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## BOG Hears Student Concerns

By MAULI DESAI  
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UNC-system students gathered to voice their concerns regarding potential tuition increases at a forum hosted by the Board of Governors on Thursday in Dey Hall.

Now that four system schools have proposed raising tuition, the issue has evoked concerns among students across the state.

Board members listened intently to the students' input, but offered no promises about the situation's outcome.

Hailing from as far as Elizabeth City State University and Appalachian State University, representatives from nine of the 16 UNC-system schools attended

the forum.

UNC-system President Molly Broad, who said several times that the board would stick to the system's constitutional obligation to keep tuition as free as practicable, initiated the forum to allow student voices into the controversial proposal. "We have outlined a strategy that is fair, right and strategic," she said, "One of the reasons that we are first-rate is because of the quality of our faculty. It is imperative that we address this competitive gap in faculty salaries."

The floor was then opened up to students and, after initial hesitations, they eagerly embraced the opportunity to speak freely within the two-minute allotted time. "I would encourage the board to look for other ways in which to raise salaries and not rely on students," said Mary Millican, a graduate student from N.C. State University. "Yet another

tuition increase would shut the doors on students of working-class families."

Because the board placed much emphasis on the need to increase faculty salaries, many students addressed that issue in their comments. "We need to think about the competitiveness of the students as well as the faculty," said UNC-Chapel Hill Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Lee Conner. "We need to compete for the best of both."

As the forum was opened up to the views of the audience, a large number of nonstudent participants emerged, including parents and alumni.

Steve Butler, a local UE 150 member and a father of two children, expressed his desire to keep tuition affordable. "I think we should tax the corporations rather than the students."

BOG member John Sanders

responded by saying that students' demands were important but difficult to achieve. "Low tuition in the university is not an expectation but an achievement."

Members assured students that their concerns would be heard. "I understand where you are coming from," said BOG member Irvin Aldridge. "You have to help us help you."

While many students were vocal about their complaints regarding the issues, there were also quite a few proposed solutions to the need for money.

The overwhelming consensus among students was to find a solution that would not jeopardize their educations.

Derrick Moss, a UNC-CH graduate student, said, "We do not need to compete nationally to be No. 1."

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## Local: My Plan Helps Treat AIDS

Despite a local woman's claim of an AIDS treatment, many think it is little more than a moneymaking ploy.

By ROBERT ALBRIGHT  
Staff Writer

Despite strong skepticism among HIV/AIDS experts, a Chapel Hill woman says she has the key to healing AIDS patients.

Based on a vision she received in a dream, prophetess Cora Hill said she had a spiritual and herbal alternative for AIDS sufferers to be used in the privacy of their homes.

Hill said her home-based business, known as the World Deliverance Health Foundation, offered a treatment, not a cure, for AIDS.

"Doctors think my plan is ludicrous," Hill said. "No one is above the disease, but I just want people to know there is a way to treat it."

For \$100, AIDS patients can purchase a two-day introductory supply of mouth rinse, bath solution and anointed oil through the mail.

Many medical experts said they recognized Hill's effort to improve the lives of AIDS patients, but they questioned whether Hill had any scientific proof to support her claim.

Dr. John Chah of the National Institutes of Health said he doubted the validity of Hill's alternative healing plan. "A plan like Hill's is close to

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Cora Hill, whose alternative treatment package for HIV/AIDS uses an anointed mouth rinse, bath solution, oil, a diet plan and the Bible, says she is not trying to deny the work of health experts.

## Ring in the Holiday Cheer

This year's holiday season offers people from all different cultures and religions to participate in a wide variety of activities, ranging from Christmas tree lightings to Hanukkah bashes.

### Today

- Carrboro tree lighting ceremony at Town Hall — 6 p.m.
- Chapel Hill tree lighting ceremony at downtown parking deck — 7 p.m.
- University Methodist Church's Chapel Hill Community Choir — 8 p.m.

### Saturday

- Chapel Hill and Carrboro Holiday Parade, starting at the post office — 10 a.m.
- University Methodist Church's Holiday Bazaar
- Hanukkah Party at Pantana Bob's — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

### Sunday

- Candlelight Tour in Hillsborough — 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- The Potato Mash Bash at Morrison Residence Hall — 8 p.m.

### Tuesday

- Wreathmaking Demonstration, Burwell Historic Site

### Dec. 12 to Jan. 16

- Carolina Inn's 12 Days of Christmas Celebration

### Dec. 16

- Hillsborough Presbyterian Church Holiday Concert — 8 p.m.

## Holiday Festivities On Tap for Towns

By SARAH BRIER  
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As the temperature drops and people crowd in the stores, the holiday season for many religious and cultural groups in Chapel Hill gets under way.

From tree lightings to Hanukkah celebrations to decoration tours, the area is jumping with holiday events.

Robert Humphreys, executive director of the Downtown Commission, said he took into account the wide variety of holiday traditions when planning Chapel Hill's winter activities.

"We in the Downtown Commission plan a general — but I hate to say generic — holiday celebration. We don't focus on any one group in particular," Humphreys said.

Both Chapel Hill and Carrboro are holding tree lighting ceremonies this weekend.

James Harris, assistant to the Carrboro town manager, said the celebrations were 'holiday'-oriented so people of all ethnicities would be able to enjoy the tree lighting ceremony as well as the parade the following day.

Both Chapel Hill and Carrboro will participate in the Holiday Parade.

"It is an old-fashioned community-based parade with hundreds of Cub Scouts, Brownies and church groups," Humphreys said. "It's fun and lasts about one hour. It starts at the (Franklin Street) post office at 10 a.m. and ends at the Carrboro Town Hall."

Downtown Chapel Hill businesses are getting into the holiday spirit by participating in a raffle where people can register to win gift certificates from various stores and restaurants.

On Dec. 12, the Carolina Inn will begin its 12 Days of Christmas Celebration. This series of various activ-

ities, such as dances, meals, tours and demonstrations, goes through Jan. 6.

The Chapel Hill Preservation Society uses this time of the year to raise money and open area historical houses for public viewing.

In addition to the downtown activities, students of various cultural groups plan their own activities for the holiday season.

The Jewish community celebrates Hanukkah at this time of year. Kes Spilker, program director of N.C. Hillel at UNC, said there were several events for Jewish students to participate in during Hanukkah, including a candle-lighting in the Pit every evening of Hanukkah and a Potato Mash Bash at Morrison Residence Hall at 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

"The Mash Bash gives students a study break when they can come and eat some latkes — potato pancakes fried in oil," Spilker said.

"These commemorate the holiday miracle of the oil lasting for eight days instead of one."

Although the Hare Krishnas have many unique celebrations, they choose to celebrate Christmas in the traditional way.

Chintamani Daniel, a Pujari who serves on the alter of the New Goloka Temple in Hillsborough, said their biggest celebration was Janmastami in August or September, but they still observed Christmas.

"We do have a Christmas party with a small tree and give presents," Daniel said.

"It's just a traditional Christmas celebration held at the New Goloka Temple."

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## 'Parade Czar' Leads Season Cheer



Downtown Commission Director Robert Humphreys has helped get Chapel Hill into the holiday spirit for many years.

By LINDSAY MATHER  
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Look out Napoleon. Move over Alexander the Great. The Chapel Hill Holiday Parade Czar is coming through.

Robert Humphreys, the executive director of the Downtown Commission, earned his title of "Parade Czar" for his involvement in organizing the annual Chapel Hill Holiday Parade.

"I even have a jacket with 'Parade Czar' embroidered on it that I got as a gift," Humphreys said.

A Chapel Hill native, Humphreys remembered going to the holiday parade as a child.

"Santa would look at us and say, 'Now how are those Humphreys children behaving?'"

Humphreys laughed.

He became involved in the parade through his family's dry cleaning business on West Franklin Street, which participated in the festivities each year.

As an adult and a member of the Chapel Hill and Carrboro

Jaycees 20 years ago, Humphreys said he began volunteering with the parade line up.

"When the old parade organizer moved away, some friends and I took over the job," Humphreys said.

Eventually his friends left, but Humphreys remained to head the event.

Humphreys said the parade was sponsored by the Chapel Hill News/Village Advocate, the Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Commission.



## Carolina, Speak Out!

A weekly DTH online poll

Where will you be for New Year's Eve 2000?



Go to [www.unc.edu/dth](http://www.unc.edu/dth) to cast your vote.

INSIDE Friday

9,508

The Carolina Athletic Association drew this number for Saturday's senior ticket distribution for the Duke basketball game, which starts at 6 a.m. The numbers ranged from 7,850 to 9,965.

13,211

The Carolina Athletic Association drew this number for Saturday's non-senior ticket distribution for the Duke basketball game, which starts at 10 a.m. The numbers ranged from 13,000 to 17,030.

Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.

James Bryant Conant