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Albright to issue address

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Madeleine Albright, the first female secretary of state, will deliver the spring Commencement address, officials announced Wednesday.

"I would call it a major coup," Steve Allred, executive associate provost and chairman of the Commencement speaker selection committee, said of securing Albright as speaker.

"She is a remarkably gifted speaker. She is direct, and she speaks from experience."

Albright served as the 64th secretary of state for President Clinton after being unanimously approved by the U.S. Senate and was once



Madeline Albright was tapped by UNC leaders to give the speech to graduates this spring.

the highest-ranking woman in the history of U.S. government. She's tied with current Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for that honor.

Now a professor at Georgetown University, Albright has issued several Commencement speeches, including one in 2004 to Duke University graduates.

Allred said the selection fits

UNC's goal of increasing globalization — a major talking point of Chancellor James Moeser's recent State of the University address.

"As Carolina becomes a more international university, it is fitting to have a secretary of state who has so much experience in international affairs," Allred said.

Prior to being secretary Albright served as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and as a member of Clinton's cabinet.

Student Body President James Allred, who nominated Albright to the committee, said he anticipates the former secretary will give stu-

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Past commencement speakers

- 2006: Wendy Kopp**
Title: president and founder of Teach for America
- 2005: Rev. Peter Gomes**
Title: professor at Harvard Divinity School and best-selling author
- 2004: Julius Chambers**
Title: director of the University's Center for Civil Rights
- 2003: Bill Cosby**
Title: actor/activist
- 2002: John Edwards**
Title: U.S. Senator, D-N.C.



Yvonne Hubbard, director of the financial aid department at UVa., responds to a question during a discussion on inclusion in admissions.

College access conference draws to close

Officers eager to implement ideas

BY ROBBY MARSHALL
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About 150 of the nation's most prominent higher education leaders traded ideas for the past four days at a politics of inclusion conference at UNC.

The event concluded Wednesday with a four-and-a-half-hour practicum aimed at tackling the event's overarching question: How can college be more accessible and more affordable to students?

Seventeen panelists from different universities discussed low-income-based student aid to an audience of about 80 administrators and media representatives.

Each of the panelists serves as a top official in his or her respective university's newly established programs for low-income students.

"These are the rubber-hits-the-road people," said Lisa Katz, director of UNC News Services.

There was no consensus except that there is more work to be done, especially in recruiting and informing high school students.

Among the represented schools were the University of Pennsylvania, University of

Virginia, Amherst College and Troy University.

Each administrator was given a packet of the speakers' written briefs.

"The next step will actually be inviting speakers to develop their short papers into 20-page papers ... into a book," Shirley Ort, director of scholarships and student aid at UNC, said after the conference.

Ort represented UNC and spoke about the Carolina Covenant — a program instituted in 2004 that pledges to meet all of an eligible student's financial need with a combination of grants, scholarships and federal work study.

"I see it as a promise to the citizen of the state," Ort said.

Sally Donahue, director of financial aid at Harvard University, touted the school's alumni for helping to raise \$94 million that will go toward aiding students hailing from homes of with an annual income of less than \$60,000.

Ron Martinez, director of financial aid at the University of New Mexico, said his university does not have a fair aid program yet, as "many are falling through the cracks."

Responses from the eclectic slew of panelists revealed dispa-

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A history of protests

BY KELLY GIEDRAITIS
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For a campus with a liberal reputation, protesters are no strangers. In recent years several politically conservative speakers have seen walk-outs, rallies, boycotts, shouting, fire alarms and pies.

But are these protest methods effective?

"The protests that speak most strongly are those not done confrontationally but with an air of respect," said Student Body President James Allred.

Many students who attended former Attorney General John Ashcroft's speech Tuesday said they disapproved of the numerous interruptions from the crowd.

"It's not very effective, especially for someone like John Ashcroft," said sophomore David Suits.

"As far as people walking out or yelling, he's not going to change his opinions or views based on that."

Suits said he does not take issue with the protesting as long as it happened outside closed doors.

In an effort to stimulate intellectual debate, student fees are

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Recent protests

2001 About 150 students from various student groups walked out of political conservative David Horowitz's speech in Memorial Hall. Ten minutes into Horowitz's comments about the anti-war movement, the protesters rose from their seats in the first nine rows and silently exited the building.

2002 Five black faculty members boycotted a private speech by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas only open to law school students and faculty. The faculty members drafted a letter stating that Thomas has "set back the quest for racial equality and social justice in this country."

2003 Controversy arose about the use of student fees to fund political pundit Ann Coulter's speech, which criticized liberal responses to the War on Terror. Students who attended the speech lambasted Coulter in the question and answer session.

2005 An unidentified woman threw a pie at speaker Patrick Guerriero — head of a GOP group that supports gay rights — splattering his tie and jacket. The same woman pulled a fire alarm, but an undaunted Guerriero continued the speech outside.



Mayor Pro Tem Bill Strom of Chapel Hill (left) and Secretary Lyndo Tippett of the N.C. Department of Transportation (right) join Girl Scout Troop No. 1149 (center) at the Safe Routes to School Program's kickoff event on Wednesday morning at Christ United Methodist Church.

GETTING KICKS EN ROUTE

BY RACHEL ULLRICH
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Forget planes, trains and automobiles — Chapel Hill students can do just fine with bikes, boards and walking shoes.

Mary Scroggs Elementary School fourth-grader Mike McManus rides his bike to school for a simple enough reason.

"It's faster and funner," he said.

McManus, a Cub Scout in troop No. 283, was one of several children presenting the colors during a kickoff event for the Safe Routes to School program at Christ United Methodist Church on Wednesday.

The event was hosted by the N.C. Department of Transportation. The program encourages students to walk or bike to school.

"I just want to comment that Chapel Hill is honored and thrilled to be chosen by the DOT as the kickoff site," said Mayor Pro Tem Bill Strom, the emcee of the event.

Ephesus Elementary School principal Susan Wells attended the event to highlight her school's safe route efforts.

Ephesus was one of the first elementary schools in the district to adopt a safe route program in 2004.

Wells said children who walk to school are more alert in class. Physical fitness and independence also are key advantages to the program, she said.

And the school's efforts, such as bi-annual events that celebrate walking to school, have helped pump the program, Wells said.

"We believe, based on data gotten last year, that we have significantly impacted the number of children who walk to school," she said.

Scroggs fourth-grader Izzy Sistachs said she likes walking to school better than riding the bus.

"I rode the bus before, but I like walking because you can see your friends," she said.

Sistachs and fellow fourth-grader Claire Hanion meet on the cor-

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Congress meeting exposes friction

BY MAC MOLLISON
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A potential rift in student government — and infighting within one of the branches — was made evident at Tuesday's Student Congress meeting.

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A ticket policy resolution comes as surprise to the CAA president
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Student leaders argued about campus elections and criticized each other's views and job performances.

During the meeting Student Body President James Allred chastised Congress members who were opposed to the nomination of senior Kris Gould for a spot on the



Student Body President **James Allred** sharply criticized Congress members in a written statement.



Congress Speaker **Luke Farley** said the claims amounted to personal attacks.

Board of Elections.

Allred also broadly criticized the actions of some members of Congress in a written statement.

"Do not hold your ears and scream every time someone tries to give you advice: None of you have ever run elections, and you would benefit from the advice of someone that has," Allred said.

He also responded to concerns that Gould, a former Congress member and previous co-president of Young Democrats, wouldn't play fairly on the elections board.

"If you feel your personal biases from knowing the members of (Congress) would lead you to influence an election, then I urge you to think carefully if you're fit for student

government," Allred said. "In fact, if that conclusion is the one you reach, then I urge you to resign."

Student Body Treasurer Anisa Mohanty also read from a written statement, responding to a letter to the editor in the Daily Tar Heel from Student Affairs Committee Chairman Tyler Younts.

His letter criticized "a ranking James Allred administration official" for not "working to save students money."

"To take words out of context in this manner was both dishonest and a personal insult to the time I have spent over the past three

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CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, the photo cutline accompanying the Wednesday front page story, "Event marked by protests," incorrectly reported that Eric Gardner is a senior. He is a UNC graduate. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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POWERING UP Duke Energy's plan to build two new coal-fired power plants angers state environmental groups

EMBRACING DIFFERENCES The Stone Center is screening films that celebrate diversity as part of the Diaspora festival



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JUDGED BY ITS COVER
Diversions explores cover bands and their struggle for artistic legitimacy, and reviews artists from Justin Timberlake to Norm MacDonald.

this day in history

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University officials announce that a new feature allowing students to use their UNC One Cards as Wachovia ATM cards will be delayed for two months.

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