

# The Daily Tar Heel

106 years of editorial freedom  
Serving the students and the University  
community since 1893

Tuesday, January 18, 2000  
Volume 107, Issue 135

News/Features/Arts/Sports 962-0245  
Business/Advertising 962-1163  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
© 2000 DTH Publishing Corp.  
All rights reserved.

## BOG Members Critique Broad's Tuition Plan

By **CHERI MELI**  
Assistant State & National Editor

WILMINGTON — UNC-system President Molly Broad faced tough questions Friday, as the Board of Governors got its first off-taste of her proposed tuition plan.

### Center Questions UNC Spending Policies

See Page 5

Students and BOG members took issue with Broad calling the plan a "stop-gap" or temporary solution, not permitting some UNC-system schools to submit individual tuition increase proposals and failing to ensure that financial aid would cover

the increase.

Broad's plan would raise student costs at UNC-Chapel Hill by \$475 over three years to fund capital improvements and faculty salaries.

The BOG will meet Feb. 11 to vote on Broad's proposal, and if approved, the plan will then be presented to the N.C. General Assembly in May.

Broad outlined the need for funding capital needs, faculty salaries and financial aid, while presenting her plan as an appropriate solution. She said the capital fee would create a "stop-gap" solution to funding difficulties.

But Jeff Nieman, UNC Association of Student Governments president and BOG member, said calling the capital

fee a "stop-gap" measure was misleading because students would be forced to pay it for the next 20 years. "This is the fee my children are going to pay when they come to college," he said.

Despite the board's objections, Broad said the increases were needed to cover the costs of projects already in progress. She said \$420 million of the total \$750 million needed would be used to finish projects the state legislature had already begun to fund. "This is a very pragmatic approach to addressing a very urgent problem," Broad said.

BOG Chairman Ben Ruffin also said the capital fee was necessary. "I'd prefer that we did not have to raise tuition," Ruffin said. "But I went into labs and

saw foil on the tables, I saw university buildings that are in desperate need of maintenance. We must do whatever we can to rectify this."

Broad's plan consists of a systemwide \$100 capital fee for the next two years followed by an additional \$75 increase for the third year. The \$275 fee will be in effect for 20 years.

Broad said the capital fee would generate \$37.5 million, half of what was necessary to finance capital bonds to fund the system's most urgent capital projects.

The plan calls for the legislature to match student contribution with \$37.5 million for the next fiscal year.

Along with the capital fee, UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University

students would pay an additional \$200 in tuition to fund faculty salaries.

This plank of Broad's plan follows Boards of Trustees' proposals at five UNC-system schools to raise tuition.

The plan would not raise tuition at UNC-Wilmington, UNC-Charlotte and Eastern Carolina University, although all submitted such proposals.

Some members of the board's budget and finance committee, which will vote on the proposal before it reaches the full board in February, expressed concern about this facet of Broad's plan.

Budget and Finance Secretary Addison Bell and Robert Warwick, vice

See BOG, Page 4

## Students Say Fight Not Over

Student leaders blamed the lack of protesters at Friday's BOG meeting on scheduling problems, not apathy.

By **KATHLEEN HUNTER**  
Assistant State & National Editor

After months of massive student opposition to proposed tuition increases, a sparse number of students attended Friday's Board of Governors tuition workshop at UNC-Wilmington.

But student leaders who have spoken out against raising tuition deny that student opposition has deteriorated.

"Everyone knows that next month's meeting is where the decision is going to be made," said UNC Association of Student Governments President Jeff Nieman, referring to the BOG's upcoming meeting in Chapel Hill.

"There will be a very healthy student presence at that meeting."

Matthew Smith, a graduate philosophy student and a member of the Coalition for Educational Access, said his group made a decision not to attend the meeting.

He said the fact that it was in Wilmington during the first week of classes made it difficult for many students to attend.

On Friday, BOG members participated in a workshop where UNC-system President Molly Broad formally presented her much-anticipated tuition recommendations for the first time.

Broad's plan would increase student costs by \$275 over three years in an effort to finance capital improvements. The proposal would also raise tuition \$200 at UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University to fund faculty salaries.

Nieman, who also sits as a nonvoting member on the BOG, said he had some genuine practical and ideological concerns about both the capital fee and the tuition aspect of the plan.

Before the Feb. 11 meeting when the BOG will vote on the proposal, Nieman said he would be working to gauge BOG members' positions on Broad's plan and constructing a viable alternative.

"I hold true to the belief that you

See STUDENTS, Page 4



DTH/MEREDITH LEE

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade winds its way down Franklin Street on Monday, ending at North Roberson Street. A dove, carried by the organization Peace Action and other groups, flew above the marchers.

## MLK Rally Targets Racism, Education

By **KATHRYN MCLAMB**  
Staff Writer

Carrying banners demanding an end to institutional racism, marchers took to Franklin Street on Monday shouting, "Education is a right not just for the rich and white."

In celebration of Martin Luther King

Jr. Day, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Martin Luther King Jr. Coalition organized a rally and march to raise awareness of the educational inequity for minority students in the area.

A worship service honoring King at the First Baptist Church on North Roberson Street concluded Monday's celebration.

"I think we have a long way to go in this community in achieving justice and equality for people of color," Carrboro Alderman Mark Dorosin said.

### For Complete Coverage of MLK Day Festivities

See Page 7

"I don't think there is anywhere where that is more glaring than in our schools."

The diverse crowd of an estimated 600 people braved Monday's freezing temperatures to applaud and cheer the issues speakers addressed, including problems minorities face in community schools from kindergarten to the university level.

Speaker Erica Smiley, a member of Student Congress, encouraged those gathered to become involved in minority educational issues.

"We've got to get off our heels and pay attention," she said. "We have to get off the defense and get on the offense. We all suffer from a lack of educational access."

Other speakers addressed the negative trends facing minorities in such areas as academic performance and achievement.

"Why is it that dropout rates are higher for (blacks and Latinos) than for

See MARCH, Page 4

# AND THEY'RE OFF

## 2000 Election Process Takes Shape

By **LAUREN BEAL**  
Assistant University Editor

With student elections less than a month away, hopeful candidates and their supporters are hitting the campaign trail to win students' votes.

But members of the 1999-2000 Elections Board have been working hard since November to ensure the process runs smoothly.

Election procedures follow a strict timeline and require board members to organize early. Throughout November and December, members must contact poll sites about reserving tables, create a preliminary elections calendar and order new ballots.

Although some students announced their intentions to run for office earlier in the fall, petitions and campaign packets were available on the last day of classes in December.

In order to be eligible for the Feb. 8 election, student body president candidates have until Jan. 25 to gather 500 signatures. Other candidates have to gather fewer signatures but must also meet the Jan. 25 deadline.

While candidates focus on recruiting supporters and publicizing their goals, Elections

Board members are busy training volunteers and organizing the elections process.

Throughout January, members must set up absentee voting, arrange for Forum Week and contact student organizations to solicit elections volunteers. "We ordered new ballots, we have a new system to tabulate them ... we're in the process of updating that," said Elections Board Chairwoman Catherine Yates.

During Forum Week, scheduled this year from Jan. 31 through Feb. 4, student organizations host forums for candidates to debate varying issues. In the past, the Black Student Movement, Queer Network for Change, Campus Y and the Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies have hosted forums.

After candidates turn in their completed petitions and attend the mandatory candidate meeting, they must focus their attention on their platforms.

The Daily Tar Heel runs candidate platforms during the week preceding the election. DTH endorsements, decided by the newspaper's Editorial Board after interviews with all candidates, run during the same week.

The final days before the election are filled with campaigning and publicity.

But the candidates, and those working on their campaigns, must adhere to strict rules from the Department of University Housing about where posters can be placed and when door-to-door campaigning is allowed.

If a candidate violates guidelines, such as campaigning door-to-door outside of the hours of 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., he or she is subject to fines.

Candidates continue campaigning through Election Day, when they usually line the

### Elections Timeline

Elections season officially kicks off Jan. 25, when candidates begin campaigning.

- Jan. 25**
  - Petitions due
  - 7 p.m. mandatory candidates meeting
  - 10 p.m. campaigning may begin after meeting

- Jan. 31- Feb. 4**
  - Forum Week

- Feb. 8**
  - Elections

- Feb. 15**
  - Runoffs if necessary



quads and huddle outside of the polls, armed with posters and brightly-colored leaflets.

But for Elections Board members, Feb. 8 will mean a long day filled with work. Organizers must set out poll-site logs for students to sign in, stack ballots and tape up district maps.

After the poll sites close, witnesses watch organizers seal the ballot boxes and return them to a locked office until they are counted and results announced later that night.

All candidates must remove their publicity and posters within 72 hours of the election, except those involved in a runoff.

The University Editor can be reached at [udesk@unc.edu](mailto:udesk@unc.edu).

## 5 Students Join Race For SBP, 4 to Fight For CAA Leadership

By **KATIE ABEL**  
University Editor

Although the official filing date is still a week away, five students have put their names in the running for student body president, sparking the potential for a hotly contested race.

With election day just three weeks away, candidates are already tweaking their platforms and have begun soliciting support from students across campus.

Two students announced their candidacy before Winter Break. Brad Matthews, former senior adviser to current Student Body President Nic Heinke, announced his intent to run for the post Nov. 30, resigning from his position.

If elected, Matthews said he would like to expand P2P Xpress Shuttle services, reform C-TOPS and simplify perspectives in graduation requirements.

Junior Michael Harris also joined the race in late December. Harris resigned from his posts as an Elections Board member and counsel on the student attorney general's staff to pursue his campaign.

Harris said public service, increased campus diversity and more student financial aid were core to his platform.

Since the start of semester, three other candidates have also publicly declared their intent to run for the post.

Junior Josh Ray, a North Campus Residence Hall Association governor, said he sought the post to enhance greater student involvement at UNC.

Ray said that if elected, he would work for less expen-

See RACE, Page 4

### Carolina, Speak Out!

A weekly DTH online poll

What is the most pressing issue facing our generation?



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

## INSIDE Tuesday

### Constructive Critics

The DTH is looking for students to serve on our Student Feedback Board, which meets regularly during the semester to discuss issues related to the paper's coverage. Not incentive enough? We'll feed you dinner at each meeting. Contact Managing Editor Vicky Eckenrode at [vickyee@email.unc.edu](mailto:vickyee@email.unc.edu).

### Join the Madness

Staff applications are now available in the DTH front office. For the first time, the paper is seeking students who would serve as contributing artists and provide illustrations for the paper. We also need reporters who would like to write for "Tech Review," our monthly online publication devoted to covering emerging technology. Call DTH Editor Rob Nelson at 962-4086.

### Today's Weather

SNOW!  
High 20s.  
Wednesday: Sunny,  
Mid 40s.

If you're going to play the game properly, you'd better know every rule.

Barbara Jordan