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Single campus precinct unlikely to pass



DIVIDED BOARD OF ELECTIONS COULD PROVE INITIATIVE'S END

BY ERIN FRANCE
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Sen. Ellie Kinnaird sponsored the legislation that now sees a dim outlook of ever being installed.

Superprecincts will not be appearing in Chapel Hill this November, and they might not come at all. The superprecincts measure, which would allow voters in the Chapel Hill township to cast their ballots in any southern precinct in the county, was struck down in early September by a member of the Orange County Board

of Elections.

Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange, sponsored the bill, which passed the N.C. General Assembly in August.

"The vote for the local board of elections had to be unanimous for the superprecincts," Kinnaird said.

The vote rode on three members of the county board of elections.

For superprecincts to become a reality, the legislature might have to pass

an amendment allowing for a majority vote of approval by the board.

William Knight, a member of the board of elections, was the only dissenting vote against the superprecinct.

Knight said he voted against the measure because it did not include a provision for voter identification.

He said the board sent a letter to the General Assembly asking that it include mandatory voter identification in the superprecinct legislation.

Kinnaird said she did not want voter identification included in the bill

because it could intimidate potential voters.

"It can be used to deny people votes, because it can make it very difficult," she said.

She said that without a driver's license, the obstacle of finding acceptable identification could dissuade voters.

Sen. Andrew Brock, R-Davie, said identification was a critical part of living in the world today and should not be left out of voting.

"It should be mandatory," he said. "You can't get on a plane, train or motor machine without identifica-

tion."

Brock said he also was concerned about how superprecinct voting would affect funding for voting in his district.

"If Orange County is trying this new project and buying more machines, that's going to cut into our share," he said.

Others said superprecincts could lead to big problems instead of big voter turnout.

Carolyn Thomas, director of elections for Orange County, said south-

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Former vice presidential candidate turned UNC faculty member John Edwards is busying himself with work on high-profile task forces and through constant criticism of the current presidential administration. Edwards said he is continuing his presidential candidacy theme of dealing with two Americas through his work in Chapel Hill.

A MAN WITH MANY HATS

BY ERIN GIBSON
ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

While former senator and vice presidential candidate John Edwards might not be working in the White House, his position at UNC could give him the opportunity to make a nationwide difference.

He has been juggling his time between directing the Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity at UNC and pursuing his personal goals to end poverty and raise awareness about the issue.

Laura Hogshead, assistant director of the center, said Edwards is on campus about once a week.

His two-year part time appointment provides him with \$40,000 annually.

Hogshead said Edwards is working on his own programs and political commitments when he's not at UNC.

Last week Edwards was in Russia for meetings as the co-chairman of an independent task force on U.S.-Russia relations for the Council on Foreign Relations.

"We're in Russia meeting with government officials, members of the press, leaders of (nongovernmental organizations) there to find out what's happening in Russia and prepare," he said.

The task force, which first formed May 31 and for which Jack Kemp is the other co-chair-

man, reviews U.S. policy toward Russia.

Edwards also is initiating programs at home to combat poverty in the United States.

"We're going to be having an event here as sort of a kickoff to something that I'm doing — a national college tour to raise awareness of poverty and to get students on campuses around the country engaged in their own state in fighting poverty," he said. "We've got people on campuses all over the country whose job it will be to find projects for people to do after we come and have the event there."

While campaigning last election year, Edwards talked about making college acces-

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Speaker to share research findings

UNC professor to speak in December

BY MEREDITH KING
STAFF WRITER

Seniors graduating this December will be sent into the real world after a commencement speech by Etta Pisano, Kenan professor of radiology and biomedical engineering.

Pisano, who also is director of the Biomedical Research Imaging Center and a member of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, recently received national accolades for her work in breast cancer prevention research.

She led a research team that showed that the use of digital mammography technology can detect cancer more effectively than traditional screen film mammography for certain groups of women.

"I think she's someone who is very profound, especially because of her breakthrough research on breast cancer," said Senior Class President Bobby Whisnant, a member of the speaker selection committee.

Faculty Chairwoman Judith Wegner, who also serves on the committee, said she is excited that students from all disciplines will have the opportunity to hear Pisano speak.

"I think Dr. Pisano is outstanding," Wegner said. "I know that sometimes the students, many of whom are

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Professor Etta Pisano will share findings from her breast cancer research.

Task force sees first specifics

Rough tuition numbers reviewed

BY BRIAN HUDSON
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

With just one meeting left on the agenda, the group that will advise Chancellor James Moeser on the University's tuition policy is on the brink of making its recommendation.

The Tuition Advisory Task Force took major steps toward its goal during its meeting Wednesday, the fourth thus far.

FORUM ON TUITION

Date: Thursday
Time: 8 p.m.
Location: Murphey 116
Host: SBP President Seth Dearmin

Task force members discussed specific numbers for the first time and mulled three broad tuition proposals ranging from a \$150 across-the-board hike to a \$1,000 hike levied on out-of-state students and \$300 for their in-state counterparts.

The plans were drawn up ear-

lier this week by Provost Robert Shelton and Student Body President Seth Dearmin, co-chairmen of the task force.

"It's time to frame the discussion quantitatively," Shelton said at the beginning of the meeting.

He said the proposals were not endorsed by the group's leaders but rather were meant to encourage discourse.

But task force members shied away from favoring any specific number, instead focusing on where revenue from a tuition hike

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BOG to rethink tuition policies

TUITION PROPOSALS

UNC-CH	2005 - 06	\$4515
	hike to tuition and fees	
	2006 - 07	\$465
	max. increase allowable	
NCSU	2005 - 06	\$4249
	hike to tuition and fees	
	2006 - 07	\$438
	max. increase allowable	

Change would cap potential increases

BY STEPHEN MOORE
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A meeting to be held this Friday could be the first step toward dramatic changes in tuition policy for the UNC-system Board of Governors.

A proposal sent to members of the board's tuition policy task force would set a specific range for tuition increases at each system campus, to be adjusted annually, instead of the current process that allows the board to set widely varying increases each year.

"One thing that we have talked about is, do we want to look at a way to systematically determine a rate of increase instead of just letting the board decide each year," said Hannah Gage, co-chairwoman of the task force.

The plan under consideration would allow system schools to request tuition increases based on the average rates at national peer universities, opening the possibility of yearly increases to keep pace with rising tuition costs nationwide.

According to an estimate already prepared by the system financial affairs office, the maximum allow-

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CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, a Wednesday front page photo outline misidentifies Peggy Adams and Nancy Jackson. The women's names are switched in the outline.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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NO, NO, DON'T LOOK Libraries show off books that were banned at one point

RECRUITING HELP Local chamber of commerce holds fair to attract volunteers

DOWN BUT NOT OUT Bureau of Justice report reveals drop in some crime

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UNLIMITED RELEASE

Chapel Hill has long established itself as a bastion for indie art fare, competing with New York and L.A. for small-budget film attractions.



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HIGH STAKE SELLING

More than 20 UNC students were auctioned off to the highest bidder Wednesday during a Masala fundraiser to benefit the Carolina Covenant.

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