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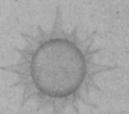
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## Summer Reading Author To Speak

Focus to be religion and peace, not book

By JOHN FRANK  
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After nearly four months of national debate surrounding UNC's summer reading program, it would seem there is little else to talk about.

But the book's author, Michael Sells, thinks differently.

He said his speech at 7:30 p.m. today in Hill Hall Auditorium will surprise many people.

"It's not (going to be) what they expect from my position or my book's position on the issue," Sells said Wednesday. "The genuine issue of Islam as a religion has not been talked about."

Sells said his speech, titled "The Quran, Islam and Religious Violence," will touch on those three main themes, including a discussion of Islam as a religion of peace.

Sells' book, "Approaching the Qur'an: The Early Revelations," was widely scrutinized by The Family Policy Network, the Christian values group that sued the University over the assignment, and other critics for what they called an overly favorable representation of Islam.

But Sells said he will clear up the misconceptions that were perpetuated in the national media coverage.

"People will be quite surprised if they expect me to claim Islam as a religion of peace," he said.

Sells, a religion professor at Haverford College in Pennsylvania, said he also will address the assignment and the criticism the University received by exploring the root of those feelings in U.S. culture.

As part of the summer reading program, the University invites the author or subjects of chosen books to speak on campus.

Sells is the second author in four

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## Bill to Limit Legislative Sessions Fails

By CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.  
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The N.C. House voted down Wednesday a bill calling for a constitutional amendment limiting session lengths for the N.C. General Assembly.

The session-limits legislation, which required a three-fifths majority to pass, failed 54-59. Although session limits have passed several times in the N.C. Senate, Wednesday marked the first time they had been debated on the House floor.

According to the N.C. Constitution, during odd-numbered years, legislators are supposed to meet for 135 days. Sessions during even-numbered years are slated to last 60 days. But legislators are free to extend those times.

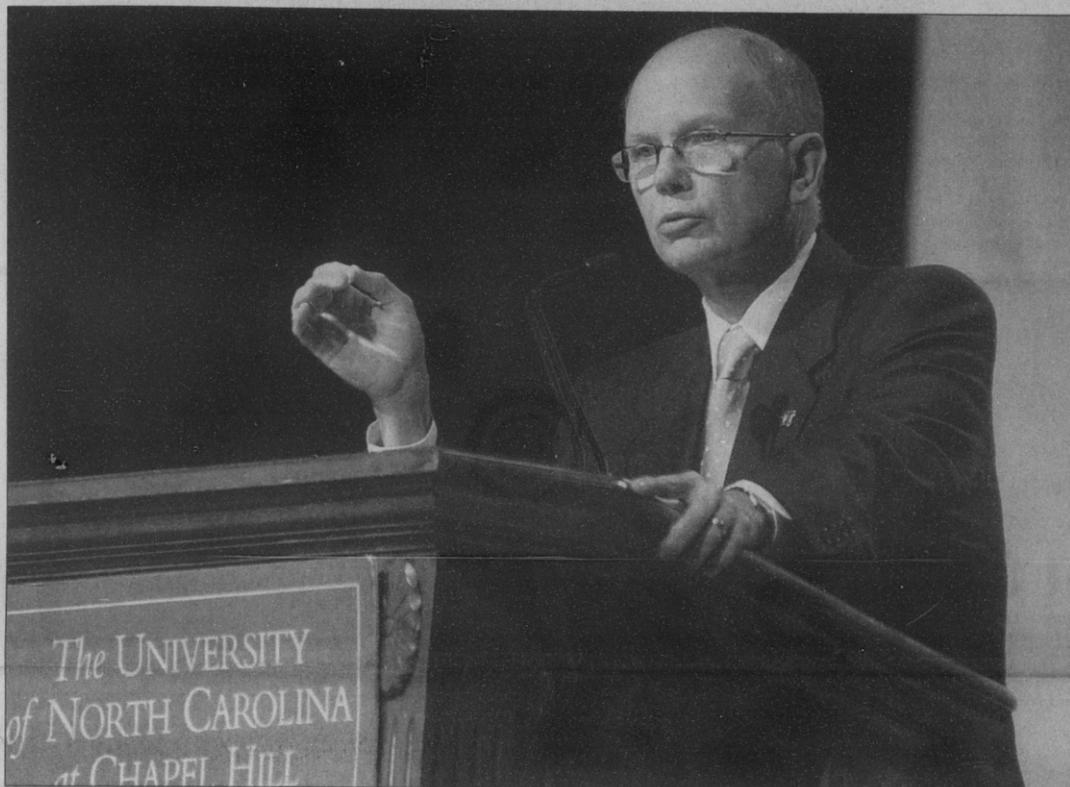
Last year, House members met for a about 170 legislative days, a state record. Legislators have been in session this year since late May.

Legislation introduced by Sen. David Hoyle, D-Cleveland, would have limited sessions to 180 calendar days in odd-numbered years and 90 calendar days in even-numbered years, allowing only for one 10-day extension. Since 1995,

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# Chancellor Outlines Vision Of Moral, Academic Leadership

Through terrorist attacks, budget crises and summer reading controversy, the University stood strong



DTH/KIMBERLY CRAVEN

Chancellor James Moeser gives his second State of the University Address on Wednesday afternoon in the Great Hall.

## Officials Accept Moeser's Challenge

Many agree UNC must refocus on ties with state

By MEREDITH NICHOLSON  
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Campus leaders said they were inspired by Chancellor James Moeser's challenge - to make UNC the leading public university in the nation while re-establishing a connection with North Carolinians - during Wednesday's State of the University Address.

But both student and faculty leaders said that goal cannot be accomplished without taking into account factors that are not easily measured.

Provost Robert Shelton said national rankings cannot be the only measure of the University's leadership because factors like tuition and accessibility are not taken into account.

He said officials are working to quantify intangible variables that signify what makes a university the leading public university.

Sue Estroff, Faculty Council chairwoman, said she would have liked Moeser to discuss the future of intellectual life on campus.

"We bring in a lot of money and do well in the rankings, but we're more than that," she said.

Student Body President Jen Daum said many students already believe UNC is the leading university in the nation, but those at peer institutions might not recognize this because "so much of what is so amazing about Carolina is intangible."

In his speech, Moeser challenged students, faculty and staff to reassert the University's connection to North Carolina.

Shelton said the University community is connected to the state already but that the public is not always aware of the connection.

"I don't think we're so far disconnected as some people would have us believe," he said.

Shelton said many of UNC's contributions to the state go unnoticed by the public because members of the University community are too modest to point them out.

"We need to demonstrate more overtly our commitment and the things we are doing," he said.

Shelton said the University must find a way to compete at the highest national level and still serve all of North Carolina.

"We have to find the highest balance of responsiveness to national rankings and responsiveness to North Carolina," he said.

Student Body Vice President Aaron Hiller said the University's obligation to the state is not discussed often enough and that he was glad Moeser addressed the topic in his speech.

Hiller said it is important to articulate the ways the University is connected to the state. "The first step in reconnecting with the public is to talk more

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By DANIEL THIGPEN  
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The atmosphere was all too familiar, the message echoing sentiments articulated from behind the same podium one year ago.

Addressing a standing-room-only crowd in the Great Hall on Tuesday, Chancellor James Moeser made clear that UNC's ultimate mission - and his vision - remain the same despite changing circumstances and evolving issues.

During his nearly hourlong State of the University Address, Moeser framed his vision in the context of events that have unfolded since his first address - and a lot has happened in that time.

The chancellor recapped the moments that have defined UNC in the past year - from the Sept. 11 attacks to the state's budget crisis to the controversial summer reading program.

It is how the University has handled those issues that sets the tone for the coming year, Moeser said.

"In the past 12 months, UNC has shown the world what it is to be a great, free, American public university," he said. "Last year, I had no idea when I said we should be a university with the courage of our convictions that we would be tested within the year."

Moeser didn't hesitate to cite the University's summer reading selection as an example of what he said makes UNC a leading public university.

"I am proud of Carolina for the courage to choose a book for the purpose of helping our students understand the complex and often contradictory forces that shape our world," he said. "We should extend our understanding to those who disagree with us."

Although the University has emerged successfully from its recent trials, other challenges still linger into the new year, Moeser said. He specifically noted the state's ongoing budget shortfall and the fact that, as UNC waits for legislators to adopt a spending plan, the University's budget stagnates.

In the meantime, cuts already have been made to the University's operations, Moeser added.

"Those losses meant we had to eliminate positions and people, delay other hiring, defer maintenance, reduce teaching and cut programs," he said.

Moeser stressed that officials are developing ways to cope in the long term. A five-year financial planning committee is working to formulate an efficient strategy for the University, he noted.

*"Our biggest challenge today is not to become so totally absorbed in our immediate problems that we lose sight of our long-term vision."*

JAMES MOESER  
UNC Chancellor

## UNC Hospitals Celebrates 50th Birthday

By JOHN FRANK  
Assistant University Editor

Medical Professor Emeritus John Sessions remembers when the halls of the old Memorial Hospital were empty.

"It was the summer before the first students and patients arrived, and we were still moving around furniture," Sessions said.

Sessions' description of the vacant hallways of the single medical school building in 1952 contrasted greatly with Wednesday's packed Brinkhous-Bullitt Cafeteria, one of nearly two dozen medical buildings now on campus.

"I must confess that I didn't consider it (would ever get this big)," Sessions said. "It's been growing."

Hundreds of health care employees gathered at the cafeteria to celebrate the 50th birthday of UNC Memorial Hospital and the School of Medicine on Wednesday.

Dressed in costumes from the past 50 years - ranging from poodle skirts and scarves to beaded headbands and Afro wigs - health care workers ate ice cream and cake to

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School of Medicine Dean

celebrate the anniversary.

At the ceremony, Eric Munson, president and CEO of UNC Hospitals, spoke on the hospital's brisk progress over the years.

"UNC Hospitals was once the best-kept secret," he said. "But now that secret's out."

Munson pointed to UNC Health Care's numerous awards for quality service but said its greatest role has been in the training of future North Carolina doctors.

Officials said that about 40 percent of UNC medical graduates remain in the state, as do a large percentage of physicians who complete their residencies here.

School of Medicine Dean Jeffrey Houpt said the faculty is the reason UNC has developed a superior program so quickly.

"How did we get so good so quickly? The faculty. ... We fielded not just any team but an all-star team," said Houpt.

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DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

Medical Professor Emeritus John Sessions (left) visits with other original staff members of Memorial Hospital. The group celebrated the 50th anniversary of UNC Health Care on Wednesday.

*The very essence of leadership is that you have to have a vision.*

Theodore Hesburgh