

Democratic hopefuls debate in S.C.

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GREENVILLE, S.C. — Howard Dean challenged John Kerry's effectiveness as a senator Thursday night, contending that in 20 years, "not one" of the 11 health care bills introduced by the Democratic presidential front-runner has passed Congress.

Kerry retorted that he'd helped pass a lot — family medical leave, Agent Orange benefits for veterans and a new program of children's health care that aids youngsters in Dean's state of Vermont.

"One of the things you need to know as president is how things work in Congress if you want to get things done," he said. He added that legislation written by one lawmaker often passes on a bill carrying the name of another.

The exchange, two-thirds of the way through a 90-minute debate, underscored the new order of the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Kerry walked onto the debate stage as the undisputed front-runner and logical target for his rivals following victories in the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary in less than two weeks. That left Dean, who switched campaign managers Wednesday, to play the role of aggressor as he tries to fix a candidacy in peril.

In all, 269 delegates will be at stake Tuesday in primaries in Missouri, Arizona, Delaware, Oklahoma and South Carolina, along with caucuses in North Dakota and New Mexico.

In the heart of Dixie, the Democrats insisted their party can compete successfully across the South against President Bush this fall, citing a loss of jobs, questions about postwar Iraq and administration trade policies as evidence.

"A president has to be able to walk and chew chewing gum at the

same time," said Sen. John Edwards, arguing that Bush has concentrated on the war on terrorism at the expense of domestic needs.

Edwards, Kerry and Dean called for an independent commission to investigate faulty prewar intelligence that Bush relied on in claiming that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. David Kay, the former chief of the U.S. effort to locate weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, told Congress this week that after a "sufficiently intense" search, he believes there are none.

Kerry and Dean also raised questions about Vice President Dick Cheney's involvement in the intelligence the president used to go to war. Dean said Cheney went to the CIA, where he berated midlevel analysts because their reports on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction weren't strong enough.

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to you, but if for some reason you were never able to play your sport, is this where you would be happy going to school?" he said.

The brevity of a college career is the main argument for those who view the NCAA's current policy as a hindrance to their time to shine.

"The time is ticking — you've got five years to play four," said Malaika Underwood, a former UNC volleyball player. "If you've got to sit around for a year to see if you like the coach, it seems a little unfair to me."

In the eyes of some California legislators, Senate Bill 193 is a solution to those practices they see as unfair. Another one of those practices is the rule prohibiting student-athletes from consulting an agent.

Revenue-sport athletes are often faced with the decision of whether to enter the professional arena before graduation.

"To bring the world of agents into the world of college while you're still a student-athlete, I do not believe that is right," Gallo said. "That injects professionalism."

Jack Evans, UNC faculty representative for athletics, said the situation would depend entirely on

the agent, but that most primarily are looking out for themselves.

The development of the multimillion-dollar industry of college athletics has spurred conflict between profit-driven companies and the purity of amateur athletics.

But as far as exploitation goes, Justice doesn't see a problem.

"They can make all the money off of me they want," he said, "because I'm having a great time here."

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ILLNESS

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Noroviruses recently made the news after striking vacationers aboard cruise ships and students at an elementary school in Oshkosh, Wis.

In all cases, health officials recommended frequent hand-washing and other personal hygiene practices as preventative measures.

Local health department officials noted that students should wash fruits and vegetables and disinfect surfaces, door handles, faucets and soiled clothing.

"It's good to know what the agent is, because now we know the preventative methods we've been encouraging are the right ones," said Peter Reinhardt, UNC Director of Environment, Health and Safety.

CDS continues to emphasize personal hygiene for staff and students with the help of tabletop fliers from the health department, said Mike Freeman, director of auxiliary services.

Officials' major task now is to continue communication with students to avert further transmission.

"The positive outcome of this is a more informed student body in terms of illness," Wirag said.

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KINSTON

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Dust ignited and caused a massive explosion that could be heard and felt from miles away. Dozens of plant employees eventually were airlifted to the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center at UNC Hospitals, some with severe burns on as much as 70 percent of their bodies. The last victim went home last summer.

Those facts are burned into the memory of that victim, Jim Edwards.

Edwards lost his sight because of the blast.

FORUM

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the university community at-large.

"I believe that everything in my platform applies to everyone," said candidate John Walker. "My policies work for every student on this campus, no matter what your race, no matter what your gender and no matter what your preferences are."

Candidate Laura Thomas stressed that she would not just hear students' concerns but really try to understand them.

"I know that small things can be done to leave a lasting legacy on this campus," Thomas said.

Other candidates were more explicit about problems GLTB-SA experiences every day.

"I will not tolerate intolerance," said candidate Matt Liles.

He and his parents sat in the front row of the church's blue pews during the prayer, songs and speeches.

With one hand on a white cane and the other resting on his father's shoulder for guidance, he and his parents walked out of the empty chapel of the baptist church and talked of forgetting, which is all they really want.

"Let's go forward. Let's not go back," he said, "but still remember what happened here."

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Liles also said he supports offering innovative classes for a potential sexual studies minor, which candidate Matt Calabria mentioned in his introductory speech.

Calabria, like several other candidates, emphasized he would require safe-zone training for all of his staff. The training teaches individuals how to support gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students, faculty and staff on campus.

Candidate Ashley Castevens referenced a conflict stemming from the ROTC's "don't ask, don't tell" policy and declared it unacceptable.

Candidate Matt Compton took a big picture approach, saying, "It's past time for this student body to stand for something."

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