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ing up North Carolina's environment is a major plank in Wicker's platform. Stinneford said phasing out hog lagoons would remain a top priority.

Stinneford said Wicker also hoped to reduce emissions from automobiles, curb urban sprawl by promoting mass transit and protect wetlands.

But Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC-Chapel Hill's Program on Southern Politics, Media, and Public Life, said that because of the similar views of the candidates, the primary race would not come down to the issues. The party would select a nominee who had the best chance of winning in November and that meant the candidate with the best public image.

He said Wicker might have a hard time attracting swing voters from the less-stoic Easley. Although Wicker appeared zealous, he could often come across as businesslike, Guillory said.

"It isn't the big issues (that set them apart)," he said.

"Easley and Wicker agree more than disagree."

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STAR HEEL

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staffed, urban schools. Bennett said she hoped to be placed in a bilingual environment.

Bennett furthered her teaching education by learning how to bond with complete strangers. Neither the counselors nor the students knew one another before the trip.

"They came together not knowing each other but came out of the experience the best of friends," she said.

The trip included stops in Shannon, Dublin and Limerick, but Bennett's favorite part of the trip was visiting a family-owned honey farm.

"I just don't think we have anything like that here in the United States," Bennett said. "(Family-owned farms) are few and far between."

Bennett said the family graciously offered to show the students around.

"For me that kind of captured the entire spirit of that country," Bennett said. "The United States is so amass that we just have no sense of community or national identity. That is most definitely prevalent over there."

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N.C. Primary 'Out of Loop'

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Chasing after the GOP presidential nomination last month, George W. Bush canceled a fund-raising commitment in North Carolina to focus his attention on a victory south of the state line.



Amid cheering fans, waving banners and a national media circus, Bush captured South Carolina's primary March 19, giving him the momentum to win his party's candidacy for president.

Fast-forward six weeks.

On Tuesday, North Carolinians will have their chance to vote in a primary for Bush but no other major GOP candidate.

Arizona Sen. John McCain, Bush's chief opponent, dropped out several weeks after South Carolina's primary.

As a result, Bush's campaign visit to Greensboro on Thursday merely consist-

ed of a fifteen minute speech to teachers. Few reporters were present. Bush shook no hands.

Scenarios like this cause many North Carolinians to feel neglected in national politics. The state's May primary means that the presidential nomination is practically decided before citizens here get to cast their ballots. "We miss out on a lot," said Barbara Allen, chairwoman of the N.C. Democratic Party. "All the other primaries are early and we're just left out of the loop."

North Carolina's minor role in presidential nominations is especially surprising considering its size relative to earlier states, said Dan Gurley, political director of the North Carolina GOP.

"We're certainly disappointed we're not a more important player," Gurley said. "We're the tenth largest state in the country. It would be nice to have a role in the presidential selection."

Gurley said the current primary date also contributed to voter apathy. "When voters realize (the presidential race has) already been decided, they don't come vote," he said.

Allen said political organizations nationwide were developing sweeping overhauls of the presidential primary

system in response to similar concerns.

Policymakers at the Democratic National Convention, the Republican National Convention and the National Association of Secretaries of State are all deeply involved in evaluating and trying to overturn the system.

At least two national plans for organizing primaries have been proposed.

The system developed and endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State divides the country into four regions - east, south, mid-west, and far west. The states in each region would hold their primaries together beginning in March. Other regions would follow each subsequent month.

The key to this plan is that each region would take a turn going first. For instance, the east region would hold its primary first in 2004, then would rotate to last for the 2008 elections. After two more cycles, it would be first again.

Another plan, known as the Delaware Plan, is even more explicit in its drive for every vote to count. Gurley said this plan grouped states in five pods by their populations. The pod with the 10 smallest states would hold its primaries first, followed by pods with larger and larger states.

Decision 2000

When North Carolina's primary hits May 2, the parties should already have a candidate.

Feb. 1: New Hampshire
GOP and Democratic Primaries

Feb. 19: South Carolina
GOP Primary

March 7: California, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Massachusetts
GOP and Democratic Primaries

March 11: Arizona
Democratic Primary

March 14: Florida, Texas
GOP and Democratic Primaries

May 2: North Carolina
GOP and Democratic Primaries

May 10: Colorado
GOP and Democratic Primaries

The final primaries would encompass heavy-hitting states that usually end the nominating process just as it starts. As the tenth largest, North Carolina would participate in this final group.

Allen said these plans would continue to be fine-tuned. "It's just begun."

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the Chapel Hill Transportation Department, said he anticipated few problems from the festival.

Anderson said that despite the growth of the music as a drawing factor for the festival, it was the artwork that set Apple Chill apart from others events. "Bands make the fair - they make it exciting and really enliven it," he said. "However, this is an arts and crafts fair, and you can't forget that."

He said Apple Chill differed from Festifall, a Franklin Street festival held in early October.

"Apple Chill is the same size as Festifall, but it's much more intense," Anderson said. "The time of the year, the location and more space than Festifall - (Apple Chill) draws 4,000 to 5,000 more people."

Battle said that despite the changes in Apple Chill, it was still a unique event.

"It's the time of the year when people get together," he said. "It's a time to celebrate spring."

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Street Chillin'

Sunday marks the 28th annual Apple Chill Street Fair, where artists, craftspeople, bands and other performers will take to Franklin Street from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Columbia Stage

Memphis	1-1:40 p.m.	Original Rock
Chunky Fixta	2:10-2:50 p.m.	Funk
Salsational	3:10-3:30 p.m.	Latin Dancing
Ladyfinger	3:50-4:30 p.m.	Alternative Rock
The Dirty Politicians	5-5:40 p.m.	Punk Rock

Planet Stage

Green River	1-1:40 p.m.	Rock
Moment's Notice	2:10-2:50 p.m.	Jazz
Clambake	3:20-4 p.m.	70s
Entouch Gospel Jazz	4:30-5:10 p.m.	Gospel Jazz

(In Front of) Planet Stage

Carolina Contact	1:45-2:05 p.m.	Contact Dance
SLA Steppers	2:55-3:15 p.m.	Step Show
Carolina Contact	4:05-4:25 p.m.	Contact Dance

"Under the Trees" Stage

Chapel Hill HS Jazz Band	1-1:40 p.m.	Youth Jazz
Bouncing Bulldogs	2-2:15 p.m.	Rope Jumping
Ramona Taylor	2:30-3:10 p.m.	Bluegrass
White Rock Gospel Ensemble	3:30-4 p.m.	Gospel
Magnolia Klezmer Band	4:20-5 p.m.	Klezmer Music
Apple Chill Cloggers	5:20-6 p.m.	Clogging

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