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Moeser outlines bold vision

BY ERIN ZUREICK UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Sometimes good just isn't good enough. That was the challenge Chancellor James Moeser issued Wednesday afternoon during his sixth annual State of the University address.

Speaking to a crowd of about 400 people, Moeser said UNC must rise to the challenge if it hopes to become the nation's leading public university. He said the community must keep

in mind two things: the need for the University to achieve greatness and committing itself to being good.

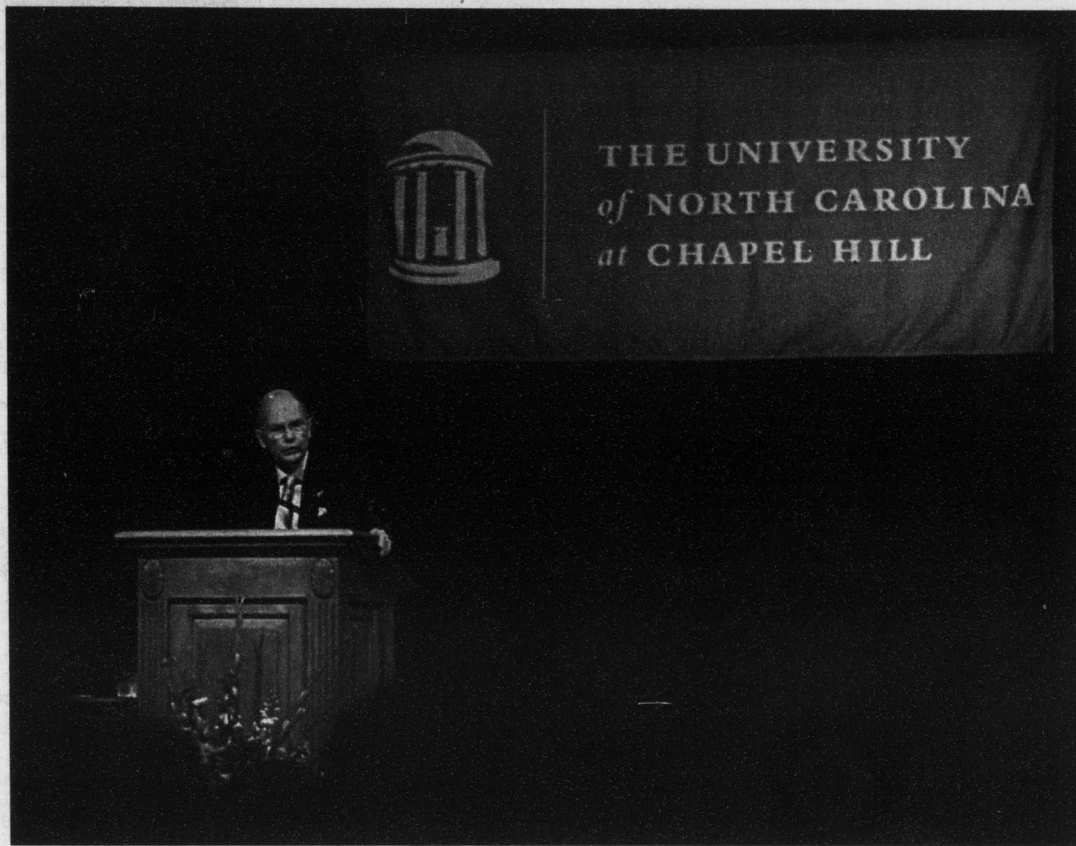
"The single most distinguishing feature of this University is its goodness — its core commitment to the people of North Carolina and the betterment of humankind," he said.

Moeser also used the speech to highlight the University's priorities and to unveil several initiatives.

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Moeser's most used words:

Great: 37 times
Carolina: 31 times
University: 30 times
Faculty: 27 times
Research: 25 times
Students: 21 times
Public: 17 times
State: 17 times
Health: 13 times



Chancellor James Moeser announced Wednesday plans to increase external research funding for the University during the State of the University address in the Great Hall. The annual event was attended by an audience of 400, including trustees, administrators and students.

UNC rolls out research goal

BY ROBBY MARSHALL ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

UNC brought in a record amount of research funding during the past fiscal year, and Chancellor James Moeser laid out grander plans Wednesday during his State of the University address.

Moeser used his annual speech to announce the University's goal of securing \$1 billion in external research funding by 2015.

"This is a challenge that the faculty and our campus community can and should embrace," he said. "It will not be easy, but we can do it."

If the University maintains its current pace, it would fall \$200 million short of the lofty goal.

Tony Waldrop, vice chancellor for research and economic development, said UNC will

target funding opportunities that award \$50 million to \$100 million rather than those giving smaller amounts.

He said the National Science Foundation, which offers some grants worth more than \$100 million, is a potential target.

"This is clearly something that we've thought a lot about," Waldrop said.

"We aspire to be the leading public university ... and we will do this by being the best in research."

The challenge, Moeser said, will be balancing increasing research funding and staying true to the University's commitment to arts, humanities and great teaching.

And the University still relies on funding from the state, as government support has proven to act as leverage and incite external benefactors.

Bill Roper, CEO of UNC Health Care,

said the benchmark is attainable but will not come easy.

"We've set an audacious goal for ourselves in a very competitive environment when resources are scarce," he said.

Roper said donors are seeking multi-disciplinary research programs.

"I think that's what sets UNC apart — the incredible collaborative interdisciplinary research," said Peggy Bentley, associate dean for global health.

Myron Cohen, director of the Center for Infectious Diseases, said only the University of Washington has a comparable multi-disciplinary portfolio.

During his speech Moeser also praised the University for achieving an increase in external funding — up to \$593 million from

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Class sign-up to see shifts

Registration times set to be staggered

BY WHITNEY KISLING ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

When students register for courses next semester, they won't be fighting their entire class for a spot on Student Central.

The new process will stagger groups of students throughout registration day in an effort to lessen the load on the server.

The change — which comes in response to student complaints about the current online system — means students still will register by class status, but they will be grouped and given a specific time during which they can log on.

Within each class level, students are broken into four groups based on last names.

The groups then are broken down into 200-student sections, which each will have a 15-minute interval to log on to the system and unlimited time to register.

If a student oversleeps their starting time they can log on any time after it passes.

The groups will rotate every

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The changes

► While students still will register by seniority, each class will be broken into four groups according to their last names. Those four groups will be broken into sections of 200 students.

► Each section will be given a 15-minute interval to sign onto the system, and they can remain online for the duration of registration.

► Each group will have a chance to register during the first time slots because they will rotate.

► Graduate and professional students now will register on a different day than seniors.

► Students will only be able to open one browser at a time.

Employees seek right to collective action

BY KELLY GIEDRAITIS STAFF WRITER

The UNC Employee Forum resoundingly passed a resolution Wednesday supporting the repeal of a state law that forbids public workers from banding together to negotiate with the state.

Crafted in 1959 amid numerous state workers' strikes, the law prohibits all public employees — including teachers, firefighters and university employees — from collectively bargaining with local or state governments about issues such as working conditions and salaries.

"Lots of people are saying this law is a holdover from the Jim Crow era, this law is racist," said Ernie Patterson, chairman of the forum, which has about 50 representatives from various areas of campus.

Patterson said in an e-mail that an overwhelming majority voted to pass the resolution, with only one opposing vote and one abstention.

North Carolina is one of only

"If we want to get together and act, we won't be charged with a crime."

ERNIE PATTERSON, CHAIRMAN

two states with such a law.

According to the statute any attempt to bargain collectively qualifies as a class one misdemeanor — which puts the offense on par with engaging in identity theft, selling an alcoholic beverage to a minor and intending to harm or kill a police dog.

"I think it's one of the most restrictive labor laws in the country," said Steve Hutton, District 25 employee relations chairman for the State Employee Association of North Carolina.

The resolution will go to Chancellor James Moeser's desk

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Students: Time in Iraq is life-changing

BY ERIN WILTGEN STAFF WRITER

For most the ear-splitting explosions and blinding flashes of color that tore across the sky July 4, 2005, evoked traditional feelings of excitement and celebration.

They sent Emran Huda into panic.

Once he realized the explosions were not fighter planes or suicide bombers but normal Fourth of July fireworks, Huda felt embarrassed, he said. The 25-year-old, now a UNC graduate student, had just returned from 10 months in Iraq.

In the past three years a number of UNC students have returned from Iraq ready to resume their educations but faced with a trying transition from the military pack to the backpack. Many said the change was celebratory, as well as difficult.

Sleep and classes have become challenging for some. Perspectives have changed.

As of August 2006 there were about 133,000 U.S. personnel deployed in Iraq.

"I'm more into living in the moment, making today a great day," said Chris Arndt, a senior

from Hickory. "If I do well in school, everything else will take care of itself."

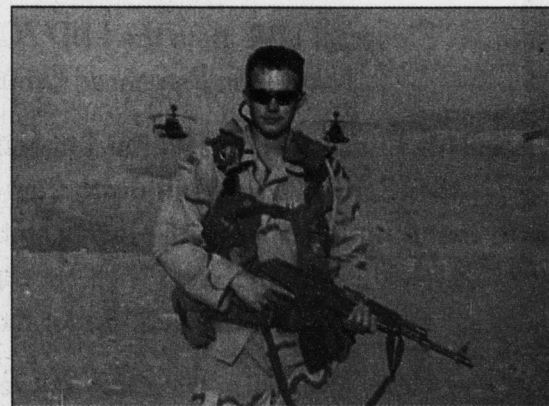
After the first semester of sophomore year, Arndt spent a year and two weeks at Camp Navistar on the Iraqi-Kuwait border. He worked on convoys, transporting supplies that came to Iraq from Kuwait. He returned home March 28, 2005 — after "381 days and seven hours" away, he said.

When he returned he leapt back into college life. Emotion and festivity filled his first weeks, he said. He watched the Tar Heels trounce Illinois in the 2005 National Championship. He saw friends he hadn't seen in 13 months.

"I'm able to appreciate things for the first time in my life," he said. "I'm more willing to take risks. The first thing I did when I got back was skydiving. It was like seeing the world for the first time."

But returning isn't all celebration. Since the Revolutionary War, soldiers have left war burdened by the residue of conflict.

In the past this psychological imprint of war has been called shell shock and battle fatigue, said psychology professor Joseph Lowman.



Graduate student Waitman Beorn returned from Iraq in 2003 and said the experience put life's daily woes in perspective for him.

Now the flashbacks, recurring war dreams and constant anxiety of returning soldiers is labeled Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

The nature of the war in Iraq has made soldiers particularly susceptible to PTSD, Lowman said.

In both the world wars soldiers understood that certain areas were safe zones, he said. "But ... in

Iraq and Afghanistan, with all the roadside bombs — you just don't get much rest," he said.

Most soldiers will not return with symptoms acute enough to be diagnosed as PTSD, Lowman said. But for students such as Huda, a graduate student from

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Check out Diversions where you'll find a cover story on the growing trend of trivia and a host of music and movie reviews.



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SHADES OF RED

No. 1 UNC men's soccer falls to rival N.C. State 3-1 Wednesday at home during a game that saw two Heels receive red cards.

this day in history

SEPT. 7, 1989 ...

The Zeta Psi fraternity house suffers substantial damage in a morning fire. The house had been scheduled for an inspection by fire marshals within the following weeks.

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