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## Cunningham Offers Tuition Alternative

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After coming under fire throughout the week for endorsing a tuition hike, Student Body President Calvin Cunningham offered an alternative version of the proposed \$400 increase.

Speaking at a Faculty Council meeting Friday, Cunningham said that after hearing the concerns of graduate and professional students, he thought it would be best to exempt these students from the additional tuition charge.

"I am the lone student to stand up right now and say the faculty needs are critical, the library needs are critical," he said. "We need to take what is truly a shoddy piece of legislation and turn it into a good plan. I do not think this legislation should be applicable to graduate and professional students at all."

Out-of-state professional students in law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and veterinary medicine, and masters students in business administration would face a \$3000 tuition increase under the proposal, with all other graduate students facing the same \$400 increase as undergraduates.

John Dervin, a student representative who spoke at the Board of Trustees meeting Thursday, said he thought Cunningham had a long way to go with his proposal. "I think he's gone one-third of the way," he said. "The next step is to exempt all students."

Although Cunningham said he was responding to concerns he had heard voiced at various speakouts and forums, Kim Miller, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, said she did not endorse Cunningham's proposal. "In my opinion, doing something like that divides the student body," Miller said. "I could not support that proposal."

Miller said she would rather follow UNC-system President C.D. Spangler's plan to lobby the legislature as a united force.

Dervin said he thought Cunningham had ignored the financial problems faced by undergraduates. "If he did (propose his alternative plan) for the plight of graduate students, I think he needs to recognize how divisive it would be, and as an undergrad, he needs to understand the plight of undergrads as well," Dervin said.

Exempting graduate students from paying the additional \$400 would not help graduate students with problems with health insurance and low stipends, Miller said.

"To say we don't have to pay doesn't address the problems we face," she said. "This is a Band-Aid on a Band-Aid."

Cunningham also called for an increase in the percentage of revenue earmarked for financial aid. At Thursday's BOT meeting, much of the debate centered on the need to provide for students who would be new to the financial aid system. "The legislation says we must earmark 35 percent for financial aid. This doesn't do anything to address new need," he said. "We don't need 35 percent, we need 40 percent to accommodate new need."

Aaron Nelson, another student representative who addressed the BOT, said he thought Cunningham's suggestion to augment the percentage allocated for financial aid was appropriate in light of the uncertainty regarding financial aid recipients. "I think it ought to be raised to 40 percent to cover those new on aid," he said.

Cunningham said that while he recognized that this would cut into the money allocated to faculty salaries and the libraries, he thought the change in the funding of financial aid was necessary.

"Obviously this is chipping away at faculty salaries," he said. "But student pocketbooks have got to be the first concern."



SBP CALVIN CUNNINGHAM wants to exempt graduate students from the proposed tuition hike.

## Playin' the Blues Slowhand Style



Rock and blues legend Eric Clapton performs to a packed house Saturday at the Dean E. Smith Center. Clapton's show was billed as an evening of blues, and his opening act, blues guitarist Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, completed the image. See review, page 2.

## Chemical Spill Clears Grocery

■ The Carrboro Harris Teeter was evacuated Sunday after people complained of burning in their eyes and throats.

BY WENDY GOODMAN  
CITY EDITOR

CARRBORO — Police are continuing to investigate the cause of a chemical leak that closed a local grocery store for eight hours on Sunday, said a Carrboro Police captain.

The Harris Teeter on North Greensboro Street, a 24-hour store frequented by UNC students, was evacuated at approximately 8:30 a.m. Sunday and reopened at 5 p.m. following a thorough cleaning of the store, said Neal Leonhardt, the regional operations manager for Harris Teeter.

"Three people were complaining of irritation to their eyes and to their throats," said Capt. John Butler of the Carrboro Police Department. "They were taken to the hospital, treated and released."

An unknown chemical, which might have been a white powder found on the wine shelves, caused the irritation, Butler said. A wine vendor, a customer and an employee were affected by the chemical, he said.

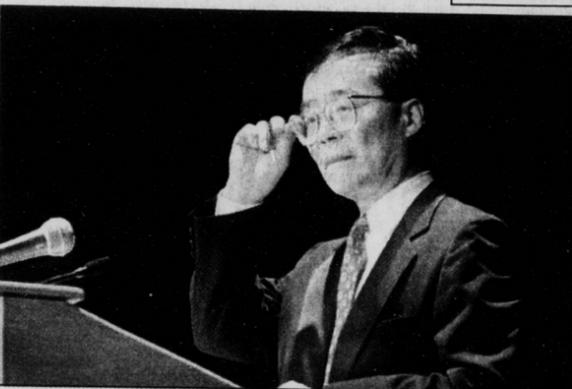
"It (the white powder) may have been left there accidentally or maybe intentionally," Butler said. "We'll investigate that."

Harris Teeter's regional operations manager said the store was now safe. "We know now it was a hazardous substance, and we did have the area cleaned," Leonhardt said. "We wanted to make sure we took every precaution to the benefit of the customers and the employees."

Butler said the grocery store was closed shortly after 9 a.m. after officers arrived on the scene. He said police were called to the scene after three people in the area of the chemical leak complained of burning and irritation.

The Carrboro Police Department contacted the Orange County Hazardous Waste Materials Team to help identify the chemical that caused the evacuation. Calling a Haz-Mat team is standard procedure, said Emerald Estock, captain of the team. "Things are under control now," Estock

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Human-rights activist Harry Wu speaks at Duke's Page Auditorium on Friday. Wu was released Aug. 24 from a 66-day imprisonment in China.

## Rights Activist Wu: No Regrets After Time in Chinese Prison

BY ERICA BESHEARS  
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After testifying in congressional hearings about Chinese-American relations on Friday, human rights activist Harry Wu told an audience at Duke University's Page Auditorium that change in China has to start with the Chinese people.

"Healthy change will come primarily from the citizens," Wu said. "In China, there are countless men and women, young and old, who value freedom as much as you and I do."

Wu, an American citizen, spent 66 days in a Chinese jail this summer, charged with stealing state secrets and spying. On Aug. 24, he was convicted of those charges, sentenced to 15 years and expelled from the country.

"I'm very happy to be here," Wu said. "Just 15 days ago, I was standing in a courtroom in China, facing a judge who could send me to death. Today, I am standing here a free man."

"I love life, but life without freedom is only half a life. I have a responsibility to help those who are living only a half-life."

HARRY WU  
Chinese-American Human Rights Activist

Wu spent 19 years in 12 different Chinese prison labor camps, where he was tortured and starved. Since coming to the United States in 1985, Wu has worked to expose the conditions of the labor camps to the Western world.

His work has gained him notoriety around the world. "In the United States and Western European countries, I have been given the

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Weather  
TODAY: Cloudy, high mid-70s.  
TUESDAY: Cloudy, high mid-70s.

## People Draw Together for Latin Culture at ...

# La Fiesta del Pueblo

BY GREG KALISS  
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If soccer matches didn't catch your eye, there were dozens of vendors selling everything from jewelry to T-shirts. And if your stomach was screaming for attention, there were ample food stands selling a variety of tacos, tamales, plantanos and alcohol-free daiquiris.

There were general interest booths of all sorts as well, ranging from the Sierra Club to the farm workers' cause; and the mariachi bands, opera singer and other musical guests made for a melodic environment as authentic as the cuisine.

It all took place at the second-ever Fiesta del Pueblo, a celebration of Latin culture in the immediate area and the state at large. The festival took place at the Lincoln Center.

The Fiesta, founded by John Herrera, enjoyed an even larger crowd than last year's 3,500 visitors. Andrea Bazan Manson, one of the organizers of the Fiesta, said police counted the crowd for Saturday to be about 4,000 and that Sunday's crowd was substantially larger.

Sunday's events included the conclusion of the soccer tournament, a variety of musical acts taking the stage and presentations by organizers of the Fiesta and others. Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Brown read a welcome letter in Spanish to the crowd as well.

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The Fiesta del Pueblo was held on Saturday and Sunday at the Lincoln Center. Tomas Filsinger (top), originally from Mexico City and now from Chapel Hill, dances with his children, Gabriel and Maria, on Saturday. Some of the highlights of the festival were the performing groups and the food. The Marinera Peruana group (right) performs on Sunday.



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The man on top of the mountain didn't fall there.

Anonymous