feel that all five schools that made requests should have an equal shot at getting an increase," he said.

Nieman said he hoped the board and the legislature would respond positively to his plan. "I hope this is a call to action to the legislature."

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believe that it is imperative that the candidates and their staff attend the meeting," Nieman said.

Coalition members said they hoped government representatives from other UNC-system schools would join in what they dubbed a "silent presence."

"We're at the point where we're willing to concede that direct protest will not yield desired effects," said Michael Osterweil, coalition member. "But we are in no way giving up our vote in this process and we not accepting this passively."

In one of the most public displays of student activism in recent years at UNC-CH, more than 400 students joined in demonstration at last October's Board of Trustees meeting, where members called for a \$1,500 tuition increase in the next five years.

Students said they also planned to set

up an information table on the corner of Cameron Avenue and Columbia Street, where they will inform students on how to sit-in on the meetings and contact board members.

Coalition member Matthew Smith outlined five tenets to which he hoped the BOG would adhere. "We do not want them to fund capital needs."

The coalition opposed any future tuition increases, except in extraordinary circumstances. "We want full funding from the N.C. General Assembly," Smith said. "We also need to consider equity of increase on all UNC-system students." Broad's proposal affects students at all 16 system schools.

Despite the likelihood of some type of tuition increase, students remained optimistic. "Student presence will continue to affect the BOG decision," said Sandi Chapman, coalition member.

"We can change the outcome."

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Bush Comes Out on Top In Delaware Primary

Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. - Republican George W. Bush won Delaware's presidential primary Tuesday and earned a badly needed boost into a Southern showdown, even as antagonist John McCain burnished his insurgent candidacy by finishing second in a state where he did not campaign.

"I think this is a piece of good news that will buoy our supporters," the Texas governor said after securing the state's 12 delegates.

McCain, who skipped Delaware to focus on the critical Feb. 19 primary in South Carolina, attributed his showing to the momentum generated by his

shellacking of Bush in New Hampshire's leadoff primary last week.

"It's bound to give us a boost," the Arizona senator told the AP. "I think there are some good signs for us, but I think we still have a long, long way to go. I'm still the underdog."

Conservative Steve Forbes finished third after spending \$60 million on two successive presidential bids. "Clearly, we would have liked to have done better. We will go on to Michigan and South Carolina and assess the situation as things move forward," campaign manager Bill Dal Col told the AP.

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shouldn't be given out before elections," Smiley said the student body president should make an active outreach to a diverse pool of applicants instead of practicing what she called "tokenism," which can lead to the creation of a homogeneous Cabinet.

Smiley described the racial climate on campus as one of covered-up racism, perpetuated by such University landmarks as Silent Sam, the statue of the confederate soldier in McCorkle Place, and Saunders Hall.

Campus debate erupted last fall after some students protested the names of several campus buildings that were named after Ku Klux Klan leaders, including Saunders Hall.

"The student body president should do his or her best to expose parts of the history of the University that create a hostile environment," Smiley said.

Candidate Brad Matthews said the role of president requires that he or she set a personal example when addressing race relations.

Through his two-year membership in the Black Student Movement, Matthews said he now had a better understanding of minority challenges. "You have to be willing to look at things you haven't experienced."

The freestanding Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center will be a move in the right direction, Matthews said.

The BCC received the necessary funding to build a freestanding center last fall after a UNC alumnus left a \$28 million bequest to the University in September.

The BCC is now finalizing plans for its new building, which will be located on South Road adjacent to the Bell Tower.

"The mission of the BCC is a wonderful demonstration of what we're trying to do here to cultivate understanding," he said.

Matthews said more people would come to cultural organizations' activities if they were better publicized.

"Communication is the single biggest problem on campus."

Matthews said one of his platform goals was to set up a centralized campus-wide calendar, aimed to better publicize all University events.

Candidate Preston Smith also said increased publicity and support was needed for such cultural organizations as the BSM, Sangam and Masala.

He said the clout behind the role of student body president could help achieve those ends.

"I would love to work with different groups to publicize events and get funding," he said.

Smith said campus race relations had a lot of room for improvement and that visiting speakers, such as Johnnie Cochran Jr., could help increase tolerance.

"We need to get out and publicize speakers."

Johnnie Cochran Jr., the prominent attorney for such celebrities as O.J. Simpson, is slated to speak Feb. 20.

Other past notable speakers include Michael Dyson, the former UNC professor who quoted profane lyrics during a speech in 1997.

Dyson returned to UNC last semester and visited as the keynote speaker during Race Relations Week.

Ward Connerly, a key force in California's Proposition 209 against affirmative action, spoke on campus in 1998.

To attract more high-profile speakers to campus, candidate Josh Ray said surrounding universities needed to make a collaborative effort.

"If the university system as a whole can work together, we could get more speakers," Ray said.

"The best way to offer diversity to students of all cultures is to listen to a speaker."

Ray said the student body had fair

minority representation on campus but that it needed more.

"We need more diversity," he said. "We have a lot of white females."

Ray said UNC needed to increase awareness about the University at middle school and high schools around North Carolina to attract a more diverse applicant pool.

Candidate Michael Harris said classroom diversity could have the effect of expanding people's mind. "This is one of the issues I'm really focusing on - cross-cultural admissions."

Harris said a broad spectrum of cultural backgrounds in the student population would benefit the racial climate at the University.

"The climate is greatly improved from 25 years ago, he said.

But we're not anywhere we want to be."

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