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**Riley Institute** will be a benefit.

Last week's visit of former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to the Furman University campus was part of the first national conference for the Richard W. **Riley Institute**. The institute is named for Greenville native and Furman graduate Dick Riley, who personifies statesmanship and served his state well as governor and his country well as Secretary of Education.

Albright's speech was enlightening and entertaining, and she spoke to a packed auditorium filled with Furman students and Greenville residents eager to hear her share her authoritative world views. Albright's speech was followed a night later by a panel discussion featuring Washington Post columnist Jim Hoagland, Georgetown University professor G. John Ikenberry, former U.S. Ambassador Phil Lader and Los Angeles Times correspondent Robin Wright. The focus of the two-day conference was "National Security in a New Age."

The **Riley Institute** was established at Furman in the fall of 1999 to be a host to conferences on national and international issues, provide scholarships and underwrite learning activities for Furman students and conduct workshops for secondary school teachers of government. Last week's conference demonstrated the Institute's value to the greater community, too.

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