

PRECINCT

ern Orange County would have had problems if the superprecincts had been implemented.

"Each place needed to be handicapped accessible, have a real-time computer and be available for a week," she said. "There was no way we could have done it this November."

The Internet was included in superprecinct voting so that election officials could check an online database to prevent voting fraud.

Rep. Bill Faison, D-Orange, said superprecincts are advantageous in an urban setting like Chapel Hill but would hurt voter turnout in

rural communities like northern Orange County.

"In most of northern Orange County there is no high-speed Internet," he said.

"The plan as presented gave (northern Orange County) voters fewer places to vote."

The benefits of superprecinct voting might have been more obvious on campus. Kinnaid said students often are confused and frustrated by the current voting precincts.

"They came to me and said they still didn't know where their precincts were," she said.

Student Body Vice President Adrian Johnston said he is disappointed the measure won't come

to fruition.

"It's a good thing all around," he said. "It's a good thing for students of all political colors."

Seth Dearmin, student body president, said voter identification became a sticking point for Republicans while the bill was discussed.

"It became a partisan issue in the House," he said. "It throws a huge wrench in the plans."

Dearmin said he plans on following up on the superprecinct issue by talking to the members of the board of elections and Kinnaid to find a compromise.

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TASK FORCE

Members spent a large part of the meeting debating how the money should be distributed to University needs.

Shelton encouraged this approach, because the numerical details of a tuition proposal probably will be revised before they go through the stages of approval.

"Because whatever comes out of this group I can guarantee will not be put into effect," he said.

"I don't say this in any critical sort of way. There are too many layers of governance. ... They bring their own perspective."

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During the task force's final meeting, set for Oct. 10, the group will finalize plans for a recommendation to Moeser.

From there, the proposal is set to go before the University Board of Trustees in November and on to the UNC-system Board of Governors in early 2006.

Although the task force has largely avoided solidifying any plans, members overwhelmingly supported putting tuition revenue toward increasing the minimum teaching assistant stipend.

Most agreed that the money should raise the minimum teaching assistant salary \$1,000, to \$7,000.

Increasing the campus's minimum TA salary would require almost \$1.1 million in tuition revenue, according to information presented to the task force at the meeting.

The University must put resources to improving graduate students' benefits, task force members say, or it risks losing top

students to other institutions.

Most graduate students are financially independent, members say, and they rely on assistantship positions to ease tuition costs.

Faculty members on the task force said raising stipends would be popular among their peers.

Dearmin told task force members that most undergraduates would support raising stipends, because they realize how beneficial TAs are in the classroom.

He said he would not oppose reasonable tuition increases — as long as they went to real needs on campus.

"By golly, they gotta be priorities and things that we need, not just things we want," he said.

Dearmin will hold a forum tonight to relay his position to the student body and to gauge their concerns. The forum will be at 8 p.m. tonight in Murphy 116.

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SPEAKER

coming from arts and humanities, may not know her, ... but I think they'll be very glad to hear from her."

Pisano said she was invited early this summer to speak at Fall Commencement on Dec. 18 in the Smith Center.

"Of course I was very honored, pleased, and flattered that the committee thought that I was an appropriate choice to speak at graduation," she said.

Whisnant said the committee is still working to select a speaker for Spring Commencement, but he declined to provide further details.

Last year, the speaker committee revealed its choice for Spring Commencement — Harvard University professor and chaplain Peter Gomes — just days after making its choice for Fall Commencement public.

Pisano said she is thinking about speaking about the balance between family and work — an issue that she believes is of interest to graduates.

"I have four children," she said. "I'm very active in the community and I have my work, so that's very important for me."

George Lensing, an English professor and director of the Office of Distinguished Scholarships, gave the fall address last year.

Pisano received her undergrad-

uate degree in philosophy from Dartmouth College and attended medical school at Duke University. She completed her medical residency at Harvard University.

"I was inspired to go into women's health research because of the death of my own mother," she said. "She died when I was in high school, so I wanted to do something to help other families who face those same difficulties."

Pisano has been a member of the UNC faculty for 16 years.

"I love being at a public university," she said. "The fact that we teach students from all over the state, take care of patients from all over the state, the fact that we serve the state — that's very important."

Pisano also said the accessibility to education is an element of the University that she loves.

"If you can apply and be accepted, you can study here, whether or not you can pay," Pisano said.

She has heard a number of commencement and special event speakers, she said, and she hopes she will be able to leave a lasting impression on her audience.

"If anything, I just want to say something that means something to the graduates and their families," Pisano said. "I don't want to be meaningless or forgotten, which I've seen happen to speakers many times."

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TUITION

able increase for UNC-Chapel Hill next fiscal year would be \$465.05, based on a comparison to increases at other public universities.

Under the same calculation, N.C. State University officials could ask for a hike of up to \$437.65.

"Planned increases in North Carolina that would be consistent with peer increases nationwide would be less erratic and would keep North Carolina's schools in approximately the same relative position to our peers over time," said the proposal prepared for Friday's meeting, the first scheduled for the task force.

During the past five years, UNC-system tuition hikes have fluctuated between 2.5 and 16.5 percent of tuition costs, while national peer schools have stayed between 6.5 and 11.2 percent during the past four years.

The program — which Gage said is one of several ideas up for debate — aims to keep tuition for system schools within the bottom 25 percent of comparable schools.

The new policy would be designed to give each campus a measure of predictability when making requests to the board.

"If campuses adhere to the guidelines and the policy ... the campuses can, in good faith, anticipate approval," the proposal states.

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EDWARDS

sible for everyone. He is working on a program in North Carolina to make that a reality.

"We're working to put a model program in place here in North Carolina so kids who are willing to work during college can go their first year tuition free," he said. "These are all ideas to try to give kids from families that have been in the cycle of poverty a real chance — a chance to do better."

During the election season Edwards often spoke of two Americas — the haves and the have-nots — and has since continued to work at closing the gap.

He met with victims of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana on Sept. 12 to get a sense of who was hit the hardest by the storm and to assess the situation, he said.

"In the centers where the evacuees were located, it was almost all black," he said. "I think it's just a typical example of what I did talk about with the two Americas."

Edwards said that his efforts to end and raise awareness of poverty across the country such as his trip to the Gulf Coast and the college tour are separate from his work at UNC.

He said he will be working with everyone at the center to find out what is causing poverty in the coun-

ON THE AGENDA

- is working to provide aid to low-income state students
- Is launching nationwide tour to raise awareness of poverty
- Is co-chairman of the U.S.-Russian relations task force

try and to develop creative ideas about how to end it. "Our job here is to focus on the causes of poverty and to come up with serious solutions about how to eliminate poverty in this country," he said.

He stressed the importance of having community members and students as well as faculty and staff at the University involved in the center and its activities.

He and his family are moving to Chapel Hill when their house is finished this spring, he said. His children already are in school in Chapel Hill at Frank Porter Graham Elementary School.

At 52 years old, Edwards still has time to return to his career as a politician. But he said he does not plan to run for office at this time.

"I have a campaign now — it's to do something about poverty in the country," he said. "And that's where I'm going to stay focused right now."

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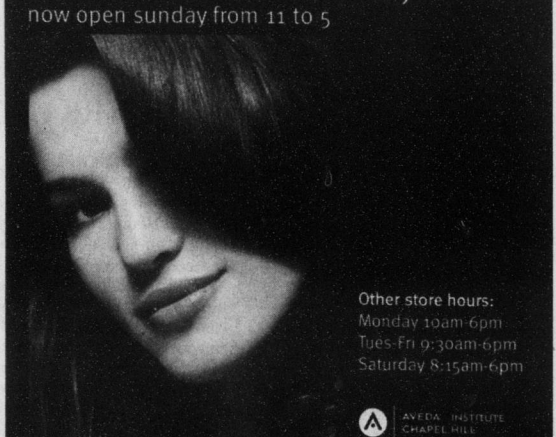
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