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U.N. Pitch Brings U.S. Closer to War in Iraq

By STEPHANIE JORDAN
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U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell presented classified information to the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday, strengthening national support for war on Iraq and making it increasingly clear that the administration is headed in that direction.

Powell's presentation wasn't a declaration of war but rather a strong indicator that the country is moving toward war, said Peter Singer, foreign policy fellow at the Brookings Institution, a nonpartisan group that works on public policy. "It made a case to the international community on why they should participate in disarming Iraq," he said. "The evidence was more specific than other previous evidence and discussed more explicit areas."

After Powell's presentation, France, Russia, Germany, China and Iran voiced concerns about a war in Iraq.

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2 Students Arrested at War Protest

Staff & Wire Reports

RALEIGH - Eight anti-war protesters were arrested at Sen. John Edwards' presidential campaign office Thursday after they refused to leave.

The protesters - including two UNC-Chapel Hill students and a University professor - were marched out of the office building in handcuffs while supporters applauded and shouted anti-war slogans.

"We wanted to send a strong message to Senator Edwards that we disapprove of the war," said Scott O'Day, a UNC-CH junior who was arrested at the protest.

University freshman Anna Carson-Dewitt, who also was arrested, said she too was compelled to exercise her rights and to ask Edwards to take a stand against war. "Dissent is the most important part of democracy because it means you're participating in your government."

Edwards was not in the office when the protesters were arrested.

At a taping Thursday night of the MSNBC news talk show "Hardball" at N.C. Central University, Edwards expressed his support for military action in Iraq but acknowledged alternative viewpoints.

"You have every right to protest. I support the right to protest," he said.

About 25 protesters came to Edwards' office on Thursday. Those who refused to leave were charged with second-degree trespassing and released, a Wake County official said.

Phil Jones, a spokesman for the group, said the opponents of a possible

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Lee Takes Post as Easley's Adviser

Former state senator will advise on education, budget

By ALEXANDRA DODSON
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An old voice advocating for N.C. education officially returned to Raleigh on Thursday, as former state Sen. Howard Lee joined Gov. Mike Easley's staff as an education and budget adviser.

"I certainly think it's a wonderful opportunity to work with the governor," Lee said. "It gives me a chance to continue to work for education."

Lee brings a wealth of education-related experience to the table. He represented Orange County and the UNC-Chapel Hill community for 10 years in the N.C. Senate before losing to fellow Democratic Sen. Ellie Kinnaird in last year's primary election.

Lee served as one of three Senate Appropriations Committee co-chairmen last session during one of the most difficult budget negotiations in state history.

Despite a \$1.8 billion deficit, the budget produced during that session increased funding for K-12 education and cut higher education funding by only 2.9 percent.

Lee also served as vice chairman for the Senate Committee on Education and Higher Education, where he worked with all levels of learning.

Lee said his experience with education during his stint in the Senate will help him with his new responsibilities.

Kinnaird, who sided with Lee on many issues during his time in the Senate, said the position is a good fit for him. "His experience is through all the spectrum of education," she said. "I think it's a really good appointment."

Kinnaird also said that Lee knows about the threats facing the UNC system's funding and that he will work hard to protect the interests of higher education.

Lee said that he started to work in Easley's office

two weeks ago but that events such as the Kinston chemical plant explosion and the inability of the N.C. House to choose a speaker postponed the announcement of his acceptance of the position until Thursday.

In addition to advising Easley on education and budget matters, Lee will serve as the chief executive of the N.C. Education Cabinet and will have an integral role in developing the state's education policies.

Lee's first item of business is securing education's place in the state budget. He said he eventually will be working on legislation, which will dominate much of his time. "I'm in a position to continue to work with policy development," Lee said.

Easley stated in a press release issued Thursday that he expects Lee's experience in education to be beneficial when accounting for education spending.

"I want to ensure that every available dollar makes it into North Carolina's classroom," Easley said. "(Lee's) experience and expertise with our

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Howard Lee was picked to be an education adviser to Gov. Mike Easley.

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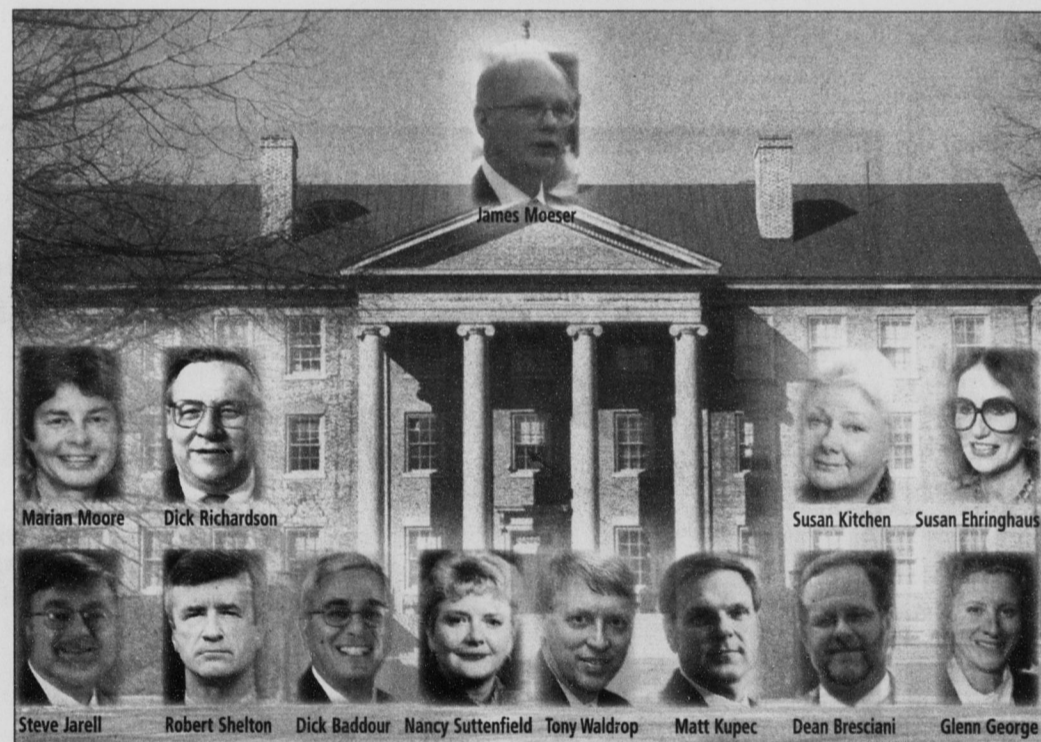


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During his first three years at UNC, Chancellor James Moeser's Cabinet has undergone numerous changes, with several long-time employees being replaced by newer faces. In 2002 alone, three vice chancellors left the Cabinet.

MOESER RESHAPES CABINET TEAM

Searches are underway for 3 vice chancellors; 3 others replaced since 2000

By JENNY IMMEL
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Chancellor James Moeser made headlines last semester with his decision to reorganize UNC's legal office, inevitably removing Susan Ehringhaus, then-vice chancellor and general counsel, from her position.

Ehringhaus' absence leaves only two of eight vice chancellors in Moeser's Cabinet who were at UNC prior to his arrival in August 2000 - the vice chancellors for medical affairs and university advancement.

During Moeser's first year as chancellor, UNC saw a new provost and a new vice chancellor for finance and administration - both new to UNC. A new vice chancellor for research and graduate studies, a UNC graduate, came the following year.

Despite these hirings, three other positions recently became vacant: those of the general counsel and the vice chancellors of information technology and student affairs.

Now in his third year as chancellor, Moeser's opportunity to build a new team in South Building from the bottom up has been magnified. As Moeser approaches this task, the challenge poses numerous options for the chancellor. He can fill all vacant positions or leave some empty. He can restructure an entire office if he sees fit.

Search committees were formed for the three open positions last month. Moeser said he thinks the position for general counsel will be filled in the next few months. "But there is no particular rush," he said.

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Panel Issues Report on Ice Storm

By JOE RAUCH
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The state issued a preliminary report Jan. 31 outlining methods to remedy many of the problems N.C. residents and relief workers faced during December's ice storm.

Gov. Mike Easley appointed the N.C. Natural Disaster Preparedness Task Force on Dec. 12 to conduct a review of the state's response to the ice storm. The task force is headed by Bryan Beatty, N.C. secretary of crime control and public Safety.

The 11-page preliminary report outlines the initial response to the disaster, the many problems state departments and agencies faced during the storm and recommendations for future corrective action.

"It's an ambitious report, but any time the governor sets out something like this, you want it to have meaningful suggestions and recommendations," said Don Reuter, spokesman for the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Using information from diverse sources, such as the UNC Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, the report covers a range of issues that will be covered in greater depth when the task force releases its comprehensive report later this spring.

"Our survey was not commissioned by the state in the aftermath of the storm. We simply did it to help out," said Odum Institute director Ken Bollen.

The institute surveyed 475 households from Dec. 21 to Dec. 29 in the 36 counties that requested federal disaster funds in the wake of the storm.

Bollen said he was most surprised by the lack of access to water for those out of power.

The task force's report echoed that idea. Though the state's power suppliers were overwhelmed, its water supply and management infrastructure also were hard-

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"Will there be easy and cheap fixes? Probably not, but the state will have to determine if it's a good use of taxpayer dollars."

DON REUTER
State Official

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Carolina Week Features Forum for SBP Candidates

By AUSTIN MORRIS
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Student body president candidates gathered Thursday night in Carroll Hall to participate in a televised forum organized by Carolina Week, a newscast produced weekly by students from the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Forum hosts Michael Handy and Brad Broders said that the forum aimed to inform students and

that Carolina Week did not plan to endorse a candidate.

Candidates began by debating the merits of potential tuition and fee increases.

Sang Shin said the only acceptable reasons for tuition increases are increased pay for teaching assistants and professors, money for financial aid programs, funding for student organizations or "anything to benefit the students." Shin was adamant that students should not have to pay more to "cover



North Carolina's budget shortfalls." Matt Tepper said leaders should ensure that students have a voice in creating a long-term tuition plan. "What I'd like to see is a set plan that would help students plan for their economic situation," Tepper said.

Tepper also answered questions about his student wish list, a proposal to use alumni donations to fulfill

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Moderator Michael Handy leads a Carolina Week forum for student body president candidates Thursday night.



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When you are through changing, you are through.

Bruce Barton