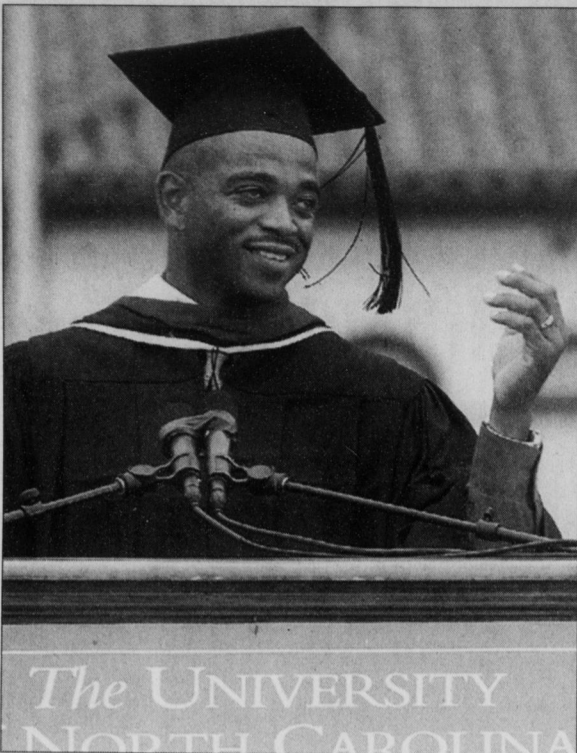


Candidates Discuss Speaker Selection



Sportscaster Stuart Scott speaks at May Commencement. Senior class president candidates said they will work hard to find the next speaker.

By RUTHIE WARSHENBROT
Staff Writer

Senior class president candidates anticipate next year's Commencement speaker selection process will be problem-free, though this year's process has faced much criticism.

Senior Class President Ben Singer said his role in the Commencement selection process was to bring suggestions about different speakers for the selection committee to consider. This year's speaker will be Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C.

"For some reason, everyone thinks the senior class president has all the say in it, but that's not how it's done," Singer said. "Eight people are equally as important — and the chancellor is above all of us. The official invitation is from him."

Singer said that unless there is a system in which students, faculty and the chancellor can work together, the senior class president will encounter problems. But he said next year's selection process will start as soon as the candidate is elected, a legacy he is glad to have left behind.

Write-in candidate James Collins said he is glad the selection process will start earlier this year. "Our goal was that as soon as we were elected, we are going to put up a survey and hear ideas," he said.

Collins also said he will check monthly with the selected speaker to ensure there are no problems. "We won't assume they'll come. We'll make sure they come."

Candidate Tinu Akintola said she plans to be a liaison between the senior

class and administrators to facilitate communication within the committee process.

"Our job begins the morning after we're officially sworn in, not when we come back for the fall," she said.

Akintola said she also wants to establish sophomore and junior class officers and councils so future classes can start early.

Candidate Chessa Huff said she plans to act as the voice of the senior class by relaying input from seniors to everyone else involved in the selection process.

Huff said she already surveyed about 400 seniors, which she said gave her a feel for what kind of speaker seniors want. "We'll start working early in the game to represent all the seniors," she said.

Candidate Paymon Rouhanifard said communicating effectively with the senior class is integral to the selection process.

"We'll definitely take into account every different suggestion we get," he said.

Rouhanifard said he plans to update the senior class regularly about the progress of the selection process, which he said would start the day he is inaugurated.

Candidate Dana Leventhal said she plans to get input from seniors and to use this information to make suggestions to the administration.

"I would make sure that we have someone in contact with (Chancellor James Moeser) and the student body president so that we're all acting as a team," Leventhal said. "The senior class, student body and chancellor should act together and collaborate before making a final decision."

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Developments in the War on Terrorism

New Detainees Arrive in Cuba

A plane carrying 28 detainees from the war in Afghanistan landed Thursday at Camp X-Ray, where the U.S. government now plans to apply legal protections under the Geneva Convention to captured Taliban soldiers.



Some Afghans Survive By Selling Children

In an extraordinary act of desperation, some Afghan parents say they've sold their children for about the price of a restaurant meal in the West — an amount that even in this poor country is not huge but can make the difference between life and death for some.

Bush Tells Arafat To Do His Part To Fight Terrorism

President Bush insisted Thursday that Yasser Arafat "do everything in his power to fight terrorism" but gave no indication that he would sever U.S. ties with the Palestinian leader. Bush joined Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in promising the Palestinians eventual statehood.

Conflict Arises Over Tax Increase Proposal

School board members are questioning the necessity of a tax increase aimed at producing needed revenue.

and tax have never been efficient with money," Kolbinsky said. "Right now we're spending \$7,700 on each student. I think that's sufficient."

Board member Robert Bateman said he also thinks the tax amount does not need to be raised, maintaining that the system is considered one of the best-financed in the state.

"I don't think Orange County needs any more taxes," Bateman said. "Orange County is among the highest-taxed counties in North Carolina. We have one of the four top-funded school systems (in the state)."

But board member Delores Simpson said the school district needs more money so it can provide more opportunities for students. "We have a necessity for money in our schools to keep up standards," Simpson said. "I'm not sure what the best method is, but I'm wondering if (the tax) is the most effective."

Simpson said taxes exist in other districts, specifically citing the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, Orange County Schools' neighbor. "We must provide for the needs of the students," she said.

According to its Web site, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education approved an about \$11.6 million tax for the 2001-02 school year. This makes up 15.3 percent of the system's budget.

Barbara Chapman, principal of New Hope Elementary School in Orange County Schools, said funding is what has helped the school's quality.

"We hope to be able to maintain our high standards for instructors," Chapman said. "(They are) a result of the funding and support we've had."

Board members will soon start reviewing the board's finances and will then determine what steps to take.

Bateman said the purpose of the audit is to find out ways to spend less money. "They're going to audit the way we do business," Bateman said. "We'll see if we can save money."

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Plans for a possible tax increase for residents in Orange County Schools are behind schedule because of a conflict among the district's Board of Education members.

The board decided at its Monday meeting to withhold the proposal for the tax from the Orange County Board of Commissioners. Some board members said they hope the tax proposal will be ready by May.

According to The (Durham) Herald-Sun, officials are considering a tax of 6 cents per \$100 for residents living within the district's boundaries as an alternative source of funding.

The proposal, written by a committee formed by the board members, was voted down because some board members requested more information on whether a tax increase is necessary.

Board attorney Mike Parker said he would rather keep taxes as low as possible. "I think we should consider alternatives," Parker said. "It's a good policy to keep taxes as low as we can."

"I'd hate to see a tax increase unless it's absolutely necessary," he added. "I hope it won't come to that."

The source of the conflict is a difference in opinion on whether schools in Orange County need more funding for programs and facilities.

"There's serious disagreement," board member David Kolbinsky said.

"Some people think there is no limit to the amount of money we can ask for. They think the fourth highest funding in the state is insufficient."

But Kolbinsky said he thinks there is enough money in Orange County Schools. "Governments that tax and tax

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dents interested in an alternative, practical approach to religion are urged to attend.

Points of Interest

A 14-day educational tour is offered to explore European historic sites in five different European countries with a focus on Holocaust sites. Read more on www.eurohistour.com.

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Campus Calendar

Today

10 a.m. — The General Alumni Association invites you to celebrate the kickoff of the graduation countdown in the Pit until 2 p.m.
Learn more about your class gift and membership in the GAA.

Saturday

10 a.m. — The Carolina Women's Center is hosting its BodyWise Workshop until 4 p.m. in 222 Hanes Art Center. BodyWise was designed to bring women together to create body maps that represent their life story as remembered in their bodies. For more information visit www.unc.edu/~overk/body

Sunday

7 p.m. — You are invited to join the Sisters of Alpha Epsilon Omega and Phi Beta Chi as they present "Value of a Woman: The Collage of a Woman's Heart." It will last until 9 p.m. in the Great Hall. There will be performances by Vision, Psalm 100 and Sacrifice of Praise. Free dessert is provided.

10:30 a.m. — Transforming Love Community, a new Chapel Hill spiritual center, is celebrating "Friendship Sunday" at the Chapel Hill Senior Center at 400 South Elliot Road. Faculty, staff and stu-



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- ▶ organization development or management.

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Resumes should be accompanied by a one-page letter explaining the applicant's interest and qualifications and submitted no later than March 1, 2002 to the attention of:

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