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## Democrats Debate for 1st Time in Front of Full House

By MICHAEL DAVIS  
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A standing room only audience packed into the UNC Law School Rotunda at the School of Law on Tuesday for the first debate between the four leading contenders for the Democratic nomination in the U.S. Senate race.



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Dan Blue, Erskine Bowles, Cynthia Brown and Elaine Marshall participated in a lively debate, discussing their visions for the state's future.

Law students and audience members questioned the candidates on issues ranging from nuclear power to gay rights.

Marshall, the N.C. secretary of state, said a desire to change many aspects of society caused her to pursue a career in politics in an effort to help others.

"I've been on the side of people my

entire life," she said.

Marshall said that after her 1996 win over legendary NASCAR driver Richard Petty in the race for secretary of state, she is ready to confront Elizabeth Dole, who is expected to win the Republican nomination for the Senate seat. "Indeed, I wasn't afraid of King Richard, and I'm not afraid of Queen Elizabeth," she said.

Marshall said she is concerned with the growing income disparity between urban and rural regions and wants to continue fighting for farmers and workers. "We need an economic policy that creates jobs for regular people," she said.

Marshall added that the United States should continue to aid feuding countries in the Middle East. "The United States must play an effective and constructive role in the Mideast."

Brown, a former Durham City Council member, said she will focus on assisting the state's workers.

"Public policy must serve - first and foremost - the needs of working peo-

ple," she said.

Brown said tobacco farmers should be encouraged to diversify and that agricultural reforms should be encouraged.

"Farmers are becoming like ... serfs on their own land," she said.

Brown added that corporations must be held accountable for their actions.

"This is still the United States of America, not the United States of Enron," she said.

She added that it is vital to close corporate tax loopholes and to make sure that corporate regulations are enforced.

Brown said the United States' reliance on oil is ultimately dangerous for the nation and that she also opposes a proposed facility in Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to store the nation's nuclear waste.

"Nuclear power should be phased out for issues of cost and safety," she said.

Bowles, who served as chief of staff under former President Clinton, said his experience in Washington, D.C., will help him work for the state's interests in Congress. "I'm running because I truly

feel that I can make a positive difference," he said. "I won't need an orientation program."

Bowles said he would work for small businesses, pointing toward his 30-year career as an investment banker and his term as head of the Small Business Administration from 1993-94.

Bowles also said he would not support any additional free-trade legislation until existing agreements are enforced.

Bowles said he supports a tobacco buyout to aid the farmers of the state and also backs a farm bill in Congress that would fund agricultural research and development.

"U.S. tobacco is simply not competitive in the global market today."

Blue, a Democratic representative from Wake County and former N.C. House speaker, said his status as the only candidate who has served in the N.C. General Assembly sets him apart from his opposition.

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Erskine Bowles, (left), School of Law Dean Gene Nichol, Dan Blue, Cynthia Brown and Elaine Marshall participate in the candidates' debate. DTH/JON KIRBY

## Reading of the Names Honors Holocaust Victims

By ERIN GANLEY  
Staff Writer

The sixth annual Reading of the Names - a 24-hour vigil honoring the memory of Holocaust victims - began Tuesday, drowned out by the noon tolling of the Bell Tower and nearby roaring construction noise.

Volunteers, including students, administrators and members of the Chapel Hill community, will read the names of Holocaust victims in five-minute increments until noon today. The event, co-sponsored by N.C. Hillel and the Carolina Union Activities Board, is the centerpiece of Holocaust Remembrance Week.

UNC-system President Molly Broad was the first speaker to read off victims' names.

"It is important for us to take a few moments and reflect on that horrific experience in our civilization and to remember the 6 million people who were martyred," Broad said.

Nathan Cherry, CUAB Holocaust Remembrance Week co-ordinator, said most student leaders, including Student Body President Jen Daum, volunteered to read. Other notable participants include Chancellor James Moeser, Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy and Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, D-Orange.

Although pictures of the Holocaust tragedy accompany the readers in the Pit, at times during the reading Tuesday most students in the area walked by unaware of the event, and their conversations occasionally drowned out the names being read.

But Cherry said this event is important to ensure that the events of the Holocaust are never forgotten. "The Holocaust speaks a lot to indifference; there was a lot of indifference in Germany," Cherry said. "It is symbolic that during the event people go about their business. It's symbolic because that is what a lot of people tend to do when injustices are occurring."

Cherry said the event is important to ensure that the dangers of the Holocaust are never forgotten.

Organizers said 11 million people died in the Holocaust, 6 million of whom were Jewish - if one name were read every

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Freshman Marta Lea reads the names of Holocaust victims Tuesday night in the Pit as a part of a 24-hour reading sponsored by the Carolina Union Activities Board and N.C. Hillel to memorialize those who were murdered in the Holocaust. DTH/BRENT CLARK

## Residents Voice Views On Transit

Representatives from three different local groups gave presentations about the state of area transportation.

By KATIE DAVIS  
Staff Writer

Members of Chapel Hill's Transportation Board heard few complaints from residents during their first public forum since the launch of fare-free busing.

The forum was designed to evaluate the system's effects and gauge residents' opinions about transportation issues.

On Jan. 2, fare-free busing arrived in Chapel Hill, offering residents a free transportation alternative.

Representatives from Chapel Hill Transit, the Triangle Transit Authority and the University made presentations during the forum on how the introduction of fare-free busing is affecting each group.

David Bonk made the presentation for Chapel Hill Transit and highlighted the recent success of fare-free busing in extending transit services throughout the area.

"Our number of daily service hours have increased very substantially," Bonk said.

"Now that everything is free, we have spread out the demand for riding while maintaining significant ridership on each route."

Bonk said Chapel Hill Transit's future plans include building park-and-ride lots on N.C. 54 and on Jones Ferry Road.

Triangle Transit Transportation Planner John Tallmadge also said he is pleased with the effect of fare-free busing on the company. But Tallmadge said some improvements still are needed.

"We're fallible people," Tallmadge said. "We recognize that there are some improvements we need to make."

Debbie Freed, UNC's transportation coordinator, presented information during the forum about the Commuter Alternative Program, which is designed to reward people who explore alternate means of transportation, including cycling, mass transportation and car pooling.

"We're all in this together," Freed said. "It's time for people to start looking for ways to see how they can become the solution."

After the presentations by each representative, eight Chapel Hill residents

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## Officials Compare Past, Present Cuts

By MIKE GORMAN  
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In May 1991, administrators in the UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Political Science found themselves in an embarrassing situation - cuts to the department's supply budget forced teachers to ask their students to pay for their final exams.

"Our supply budget was drained," said David Lowery, chairman of the political science department in 1991. "We had to charge students 25 cents for their finals. We didn't have pens and paper."

Despite the fact that the state likely will face a shortfall of more than \$1 billion for the 2002-03 fiscal year - the largest state budget deficit since 1991 - UNC-CH officials are optimistic that the measures taken to fix the problem will be less extreme than the ones taken a decade ago.

A national recession in 1991 contributed to a state budget shortfall of more than \$1 billion. The state legislature asked the UNC system to trim \$59.2 million from its 1991-92 operating budget to help alleviate the crisis.

"The budget cuts were terribly depress-

ing," Lowery said. "It was tough living with the daily cheapness and meanness of budget constraints."

C.D. Spangler, who served as UNC-system president from 1986-97, said system officials tried to work with the legislature to ease the impact of the cuts, as well as to defend the system's financial credibility. "We did not welcome the thought that we could reduce financial activity without negatively impacting the university," he said.

Legislators also turned to students to help cushion the impact of budget cuts.

During the summer of 1991, the N.C. General Assembly approved a 20 percent systemwide tuition increase.

UNC-CH officials eliminated 256 classes for the spring 1992 semester to



Former UNC-CH Chancellor Paul Hardin says an increased mobility of funds will aid budget woes.

avoid cutting faculty positions.

Paul Hardin, UNC-CH's chancellor from 1988-95, said the University did not lay off any faculty members. Instead, a focus was placed on eliminating vacant administrative positions.

UNC-CH's budget crisis also curtailed some University services.

Administrators instituted a hiring freeze in early 1991 immediately after Gov. Jim Martin's office predicted the budget shortfall. The freeze forced the UNC-CH Visitors' Center to close for two weeks after the director resigned and a replacement could not be hired.

The Greenlaw Hall computer lab also was shut down for the 1991-92 academic year, and the School of Social Work had to halt construction of new facilities.

Officials contemplated closing the Ackland Art Museum because no funds were available to hire security guards.

Hardin said the difficulty in dealing with the cuts in 1991 arose from the inflexibility of the UNC system's financial micromanagement programs.

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## DPS Jurisdiction Decision Delayed

By JENNIFER JOHNSON  
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The Chapel Hill Town Council has put off a decision until May to grant the UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Public Safety extended jurisdiction - a move that will maintain regulations on the agency's off-campus investigations.

Monday's decision followed a Feb. 25 meeting when the council was undecided about the UNC-CH Board of Trustees' request to extend, on a limited basis, University police's enforcement jurisdiction.

University police now have jurisdiction on streets adjoining campus and are only able to arrest suspects off campus who are fleeing the scene of on-campus crimes.

For all other off-campus activities, University police are required to be accompanied by a Chapel Hill police officer.

The resolution proposed by the BOT would give University police officers jurisdiction to follow up crimes committed on campus and serve warrants at the magistrate's office rather than requesting the Chapel Hill Police Department's assistance.

After hearing comments from two Chapel Hill residents, council member Mark Kleinschmidt proposed that at the next meeting in May, the council separately vote on the extended jurisdiction for serving warrants at the magistrate's office and off-campus follow-ups for on-campus crimes.

But Chapel Hill Police Chief Gregg Jarvies said University police need extended jurisdiction for follow-ups on on-campus crimes more than they need freedom to serve warrants.

"A greater percentage of the work-

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*I am not a member of any organized party — I am a Democrat.*

Will Rogers