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Ballantine, R-Carteret, said members of his party are not pleased with lumping the two bills together.

Ballantine added that the tax increase is larger than expected.

"This is the largest tax increase by any legislature in the country this year," he said. "This tax increase is the only one that raises taxes on personal income, and this is the only state that raises the sales tax."

The budget discussion began in February, and legislators hoped to pass a budget by July 1, the start of the fiscal year. But competing tax plans have caused a standoff between the House and Senate.

Although specific details of the budget have not been disclosed, the House passed a tax package Aug. 30 that included a half-cent local option sales tax increase for counties and a targeted tax increase for the wealthy.

The Senate tax package also includes a half-cent increase and increased taxes on satellite television.

Fred Hartman, Easley's press secretary, said in addition to making sure a tax increase covers the shortfall, educational expansion is a priority for the governor.

But Ballantine said the Senate's plan will place a heavy tax burden on citizens, especially in light of the economic difficulties. "Now is not the time to raise taxes on hardworking families."

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Some council members were troubled by the residents' claims. Council member Edith Wiggins responded to residents by requesting summaries of previous meetings between the University and residents. "I wish there could be a meaningful meeting with residents of Mason Farm Road and the University," said Mayor Rosemary Waldorf.

There were also several references at the hearing to the Smith Center special-use permit, which University officials are requesting to have abandoned.

The permit, created in 1980, requires a 200-foot buffer between UNC and Mason Farm Road.

Residents worry that if the buffer is removed, there will be nothing to protect them from University growth.

No decision was made at the hearing, although University officials asked that the removal of the special-use permit be considered along with approval of the Development Plan.

Several students from student government and the Residence Hall Association also came to the hearing to express support for UNC's growth plan.

"It will make all of our lives easier," said Frances Ferris, chairwoman of external relations for student government.

"It's going to benefit the University as well as the town."

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ple," responsible as the leader of the ruling Taliban in Afghanistan challenged assertions that Osama bin Laden masterminded the attacks. The Taliban leader called for an effort to find the real culprits.

Increasingly, administration officials said their investigation is pointing to bin Laden as their man and made it clear that military retaliation against his al-Qaida terrorist network and the nations that harbor it is only a matter of time. Rice told reporters she has no doubt that military power is part of the government's response.

Some officials involved in the military planning want Bush to target Iraq, but advisers close to the president say Saddam Hussein is not an initial target. However, the administration has put the world on notice that any nation - including Iraq - harboring terrorists could be the focus of U.S. strikes down the line.

Administration officials have offered little information on the timing or scope of their planned military retaliation.

But the issue was very much in evidence during the day in Norfolk, Va.,

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publicly profess their pain. Erica Williams, a freshman political science major, took the invitation and performed a poem titled "Sankota," which she wrote Friday after reflecting on the events of last week.

"This was a wonderful idea that brought the entire campus together," Williams said. "Tragedies like this are horrific but can be worse if we don't learn something from them and come

where the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt departed on a previously scheduled mission to the Mediterranean.

A band played "New York, New York" as the mighty ship left port. "This is a scheduled deployment but it is by no means routine," said Rear Adm. Mark Fitzgerald. "The events of the last week have renewed our sense of determination and our focus."

Navy officials declined to say whether the attacks had changed the orders of either the aircraft carrier or the rest of its battle group.

The government shut down the nation's airline system after the attacks, and even after the skies were reopened airlines have struggled with a dramatic falloff in business. The industry's decline was underscored during the day when two airlines, American and United, said that together they would lay off 40,000 employees.

Delta Airlines Chairman Leo Mullin, representing the industry, urged Congress to approve \$17 billion in federal aid and loan guarantees, coupled with limits on legal liability for the deaths and destruction caused by the hijacked planes.

together as a nation."

After hundreds of people came to pay their respects, the tribute was ushered out with a rousing, hopeful song and a wave of tears and emotion, during which even some of the event's coordinators broke down. "After watching everyone come by throughout the day, the whole situation hit me and I realized how important it was for everyone to come together," Brannock said. "It has been a very powerful day for a lot of people, me included."

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N.C. Senate Approves New District Lines

The Associated Press

RALEIGH - The state Senate approved district boundaries for the coming decade Wednesday, rejecting proposals by Republicans who accused Democrats of political gerrymandering.

The districts were shaped by Democrats who control the Senate. They rely less on racial makeup than the existing boundaries first used in 1992.

The U.S. Justice Department must approve the boundaries before it can be used starting in 2002. The Democrats' redistricting leader in the chamber said he hopes approval will be won, but the top Senate Republican said the court may challenge the map.

N.C. attorneys went before the U.S. Supreme Court three times during the 1990s to wrestle with the issue of race and its role in drawing districts.

"I will not engage the idea that this map will meet any challenge that is brought," Sen. Brad Miller, D-Wake, said during the 90-minute debate.

"We have gone through 10 years of torment. ... I will say that we have acted in good faith."

The map was approved by a vote of 26-15, with three Democrats displeased about their proposed districts joining 12 Republicans in opposition.

The state House is expected to approve the map and send it to federal lawyers, who will decide if it protects minority political representation.

GOP senators said the map doesn't

serve their interests.

They complained the map shuffles a disproportionate number of Republican voters into districts represented by Republicans.

That means adjoining districts get more Democrats to help keep Democratic incumbents in office, Republicans said.

Democrats already hold 35 of the 50 Senate seats, but the state's voters typically support the parties in nearly equal numbers, said Sen. Ham Horton, R-Forsyth.

"A fair redistricting would have been 26 Democrats to 24 Republicans," said Horton, calling the Democrats' map a "cynical and immoral effort."

Senate Minority Leader Patrick Ballantine said the court may challenge the approved map because of population disparities.

"There is a strong possibility that a concerned citizen will file a lawsuit," said Ballantine, R-Carteret. "I think the chances of success are very good."

The approved map reflects a state that grew in population by 23 percent during the 1990s, with the highest growth in the Piedmont. Slower-growing districts in the east and the west were consolidated.

The plan also forced four incumbents into two proposed districts.

The two pairs are Democrats Bob Martin and Ed Warren in the east and Republicans Hugh Webster and Phil Berger in north-central counties.

Krishnamurti on how to free ourselves from conflict and thus relieve the world of violence.

The lecture is in 203 Dey Hall and will be followed by a dialogue session.

Friday

7:30 p.m. - The UNC Chapter of New Bethel College Ministry will be sponsoring a Joy Night Service. The Rev. Glenn R. Davis, pastor of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, will be speaking.

All are welcome to attend this free event in Hanes Art Center.

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5 p.m. - **Thinking about law school?** There will be an information session with Jenni Browning in Union 224.

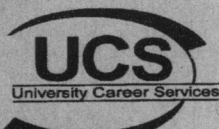
6 p.m. - **The Carolina Academic Team** will hold a practice and information session in 106 Greenlaw Hall. Anyone interested in Jeopardy!, Who Wants To Be A Millionaire, quiz bowl or trivia in general is invited. No experience is necessary.

7 p.m. - **Carolina Flying Club** presents Private Pilot ground school, a preparation course for the Federal Aviation Administration written examination. Interested? Meet in 103 Caldwell Hall.

7 p.m. - Interest meeting for all those interested in writing, layouts, advertising, distribution and other aspects of **Virtuous Woman**, a campus magazine. It will be held in Union 106C.

7 p.m. - "Transformation of Man:" **Association for India's Development** presents a video lecture by world renowned philosopher, J.


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Workshop for UNC Students

Thursday, September 27, 6:00-8:00 pm
Dey Hall, Toy Lounge 4th floor
(Pizza dinner will be provided)

The Carolina community has shown in the last week how much it cares about its fellow citizens and their communities. Now, The Carolina Center for _____ (CC_) would like your help in its work to "serve those who serve." CC_ is hosting a workshop to solicit advice from students. The Center seeks suggestions and criticism regarding how it does and/or can inform, recognize, train and fund students and their _____ work. All student organizations involved in _____ are encouraged to send representatives. Undergraduate, graduate and professional students are all welcome.

RSVP required! Contact CC_ at c__@unc.edu or 843-7568 by 5pm, Monday, September 24. Prior to responding, please review the workshop agenda and discussion questions posted at www.unc.edu/c__. Along with your RSVP, please indicate the topic(s) that are of the greatest interest to you.

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