

# The Daily Tar Heel

## ADDRESSING CHANGE

Noting UNC's challenges, Chancellor James Moeser says University will forge ahead in its service to the state

BY BROOK R. CORWIN UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Chancellor James Moeser's third annual State of the University address presented no shortage of challenges for UNC, all the way down to finding a venue in which to deliver the speech itself.

With the Student Union's Great Hall — site of the last two addresses — and Memorial Hall closed for renovations, Moeser delivered his address Wednesday in the auditorium of Hill Hall, the only large venue Moeser said was still available.

On a much larger scale, Moeser's address was full of such setbacks, complete with the chancellor's plans to overcome the challenges UNC faces as a result of a stagnant economy.

"As we reflect on our own situation in North Carolina, and as we glance over our shoulders at the difficulties faced by public universities in the other states, we can see many signs of trouble," Moeser said.

Keeping those troubles from seriously affecting UNC was a reoccurring theme in Moeser's speech.

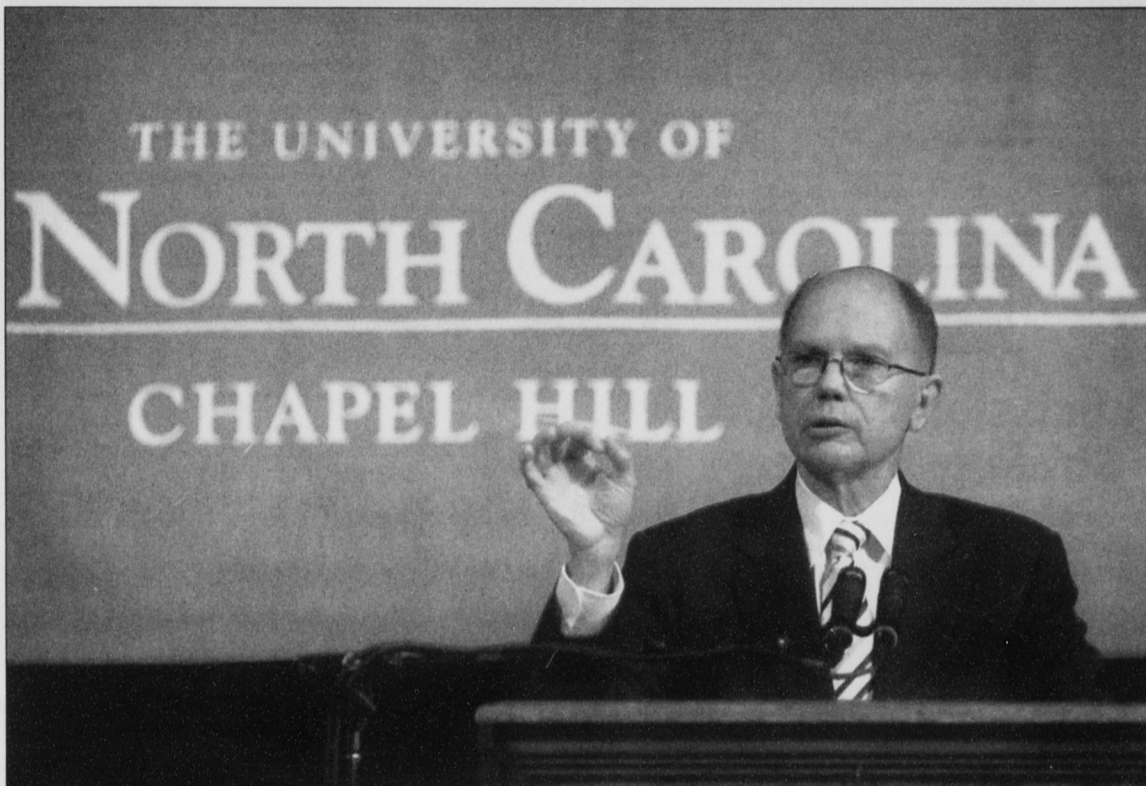
To meet the economic challenges, Moeser proposed generating new revenue sources, doubling the size of the Honors Program and modifying the enrollment cap to allow UNC to admit more out-of-state students.

He also announced a groundbreaking financial aid program, the Carolina Covenant, which will ensure that students at or below 150 percent of the poverty line are able to graduate from UNC without debt.

Such proposals, Moeser said, are needed in the face of the N.C. General Assembly's widespread budget cuts. Moeser presented numerous consequences of budget cuts, including the lack of salary increases for faculty members and of competitive benefits packages for staff.

While Moeser praised numerous UNC programs and initiatives, he said

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Chancellor James Moeser proposes Carolina Covenant, a new financial aid initiative, at the State of the University address on Wednesday afternoon.

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**JAMES MOESER,**  
UNC-CHAPEL HILL  
CHANCELLOR

## New program to aid poor students

BY JENNIFER IMMEL ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Chancellor James Moeser announced a nationally groundbreaking initiative Wednesday that will allow low-income students to attend UNC and graduate debt-free within four years.

The Carolina Covenant will cover all costs for low-income students, requiring them to work 10 to 12 hours per week in a federal work-study job.

"Despite what you may see on the news or what you may think, college is affordable," Moeser said. "This University is affordable."

UNC is believed to be the first public university to initiate such a financial aid plan, while Princeton University is the only private institution known to have a similar initiative.

The Covenant is set to begin with the incoming freshman class of 2004. Students

already at the University will not be eligible for the plan.

After four years — when all students on campus have had the chance to benefit from it — the Covenant's total estimated cost per year will be about \$1.38 million, depending on inflation and enrollment. The estimated cost to fund the program in its initial year is \$300,000.

Moeser said some of the program's funds will be provided by the Carolina First Campaign, an ambitious \$1.8 billion fundraising initiative, in addition to a combination of grants and scholarships from state, federal, University and private sources.

"We are absolutely confident that we can make this work," Moeser said.

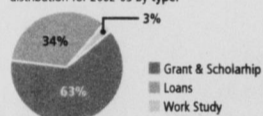
To qualify for the Covenant, a student must be at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level. This equates to an annual income of about \$28,000 for a four-person

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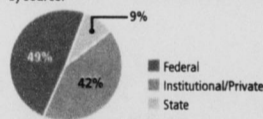
### NEW STUDENT FINANCE PLAN

The Carolina Covenant aims to offset student loans through an increase in federal work study jobs. The covenant is set to begin with the incoming freshman class in 2004.

Undergraduate need-based financial aid distribution for 2002-03 by type:



Total undergraduate aid distribution for 2002-03 by source:



SOURCE: UNC OFFICE OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT AID DTH/WELLSON

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## Coulter speech blasts liberals

BY ALESIA DICOSOLA STAFF WRITER

Conservative commentator Ann Coulter's characteristically brash style dominated both her lecture and the question-answer session that came after Wednesday at the UNC School of Law Rotunda.

The lawyer and author, who also is a popular syndicated columnist, focused on the nation's foreign policy and the War on Terror and criticized recent actions of prominent Democrats. "In wartime, their infernal idiocy is life threatening," she told the crowd.

Coulter staunchly defended racial profiling as a means of combating terrorism. Her speech included a laundry list of terrorist attacks attributed to militant Islamic fundamentalists.

"So naturally, Democrats won't let us look for Muslim extremists," she said. "It's crazy to take appearance completely off the table."

While some of her more pointed barbs were reserved for political figures such as U.S. Sens. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., some of her criticism was directed at Democrats in gen-



DTH/GARRETT HALL

Left: Ann Coulter speaks Wednesday night in the UNC School of Law Rotunda. Above: The Rotunda was packed with several hundred students, faculty and local residents.

eral. "This is a party that stands for race discrimination," she said.

"Liberals don't think of themselves as Americans. They aren't betraying America because they don't think of America as their own country."

The high profile speaker drew several hundred people to the venue. There were no empty seats, and many spectators were ushered into overflow rooms.

Significant numbers of supporters and critics attended the event.

Some attendees applauded wildly in approval of her statements. Others

pointedly and passionately challenged her views during the question-answer period.

While the atmosphere of the event was decidedly civil, tensions did rise, especially during the hourlong question-answer session. Many of the audience's questions were critical of Coulter and her often blunt comments. Some audience members broke into individual arguments as the session progressed.

Michael Hachey, a UNC freshman, said he wanted to give Coulter a fair

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## U.S. resolution calls for greater U.N. role

Powell pushing for key council votes

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — A new U.S. resolution calls for a strengthened U.N. role in rebuilding Iraq and a step-by-step transfer of authority to Iraqis but gives no timetable, according to a draft of the document obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

The new measure, circulated by U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte to key Security Council members, underscores that the U.S.-led occupation is temporary and urges Iraqis to determine a date for a transfer of power.

"The day when Iraqis govern themselves must come quickly," the resolution says.

The United States wasted no time after it took over the presidency of the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday in calling a meeting to distribute the revised text to the other four veto-wielding council nations — Russia, China, France and Britain.

"As far as time is concerned, we would like to move expeditiously on it," Negroponte said. "We'd also like to see the resolution in place, if possible, well in advance of the

upcoming donors conference in Madrid on Oct. 24" for Iraq.

The U.S. council presidency was a stroke of good timing as Washington campaigns for approval of the new resolution, aimed at getting more countries to contribute troops and money to Iraq.

The new draft — like the previous draft — would transform the U.S.-led coalition force into a multinational force. The United States, as leader of the force, would report to the Security Council at least every six months.

The new draft spells out that the force will ensure "necessary conditions" for adopting a constitution and holding elections as well as protect U.N. offices, the U.S.-appointed Iraqi interim government and other key institutions.

It reiterates the call to the 191 U.N. member states to contribute military forces and to increase financial aid. It makes a similar appeal to international financial institutions.

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