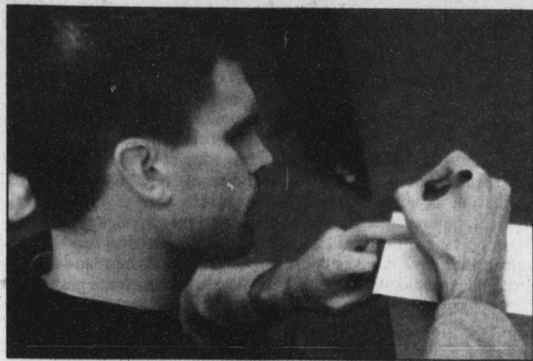


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Brian Dewer personalizes letter templates Thursday to be sent to the Board of Trustees concerning graduate student tuition hikes. DTH/RICKY LEUNG

Grad students speak up

TUITION PROPOSALS PROMPT LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN

BY NATHAN HEWITT
STAFF WRITER

Graduate students have complained perennially that their voices aren't heard in campus administrative decisions. Now they're giving the written word a chance to effect change. Graduate students, concerned

about proposed tuition hikes, penned about 100 letters and e-mails this week in an attempt to sway decision makers.

"It's something that was initiated by grad students who were alarmed and upset about the way the tuition proposals have been handled," said Mike Brady,

president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

GPSF members said they want to see a fair increase for graduate and undergraduate students when the UNC Board of Trustees meets Thursday to discuss tuition options for next year.

Trustees will consider four plans for graduate tuition hikes — ranging from a \$300 to \$500 increase for residents, and between \$500 and \$800 for nonresidents.

The letters state an opposi-

tion to three of the four options because they include a larger increase for graduates than for undergraduates.

The graduate students are urging the trustees to back the only option with a flat raise — \$300 for all residents and \$800 for all nonresidents.

Ben White, a graduate student of philosophy, wrote his letter Thursday afternoon.

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Applicant pool leaves board feeling floored

Aldermen to discuss seat Jan. 31

BY TED STRONG
SENIOR WRITER

It was a long, long night for the Carrboro Board of Aldermen on Thursday, as members interviewed all 12 applicants for a lone vacancy on the board.

By the end of the meeting, Mayor Mark Chilton — who served as moderator — was having a hard time remembering which applicants already had answered.

But the aldermen clearly were wowed by the quality of the responses they received.

"I am so moved right now that I could almost cry," said Alderman Jacquelyn Gist. "I've never been prouder or more in love with my town than I am now."

"I will always thank God that I live in Carrboro," she added.

The answers came during a protracted process that involved splitting the would-be aldermen into three groups of four.

The board asked that applicants who had not yet been questioned leave the room voluntarily to give each slate equal time to prepare.

Then, each alderman asked a question, and each of the candi-

dates was given two minutes to answer.

As a result, members of the same subgroup tended to answer questions similarly, often referring back to one another's statements.

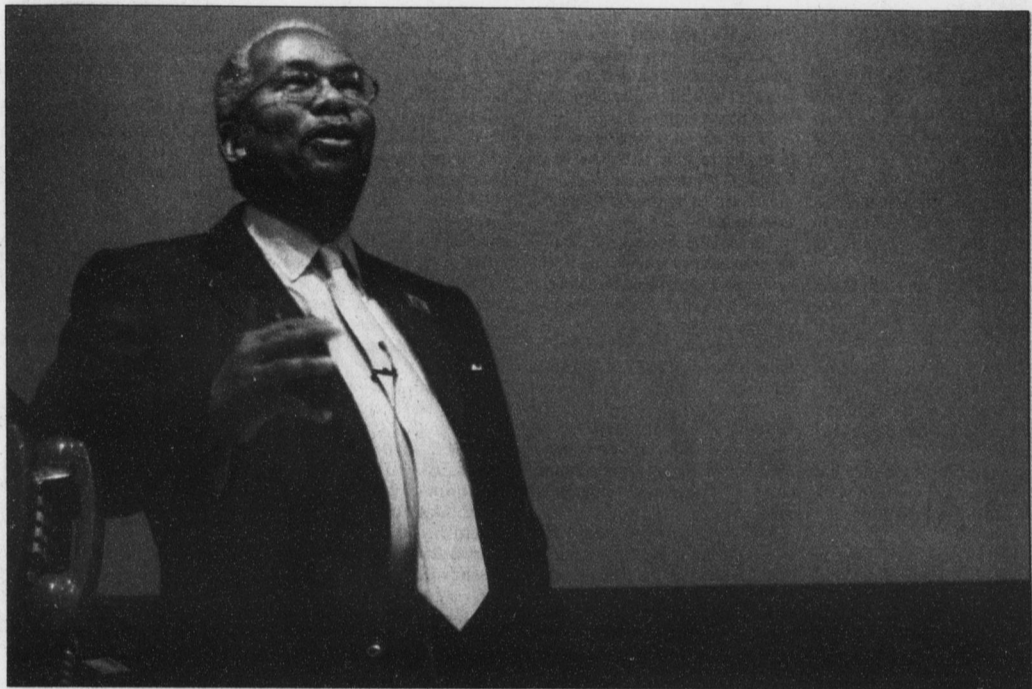
The aldermen's questions focused on the balance between ideals and practical necessity; the ability to forge compromise; the key traits of leadership and good governance; and how to address a possible cultural divide in Carrboro.

Answers tended to be uniform on some issues and divergent on others.

Some applicants spoke on a variety of divides in town, while one candidates denied that such schisms exist.

"I think there are differences, and there will always be differences, and the question is how do you keep differences from becoming divides, and then what do you do if they do become divides?" said applicant Dan Coleman, who said Carrboro has not yet formed those divides.

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Ernest Green, a civil rights activist and member of "The Little Rock 9," talks about Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy Thursday night in the Great Hall. Green discussed racial issues as they exist in modern times, and the need for education and economic issues facing blacks. DTH/JULIA BARKER

BEDROCK OF FIGHT REMAINS SAME

BY SHANNON CONNELL
STAFF WRITER

Carrying Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream into the 21st century, Ernest Green — a pioneer of civil rights and desegregation — addressed UNC students Thursday night about King's legacy and racial issues in today's society.

"We all have the opportunity to take charge of the course of events. They may not be as monumental as Rosa Parks giving up her seat," said Green, who was on the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement as one of the first black students to enter Central High School in Little Rock, Ark.

"There are a lot of ways to be a revolutionary in this country," he told a crowd of about 250.

Green was younger than almost all of the audience when he became an icon. In 1957 Green, 17 years old at the time, was one of nine black students escorted into the school by federally ordered paratroops sent to enforce integration.

He faced angry mobs of concerned residents and the might of then-Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus, who ordered the state's National Guard to prevent the black students from entering the school.

"Ernest Green was one of the foot soldiers. He was actually there being the person desegregating," said Timothy McMillan, a professor in the department of African and Afro-American studies.

"Lessons from Little Rock in Achieving the Dream" is part of Martin Luther King's idea — the

dream of integration and equal opportunity," McMillan said of Green's speech.

Green linked the past struggle against discrimination with present racial issues.

He said re-segregation has emerged in contemporary society — the side effects drawing a schism between the races in achievement.

"Schools are as segregated today as in the time of Dr. King's death in '68," he said.

"This is still a very stratified society," he said. "Employment opportunities are still far from equitable."

Green also identified the need for better education, improved economic development and political activeness among black Americans

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Carrboro Board of Aldermen members listen to the final group of candidates applying for the board's vacant seat at a hearing Thursday. DTH/JULIA BARKER

Farmer harvests seeds of renewal

Pooling money for return home

BY EMILY FISHER
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There's a rap on the door of a nondescript Carrboro apartment. A friendly Hispanic man fumbles for the lock, enveloped in darkness.

A few mumbled Spanglish words later, the dark face and angular jaw of Francis Anim appears next to him.

"We haven't been able to pay some of our bills — let's go to Burger King

and talk instead," Anim says of the apartment's lack of power, his wide smile showing the slight gap in his teeth.

The 35-year-old Anim speaks with the unflinching optimism of someone much younger — and someone for whom circumstances aren't so dire.

Seated in a booth at the nearby fast-food chain, he tells a story that holds ironic weight — Anim is an organic farmer in his home country, Ghana.

In November 2004, his 10-acre farm, consisting of mostly mangoes, was destroyed in a wildfire.

In May 2005, he pooled enough money to come to North Carolina, where his goal is to save \$7,000 to bring home in May. It will be enough to buy a used truck to transport manure and other goods for his rebuilt farm.

He is an "akwafo," or the word for farmer in his native language, Krobo. He speaks almost perfect English — it's the national language of Ghana, and he's been studying it his whole life.

"I just want people to know of my presence in the community," he says.

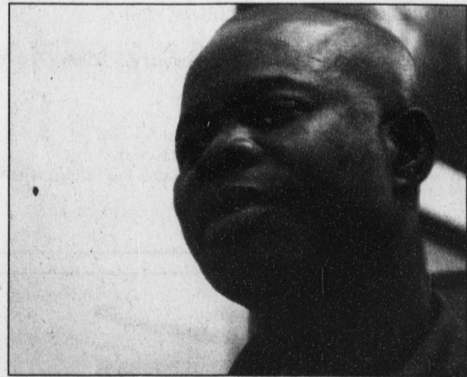
This is Anim's third trip to the United States; it was during his first

visit in 1994 that he learned organic farming techniques in Bear Creek, a town south of Pittsboro. The trip was sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee, a church of which he is a member.

During his six-month apprenticeship at Sustenance Farm, he practiced the general principles of organic farming: using natural means of fertility, disease and pest control — which means no synthetic chemicals.

Harvey Harman helps run the farm and fondly remembers Anim

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Francis Anim, an organic mango farmer from Ghana, talks of the circumstances that brought him to the United States. DTH/JULIA BARKER

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, the outline accompanying a Thursday front page story, "Only 2 expected to duel for office," misidentifies candidate James Allred as a senior. Allred is a junior with senior standing. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes.

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Tar Heels drop second straight ACC game with tough 72-68 loss to UVA. Thursday.

Youth-laden team commits 14 turnovers, fades late.

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Three top student government officials, including SBP Bill Moss, admit to concealing \$184,443 in surplus funds from the student council.

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