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## Negative campaigning defined

CONGRESS TO VOTE ON BILL DURING TUESDAY MEETING

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Members of Student Congress' Rules and Judiciary committee took steps Tuesday night to codify the negative campaign laws that created confusion during last year's race for student body president.

Members considered several

opinions regarding the definition of negative campaigning during student elections after Monday's first public hearing regarding changes to the Student Code.

They decided Tuesday to pass a bill that defines negative campaigning as "slandering and/or libelous remarks or actions by a candidate or campaign worker meant to

defame, disparage, or cause injury to another candidate."

Congress will vote to approve the bill during its full meeting next Tuesday.

Several committee members said the bill is aimed to prevent negative acts and not to discourage candidates from speaking out on platform issues at the same time.

The modification adds the words "slandering" and "libelous" to the definition.

Trey Winslett, a representative for South Campus, said the terms

imply that a negative campaigner would be aware that the statements he or she made were false.

"Both indicate that they know what they're saying is incorrect," he said.

The proposed bill goes on to say that "personal attacks do not include critical analysis of another campaign or its platforms."

This addendum should ensure that the bill will not hinder candidates' rights to free speech, committee members said.

Speaker Pro Tem Jen Orr said

the purpose of the legislation should be to provide an accessible definition to campaign workers.

She also said it should be accessible to the election officials because they make the final decisions regarding workers' practices of negative campaigning.

"If it's not leading to fairer elections, then we're wasting our time," she said.

Members also discussed the possibility of referring to

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## Nearly a million misused at NCSA

Audit showcases abuse of funds

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Nearly \$1 million in assets was misused over several years at the N.C. School of the Arts, according to a report released Monday by State Auditor Ralph Campbell.

Campbell's financial team discovered unusual overtime payments during its annual audit of the school. On further investigation, a team of auditors found many more unusual finance practices.

The report was delivered to the state district attorney, the Forsyth County district attorney and the State Bureau of Investigation for further review.

Auditors found that a personnel analyst received more than \$69,000 in overtime payments over about two years for her \$49,000 salary.

"The overtime pay is excessive," said Dennis Patterson, audit publications coordinator for the Office of the Auditor. "That got their attention. It looked like a bigger issue."

According to the report, NCSA's vice chancellor for finance, Joseph Dickson, received more than \$90,000 during 13 years from the NCSA Foundation Inc., transferred the title of real property without permission and received compensation against UNC regulations.

Dickson resigned from his position in July, and the university now is taking steps to ensure that there are no future problems.

Chancellor Wade Hobgood has said he was unaware of the misuse.

But Susan Booth, special assistant to the chancellor at NCSA, said the chancellor heard rumors of funds abuse and worked internally to solve the problem prior to the audit.

"Starting November 1, he had the (human resources) department and the internal auditor start reporting to him," she said.

The state audit began in the spring.

The report recommends that the university system and the Board of Governors require each institution to identify all foundations and related organizations and provide a report of their financial activities.

The system's general administration agreed with the recommendations.

NCSA is on a 90-day watch. If at the end of the 90 days the UNC-system is not satisfied with the school's efforts to fix the problem, it will take action, said Jeff Davies, UNC-system vice president for finance.

Every system school is audited annually. Patterson said that although officials shuffle the accounts they audit, those with problems are revisited.

"We'll be back at the university next year," he said. "And this will be back on top of the list."

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## UNC sees increase in diversity

Ethnic mix aids campus climate

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University admissions officers simply cannot tabulate numbers with a calculator anymore.

The digits that define each and every member of the UNC community have metamorphosed into a whole new language.

"The idea of diversity has evolved from 'number of people' to, like, climate," said Cookie Newsom, director of diversity education and research.

Of the 26,878 students enrolled at UNC, 73.2

percent of students are white, 10 percent are black, 5.8 percent are Asian, 2.5 percent

are Hispanic and 0.8 percent are Native American, according to a report issued Sept. 7 by the Office of Institutional Research.

The critical masses of students and the academic value provided by diversity has not been defined in past years. Now, there are enough intellectually and culturally varying students, faculty and staff members to allow for a dynamic living and learning environment, Newsom said.

For example, she said UNC has the largest proportion of black students when compared to all of the top-tier schools.

But Newsom also noted that Native Americans — who make up 1.2 percent of the state's population, according to the 2000 census — are not well-represented at the University in terms of numbers.

"The mission of a public university is to serve the entire public, whoever that might be," she said.

The racial diversity of the undergraduate population has increased significantly during the last 10 years, said Archie Ervin, director for minority affairs.

The most recent data for 2004 reflect an entering first-year class in which about 23 percent identi-

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**DEFINING Diversity**  
A five-part series examining the state of race relations at UNC.  
Today: By the numbers



Bobby Caviness (reflected in screen) watches the vice-presidential debate Tuesday night at the old Robbins mill where John Edwards' father worked. Caviness and Edwards, former classmates, played football, basketball and track together at North Moore High School.

## VEEP HOPEFULS VIE FOR STANDING

BY KAVITA PILLAI  
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Vice president Dick Cheney and the man seeking to take his job, N.C. Sen. John Edwards, went on

the offensive during Tuesday night's debate in a move pundits say was essential after last week's relatively tame presidential face-off.

The 90-minute sit-down debate, a format favored by Cheney, was dominated by discussion of foreign policy, especially the war in Iraq. The candidates' responses were marked by frequent jabs and personal attacks

— Cheney attacking Edwards' U.S. Senate absences and disputing the validity of his statements and Edwards attacking Cheney's claims on the campaign trail.

"There is no connection between the attacks of Sept. 11 and Saddam Hussein," Edwards said. "You've gone around the country saying there is a connection, and there isn't."

Cheney denied having made that connection and countered by attacking Democratic presidential contender John Kerry's voting record with respect to actions in Iraq, labeling him inconsistent at best. He added

that Edwards' claims that the Iraq war diverted attention from the real enemy were unfounded.

"We never let up on Osama bin Laden from day one," Cheney said. "We'll continue to aggressively pursue him."

But Edwards said the Bush administration has been blatantly lying to the American people, painting a "rosy picture" of the situation in Iraq.

Neither candidate minced words about foreign policy. While Edwards reiterated that more needs to be done to keep Americans safe, Cheney said

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## Aldermen approve MLK park plan

BY TED STRONG  
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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen unanimously voted Tuesday night to approve the master plan for the new Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

The park will encompass 10.16 acres, cost about \$1.2 million and be built between Hillsborough and Tripp Farm roads.

The park was unnamed until the aldermen voted unanimously to name the park in honor of King at its June 15 meeting. Mayor Mike Nelson proposed the name, and discussion took less than one minute, said Alderman Jacquelyn Gist.

What was easy in Carrboro is proving to be difficult in Chapel Hill. The question of renaming Airport Road in honor of King has been referred to a town coun-

cil special advisory committee, nearly 10 months after it first was proposed.

Nelson said the problems in Chapel Hill were caused by poor leadership. "If I ever teach a leadership symposium, I will use their process as an example of bad leadership decisions," he said. "I think they mishandled the process from the beginning."

"They've created tensions where they didn't necessarily need to exist," he added.

But some aldermen attributed the difficulties to other sources.

"Obviously, there's a difference between naming something and renaming it, and that's part of the issue," said Alderman Mark Chilton.

Gist echoed the sentiment. "Well, the park didn't have a name yet, and it didn't cost anybody any-

*"The park didn't have a name yet, and it didn't cost anybody anything to name the park after Dr. King."* JACQUELYN GIST, ALDERMAN

thing to name the park after Dr. King," she said. "I don't know if I would like it if they changed the name of my road."

Designs for the park first were initiated in 1999. Community input was received at several stages during the design process, which ended in June.

The park plan features open grassy areas designed for use as informal sports fields, but not league play.

There are also plans for a playground; a "sprayground," which is play equipment that incorporates spraying water; a network of paved

and unpaved paths; a picnic area; a sculpture garden; a bird sanctuary and other items.

The plan was well received by the board. "I love the plan. I think it's great," Gist said.

Derek Williams — a principal for Site Solutions, the firm that prepared the plan — said the location was great. "It's going to be a wonderful neighborhood park," he said.

The aldermen had considered naming a major facility in honor of King for more than a year, which

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## RHAPSODY



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The UNC Achordants, an all-male capella group, sing in the Pit on Tuesday afternoon. The performance was part of "Harmony in the Pit," an event scheduled for Race Relations week. Several campus music groups participated, celebrating diversity through song.

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