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don't want to equate a couple of numbers on the board to your personal value," Lucido said.

The term "value" held strong connotations for many out-of-state students, as they related, in varying degrees, the premier value of a UNC education that drew them to the school in the first place.

A willingness to sacrifice more monetarily than in-state students is a consideration that many nonresidents hope Calabria keeps in mind when he will endorse, before the Board of Trustees, a \$350 tuition increase for in-state students and a \$800 increase for out-of-state students — the option with the smallest margin between residents and nonresidents.

The elasticity study completed earlier this year quantifies market receptivity to University initiatives and sensitivity to changes in tuition costs. Emerging from the study was a strong commitment to balancing public policy.

"For in-state students, we have to be as inexpensive as we can be without sacrificing quality of educa-tion," Lucido said. "For out-of-state students, we want to deliver value, but we're also one of the best." While UNC has raised its in-

state tuition at a rate that is lower in comparison to state competitors and still has a long way to go before price becomes an issue for in-state students, the fate of nonresidents is not so secure, Lucido said. In his closing remarks, Calabria

emphasized the importance of student presence at the upcoming trustee meetings.

"What I say, which will be reflected by the tenor of what you said here, is amplified by the peo-ple that are there."

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BOT. "But considering the goals of the institution, I think this could be

STUDENT FEES

a reasonable request to students."

Wegner developed the proposal in part because of an elasticity study released this year underscor-ing the importance of increasing

merit-based scholarships at UNC.
"We are losing a lot of in-state students that we would like to have to other institutions, and what we hear most often is that it's because we can't offer them some kind of merit scholarship," said Shirley Ort, associate provost and director of scholarships and student aid.

Of all scholarship and aid money awarded for the 2004-05 school year, 4 percent went toward merit scholarships, and the remaining 96 percent funded need-based scholarships.

The total \$3,053,340 allowed for 290 scholarships, including the competitive Morehead and

Robertson scholarships. Low coaching salaries and funding shortcomings for Olympic sports teams contributed to a financial need in the athletic department.

"On the balance sheet, there is rious reason for serious concern," said Student Body President Matt The group ultimately decided that

the proposal opposes the purpose of student fees and that sufficient time wasn't allowed for review.

The Chancellor's Committee on Student Fees will meet today to finalize the suggestion before the BOT's Wednesday meeting.

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Parents target trials of raising teens

School groups connect to community

BY SAM SHEPARD

Local high school organizations sponsored a forum Monday night, with the goal of educating parents about different ways to communicate effectively with their teenagers.

The parent-teacher student associations and school governance committees of both Chapel Hill-Carrboro City high schools sponsored "Helping Parents Help Our Teens," to help parents face many of the issues of raising a teen. "The difficulty of raising a teen is a common problem," said Henry Greenrich experience felb.

Greenside, organizer of the forum and member of both the PTSA and SGC at East Chapel Hill High. "Many parents don't have the skills to know what to do."

The PTSA and SGC at each

Dearmin, former co-chairman

for the executive branch's public service and advocacy committee, said

he believes his student government

experience makes him a good choice.

He is looking to improve the campus advising system and strengthen the

"Attitude and experience are definitely the two things that set me apart," Dearmin said.

devised her platform after con-

ducting a survey of 600 students to

learn their top concerns. She wants

to focus her attention on commu-

Candidate Leigha Blackwell

programs that already work.

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ment," Whilden said.

school typically sponsor several smaller forums each school year.

But Monday's forum included veral participants from both high schools and the community

— a trend they hope to continue in
the future, Greenside said.

Greenside recruited several prominent figures from the schools and community to give recom-mendations and information for parents and to answer audience questions during the forum.

The panelists included Mauricio Castro, founder of El Centro Latino in Carrboro; Anson Dorrance, head coach of the UNC women's soccer team; and Calvin Allen, former associate director of the Dispute Settlement Center of Orange County.

Ruby Bugg, a student assistance specialist at East Chapel Hill

"We need to use what we have and bring it to its fullest potential,"

Ballard said he believes his vision of making the University one of the

best in the nation is synonymous

"The fact that my platform has a more forward-looking vision for

this University sets me apart from

the other candidates," Ballard said.

for the opportunity to present their

platforms at future forums, such

as the Dialectic and Philanthropic

Societies' forum tonight at 7:30 p.m. in their meeting room of New

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Candidates said they are eager

with that of the entire campus.

High, emphasized the importance of responsibility in her five-minute presentation to the audience.

"Do not take ownership for every decision your child makes (because) it's part of growing up. ... There are different choices, and they have different costs," she said. "It's what you do after those mistakes and how you use that to go forward."

Another concept Bugg and the other panelists stressed was the need for parents to create a plan of action with their teens about how they will approach issues that might arise.

"Have a plan before you need it," she said. "Talk to your kids when you don't need to. Don't wait until things happen."

And most parents were enthusi-

astic about what the panel said.

Michael Williamson, father of a 16-year-old at East Chapel Hill High, said he hopes to implement some of the recommendations made at the forum.

"The challenge we are facing is not unique to my daughter or my family. There are lots of other peo-ple in the same boat," he said. "We got access to some ideas that we're

The panel members stressed the need to approach parental commu-nication with their teens from vari-

"We need to be a team: parents, the school and your child," said Mary Gratch, a student counselor at Chapel Hill High and parent of

two high-school students Gratch said she benefits from having the ability to have a dual per-

spective as a parent and counselor.

"It's extra motivation that it's my community. ... These parents are my peers. It doesn't feel like a conflict (of interest), it makes it more important to me.

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In 2003, Illinois state lawmakers required public universities to implement the plan by fall

The state also gave the 12 Illinois campuses the freedom to set their own tuition rates and extend their guaranteed-tuition policies to

graduate students. Illinois legislators said that since different campuses have particular needs, statewide stipu-lations would do more harm than

The premise of the Illinois legislation was that guaranteed tuition saves students money, but many say that's inaccurate.

"They aren't getting a financial break; they're just getting financial security," Eakman said.

In the first year two years, students with guaranteed tuition pay more than those without.

But during the third year, they In the end, the price is virtually

the same.
At UIC, in-state students without guaranteed tuition paid \$2,645

for fall 2004. Incoming freshmen with a set tuition rate paid \$2,841.

Eakman said it is too early to accurately predict the effects of the plan.

But Andrew Hollingsead, a student member of the UI Board of Trustees, was quick to point out negative effects of the plan.

Since students with guaran-teed tuition pay higher rates in their first two years, students who transfer out of the university system never end up receiving the pay break that comes in the last

"If you are only there two years, really, you're paying more," Hollingsead said.

He also mentioned the difficulty of projecting future rates of tuition based on the year's budget situation.

The fiscal needs of a university might change abruptly within four years, he said.
"I have a problem with really requiring the university to project

over four years what their fiscal sit-uation is going to be," Hollingsead

For now, the BOG is weighing all the advantages and disadvantages of the program.
"It certainly would be a positive

thing to be able to say to students and their parents that you are going to be guaranteed the same tuition during a four-year period,"

"If we could do that, I think people would appreciate it."

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CAA REPORT

Strunk reiterated that point, saying most CAA events cost more than \$200. "I do not feel the oversight in their reforms is appropriate," she said. "The planning process and functionality of the group could be damaged."

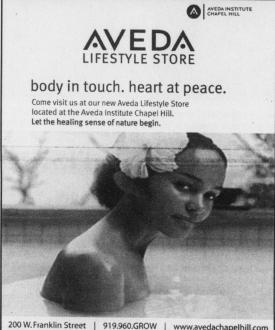
The athletics committee also will introduce the possible form-ing of a ticket distribution committee to review the process each year, Winslett said.

The biggest complaint from stu-dents regarding ticket distribution is the early morning line check-in, said CAA presidential candidate Hayes Holderness. "The line check has become obsolete because people just leave afterward," he said.

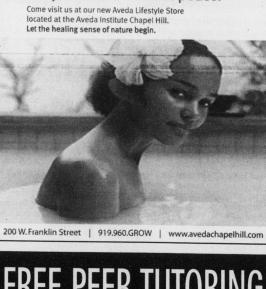
Justin Johnson, the other CAA presidential hopeful, said he hopes the group will cut back the number of tickets it receives to only those who actually distribute bracelets.

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