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Students expressed some concerns about the Gillings School of Global Public Health's new name and priorities at a forum Monday.

this day in history

OCT. 21, 1963 ...
UNC's two political parties, the Student Party and the University Party, meet to nominate candidates for student body president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and social chairmen for each class.

ELECTION COUNTDOWN

11

days left of early and one-stop voting. For Orange County locations and times visit co.orange.nc.us/elect/ onestop.asp#locations.
ELECTION DAY: NOV. 4

Today's weather

Partly sunny H 73, L 43

Wednesday's weather

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Tuition hikes probable

Task force considers lower options

BY ANDREW DUNN

UNIVERSITY EDITOR

The shaky economic climate and arguments from Student Body President J.J. Raynor heavily influenced the Tuition and Fee Advisory Task Force on Monday.

The two forces combined to push through lower tuition increases as part of the recommendation package the task force will forward to Chancellor Holden Thorp.

Still, in-state undergraduates are set to receive the highest possible tuition hike, and other segments of campus are likely to see sizable increases as well.

An impetus to boost faculty salaries and graduate student financial aid to keep up with peer institutions provided the counterargument.

"While our students' needs are

going to go up, the University's needs are going to become increasingly hard to meet if there are not some tuition increases," John Ellison, task force member and trustee, said via conference call.

Task force members cited the financial strain many families are feeling as a tempering force on tuition increases. But they also said improving the University will take a hike that will outstrip inflation.

About 35 percent of increases go to general student financial aid annually. Faculty salary increases also have been a priority for several years.

About 500 faculty members will reach retirement age in the next 10 years. Enrollment growth during that period also will require about 330 new members to maintain

Tuition proposals

Resident undergraduate

Current level: \$3,705
Proposed increases:
\$240.82 (6.5 percent)

Nonresident undergraduate

Current level: \$20,603
Proposed increases:
\$900 (4.4 percent)
\$1,000 (4.9 percent)
\$1,200 (5.8 percent)
\$1,339 (6.5 percent)

Resident graduate

Current level: \$5,013
Proposed increases:
\$325 (6.5 percent)
\$400 (8 percent)
\$500 (10 percent)

Nonresident graduate

Current level: \$19,411
Proposed increases:
\$325 (1.7 percent)
\$400 (2 percent)
\$500 (2.6 percent)

UNC's student-faculty ratio.

The task force approved this year's slate of student fee increases without discussion.

All students will pay \$74.67 more, a 4.4 percent increase, pending Board of Trustee approval.

A 6.5 percent — or \$240.83 — increase for in-state under-

graduates also was put forward as a recommendation with little discussion.

But a terse discussion followed regarding out-of-state undergraduates, a topic that has traditionally been a bone of contention.

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Grammy-winning songwriter James Taylor performs a free concert on Fetzer Field. Taylor, a Chapel Hill native, is on a multi-stop tour of the state in support of Barack Obama. He urged attendees, both Republican and Democrat, to make use of one-stop early voting sites.

TAYLOR TURNS IT BLUE

Free concert supports early voting for Obama

BY KEVIN TURNER

ARTS EDITOR

Amidst a crowd alternatively chanting "Tar Heels" and "Obama," musician James Taylor took to the stage Monday night in a free concert in support of Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama.

Taylor's concert on Fetzer Field's Carolina blue track was just one of his five planned across the state. He plays concerts in Raleigh and Wilmington today.

U.S. Rep. David Price, D-NC, who introduced Taylor, called "Carolina In My Mind" the anthem of North Carolina.

Taylor played a nearly hour-and-half-long set, which included hits "Fire and Rain," "You've Got A Friend" and "Carolina In My Mind."

Taylor's wife, Kim Smedvig, joined him for his final songs. Before singing, Smedvig took off her sweater revealing a Carolina shirt, spurring a massive roar from the crowd.

The five-time Grammy award winner's endorsement for Obama comes at a particularly historic time in North Carolina politics.

For the first time since the 1976 presidential election, North Carolina could turn blue.

Emil Kang, UNC's executive director for the arts, attended Monday's event and said he has tried many times to get the singer to play Memorial Hall prior to Taylor's endorsement.

"We haven't had any success to get him at Memorial Hall, although from us, it's a standing invitation to him," Kang said. "They couldn't have picked a better person to play in North Carolina. But in some way, they're preaching to the choir."

The sold-out crowd included students and community members, many both long-time voters and Taylor fans.

"I've tried to see him three times," said Amy Gilch. "I love James Taylor. I've been a fan since 1967."

Gilch, a realtor who said she's working less because of the stifled economy and housing market, said the large student presence at Monday's concert was encouraging.

"I love seeing the young people out and excited — it's great," she said.

DTH ONLINE: Watch James Taylor's performance of songs such as "Carolina In My Mind" at Fetzer Field on Monday.

But many attending Monday's concert said although they supported Obama, Taylor's endorsement would not affect their political decision this November.

"His endorsement doesn't really mean that much to me," said sophomore Mike Potocki. "It was just icing on the cake. If he went for McCain, I'd still have come out tonight."

But not all those at Monday's event were Obama supporters. The free concert also drew supporters of Republican presidential nominee John McCain, despite its Democratic tone.

"James Taylor got me out here," said senior Matt Hill, a registered Republican who said he plans to vote for McCain. "It felt a little aggravating, though. It's like having everyone telling you what you think is wrong."

"But it was good to see everyone out here excited for something, even though it's not what I believe."

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90-year-old doesn't miss a vote

BY SARAH FRIER

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Ninety-year-old Estelle Kendall said she has never missed an election — even local races.

And Monday, she was thrilled to join in the early voting hubbub at Morehead Planetarium, in the company of college students.

"It's always white heads in the line," she said. "Now the young people are much more engaged. It's wonderful."

As she cast her vote for Barack Obama, Kendall had about seven decades of political participation to draw upon, all the way back to Franklin D. Roosevelt's campaigns in the thirties. He was the first candidate she remembers fighting for.

"Now I don't think of voting so

"Everyone I had contact with, every time I saw a young person, I said, I hope you're voting."

ESTELLE KENDALL

much for me because I'm nearing the end, and I've had such a good run," she said. "It's important for the future."

But "nearing the end" is far from Kendall's life outlook — she still dances the Lindy and the Charleston when nobody is watching, she said. She insisted on inch-

"Now I don't think of voting so



Estelle Kendall, 90, voted Monday at the Morehead Planetarium. A voter for about 70 years, and she says she hasn't missed an election.

Kannapolis welcomes NC Research Campus

BY GREG SMITH

STAFF WRITER

KANNAPOLIS — When the Pillowtex textile mill closed its doors in 2003, it devastated Kannapolis.

Five years later, residents are looking at a reborn city.

State leaders gathered there Monday for the grand opening of the N.C. Research Campus, a self-contained scientific community they hope will make the state globally competitive.

The 350-acre campus in downtown Kannapolis will house state-of-the-art laboratories where North Carolina's leading universities and businesses will explore

biotechnology and human health.

The campus is the vision of David H. Murdock, owner of Dole Food Company Inc. and former owner of Pillowtex.

Murdock said he felt a responsibility to Kannapolis, and as the widower of a cancer victim, has a passion for finding a cure.

"I believe one of these days we will see many, many types of diseases that are cured, and some of the cures will come from this campus here," he said.

Many speakers remarked on how unlikely this event seemed three years ago.

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