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## Clinton Calls for Courage to Change America

BY STEPHANIE GREER  
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President Bill Clinton challenged the University community and all Americans Tuesday evening to embrace the changes necessary to provide job security and health care and to combat the rising tide of violence in the United States.

"If we do not follow the tradition on which this University was founded, change will become our enemy," he said.

Clinton invoked some of his oft-used buzz words in a speech to a crowd of 45,000 at UNC's Bicentennial Convocation in Kenan Stadium. He focused on the importance of education, the resistance of the American people to change and the need to ensure a feeling of security among Americans.

"The security I seek for America is like a rope for a rock climber, to lift those who will take responsibility for their own lives to greater and greater pinnacles," Clinton said.

American insecurities, he said, had led to a general resistance to change, most particularly against trade agreements with Mexico and Canada.

"When I listen to arguments against trade agreements with Mexico and Canada, ... I hear the grievances of the 1980s," he said.

"If we try to recapture American yesterdays, we will only lose tomorrow." Clinton used the murder of former NBA basketball star Michael Jordan's father as an example of the random violence that had engulfed the nation. "It is heartbreaking. But what can we do about it?" he asked.

Putting more police on the streets and the passage of the Brady Bill, which would require background checks on handgun purchasers, would be a step in the right direction, Clinton said.

"Our communities won't be secure until people who disagree on everything else stop shouting at each other long enough to realize that we have to save the kids who are in trouble the same way we lost them, one kid at a time," he said.

"We have to give (police officers) the help they need," he said. "But we still should pass the Brady Bill, so we don't sell guns to people with a criminal or mental history."

Clinton also denounced the state of the nation's health-care system less than three weeks after the Sept. 23 unveiling of his plan for health-care reform.

"This is the only advanced nation where people can lose their health care," he said, adding that 37.4 million Americans were without health insurance.

"How can you be secure enough to change ... if you think you may have to let your family go without health care?" he asked.

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Clinton's speech  
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President Bill Clinton (top) addresses the crowd of about 45,000 at Kenan Stadium on Tuesday night as part of the University's Bicentennial convocation while distinguished guests look on. Clinton (bottom) displays the honorary doctorate of law conferred to him by Chancellor Paul Hardin after the president's speech.

## President Hails UNC's Persistence

BY MICHAEL WORKMAN  
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When President Clinton took the podium at Kenan Stadium at 8:20 p.m. Tuesday, he became the last in a long line of distinguished Americans who honored the University in person and on videotape at the ceremony.

The convocation included speeches from UNC alumnus and journalist Charles Kuralt, N.C. Gov. Jim Hunt and former UNC-system President William Friday. Taped remarks by journalists David Brinkley and Walter Cronkite and former U.S. President Gerald Ford were displayed on a large video board directly opposite the presidential stand.

Opening his speech, Clinton joined Kuralt in evoking the memory of former University President Frank Porter Graham as a symbol of the University's progressive spirit.

"Long before history caught up with him," Clinton said, "your legendary president Frank Porter Graham spoke this simple, but powerful, truth: 'In the South, two great races have fundamentally a common destiny in building a nobler civilization.'"

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## N.C. Officials Greet Clinton at RDU

BY ADAM BIANCHI  
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Chapel Hill's most talked-about visitor in years arrived a few minutes late Tuesday with a blast of sound and smoke as Air Force One touched down at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, bringing President Bill Clinton to the Tar Heel State.

About 100 people gathered around cargo building number 27 Tuesday afternoon to get a glimpse of Clinton, who was expected at 5:02 p.m. The airport area was patrolled by approximately 100 uniformed state law enforcement officers and a plethora of secret service agents.

The 747 jumbo jet touched down at 5:22, exactly 20 minutes late.

Several N.C. officials, including Gov. Jim Hunt, Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker, N.C. Treasurer Harlan Boyles, N.C. Agriculture Commissioner James Graham and Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Broun, stood in the blustery October wind to shake hands with the commander-in-chief. In all, about 30 local dignitaries greeted Clinton as he walked off the disembarkation platform.

Clinton was accompanied by several members of the U.S. Congress and U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley. White House Press Officer Dee Dee Myers led the Washington officials to meet members of the N.C. government and public. After shaking hands and briefly speak-

ing with N.C. officials, Clinton stopped for pictures and then moved on to speak to about 20 members of the public who were allowed on the runway for a closeup view of the president.

"I knew you wouldn't disappoint us," said one man, apparently referring to rumors last week that a schedule conflict would prevent the president from attending the convocation.

The president mingled with the members of the public and stopped to pinch a baby's cheek.

"I am extremely glad to be in North Carolina," he said. "The weather and the people here are just fine."

A representative of the RDU Authority presented to Clinton a baseball cap with the UNC logo embroidered on the front and the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship logo on the side.

Because of a schedule mix-up, the president could stay at the airport only for a short time and canceled a press conference that would have been held in the cargo building.

Clinton left the airport at 5:40 p.m. The motorcade that wound its way from Raleigh to Kenan Stadium included approximately 20 vehicles carrying the president, congressmen and many N.C. politicians.

A large number of law enforcement vehicles, including N.C. Highway Patrolmen and Durham and Chapel Hill police

escorted the president off the runway and toward Chapel Hill.

Officer Robert Bearfoot, coordinator of N.C. law enforcement at RDU during the president's stay in North Carolina, said the president's arrival had been flawless Tuesday.

"The security detail did a super job. They have a very difficult job getting every minute detail exactly right," he said.

Despite the president's increased security requirements, Bearfoot said N.C. law enforcement officials were pleased to host Clinton.

"It is a good thing," he said. "It pays tribute to our state to have the president of the nation here."

Bearfoot said various roads would be closed to ensure the security of the president. Closed roads included Interstate 40 West and the streets in Chapel Hill that Clinton traveled on the way to Kenan Stadium.

The Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority used the president's arrival as an opportunity to publicize the airport's bid for the southeastern "Gateway to London," which will open up a new transatlantic flight.

A spokesman for RDU Authority, who asked not to be identified, said the Federal Aviation Administration would decide which southern airport would get the new departure/arrival site sometime either this fall or next winter.

## Anniversary Lecture Highlights Five Presidential Visits to UNC

BY HOLLY STEPP  
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A buzz is in the air. The University is getting a face lift; the buildings have a fresh coat of tan wash. The president is coming. The year is 1847. It's also 1859, 1867, 1938 and 1961.

The events of those years were recreated by William Leuchtenburg, William Rand Kenan professor of history, during his anniversary lecture titled "The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the U.S. Presidency."

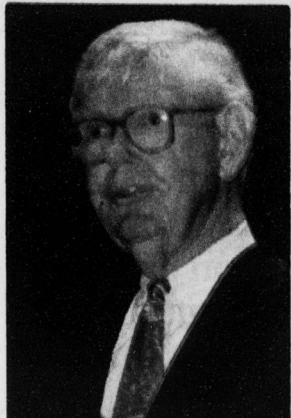
Leuchtenburg spoke on the significance of the UNC campus in the presidential visits of those in office as well as presidents who had left office.

"When we march into Kenan Stadium tonight, the spirits of past will be marching with us," Leuchtenburg said.

Presidents James K. Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, Woodrow Wilson, William Howard Taft, Franklin D. Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy all have visited UNC. Only Polk, Buchanan, Johnson, Roosevelt and Kennedy visited the University while in office.

President Polk's trip to the Chapel in the late spring of 1847 was described by Polk himself as a "continual triumphal procession."

Leuchtenburg said Polk's trip from Ra-



History Professor WILLIAM LEUCHTENBURG gave the anniversary lecture Tuesday.

leigh to Chapel Hill took nine hours by carriage.

At the time of Polk's visit, David Lowery Swain was president of the University, and he would host visits from two more U.S. presidents during his tenure as president.

The next president to visit UNC was

Buchanan in 1859. Leuchtenburg said the visit to UNC came during a traumatic period in Buchanan's life.

In the year prior to his visit, Buchanan was suffering from various personal problems. His niece, Harriet Lane, served as White House hostess for the only bachelor president and for three months, she abandoned him.

"According to information of the time, the lonely old president was getting on the nerves of his associates and they were happy to see him go to North Carolina," Leuchtenburg said.

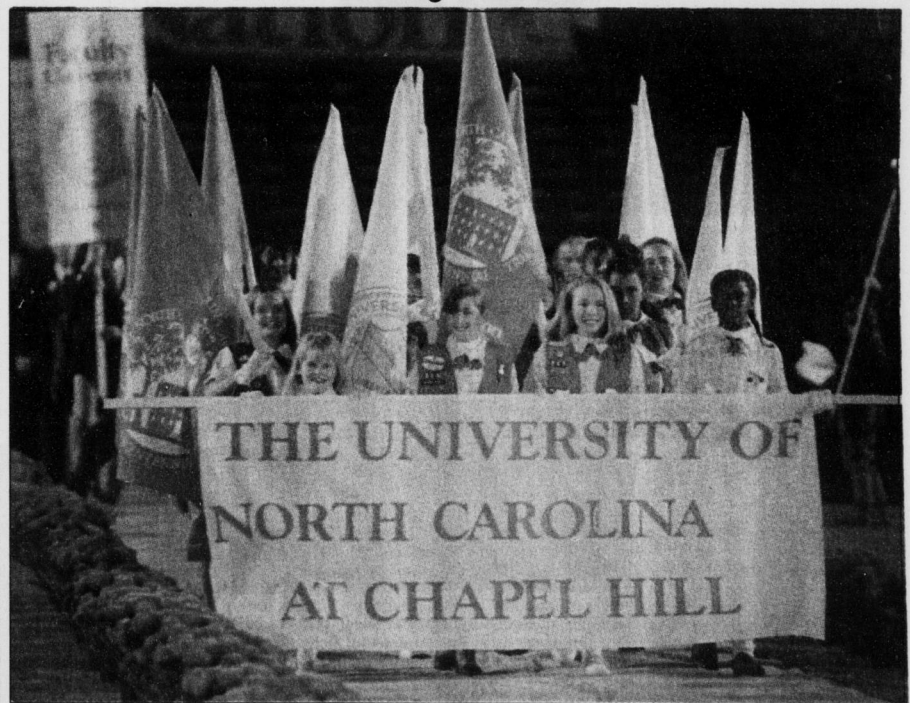
Buchanan's trip to UNC was marred by ideas of secession and the controversy over slavery. Buchanan, a self-proclaimed "supporter of the Constitution and the Union," proclaimed that there was no danger for either in North Carolina and said, "God bless the old North State."

Leuchtenburg said: "It was thought that the trip to Chapel Hill had done (Buchanan) a world of good. It was said that old Rip Van Winkle had finally woke up."

The next presidential visit to UNC would come during the midst of the Reconstruction era and during the last few months of Swain's tenure as University president. President Johnson came to UNC in 1867.

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## Leading It All Off



UNC faculty, staff, alumni and students open Tuesday night's Bicentennial convocation at Kenan Stadium with a procession. Despite cool weather, the stadium nearly was filled with students, town residents and visitors hoping to catch a glimpse of President Clinton.

*Our love for this place is that it is, as it was meant to be, a university of the people.*

Charles Kuralt