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Broad looks beyond horizon to future of UNC

President Molly Broad called for more access to higher education as she took the oath of office Wednesday night.

BY MATT DEES
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Molly Corbett Broad beamed as she walked down the aisle of Reynolds Coliseum on Wednesday night to be inaugurated as the 15th president of the University of North Carolina.

Joined on stage by Gov. Jim Hunt, former UNC-system presidents Bill Friday and C.D. Spangler and members of the Board of Governors, she pledged to increase diversity, lower tuition and take advantage of technological advances in education.

"We must redouble our efforts to provide educational access and opportunity to all segments of our population," Broad said.

"We must support a vision for UNC that promotes education without barriers, that expands equality of higher-educational opportunity to North Carolinians of all races, ages, cultures and geographic locations."

She seemingly backed Chancellor Michael Hooker's Carolina Computing Initiative by emphasizing the importance of computers in education.

"We must have the will and the vision to make the technology investment," Broad said.

"This is not sending our students to learn computers; this is sending computers in to help our students learn."

Broad received high praise from the dignitaries in attendance.

"It is clear tonight that Molly Broad understands about great teaching and is committed to great teaching," Hunt said. "We thank her tonight for her willingness to be bold, her commitment to the quality of affordable education ... and for her commitment to human equality."

1997-98 Association of Student Governments president Terry Eaton said UNC-system students had been impressed by Broad's performance and looked forward to her tenure. "We are extremely excited about your election as president, and we, the students, will look to you, Madame President, for leadership and guidance," he said.

"Your enthusiasm, knowledge of university matters and willingness to listen to the concerns and ideas of others has truly impressed us."

The issue of tuition came up several times during the

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Standing on the shoulders of giants

In the history of the University of North Carolina, only 15 people have served as its president. This elite group has shaped the face of the system as it stands today.



Molly Corbett Broad
President 1997-

She came to the UNC system from her post as executive vice chancellor and chief operating officer of the California State University system.



C.D. Spangler
President 1986-1997

The Charlotte businessman served the system for 11 years. In his last act as president, he extended the school calendar by 10 days.



Bill Friday
President 1956-1986

He led the UNC system for 30 years. He guided the system through the turmoil of the 1960s and 1970s.

History of the University of North Carolina

The University of North Carolina was chartered by the N.C. General Assembly in 1789. The first campus, Chapel Hill, admitted students in 1795. In 1877, the state legislature began sponsoring other institutions of higher education. In 1931, the General Assembly once again acted to change the face of education in North Carolina. It combined three universities under one governing board and the president of the Chapel Hill campus. In 1971, the legislature added the 10 remaining public schools, creating the current 16-campus system. Today, each constituent institution is led by a chancellor. Only the most recent three presidents have actually governed the entire 16-campus system.

Gordon Gray
President 1950-55

Frank Graham
President 1930-49

Harry Chase
President 1919-30

Edward Graham
President 1914-18

Francis Venable
President 1900-14

Edwin Alderman
President 1896-1900

George Winston
President 1891-96

Kemp Battle
President 1876-91

Soloman Pool
President 1868-70

David Swain
President 1835-68

Robert Chapman
President 1812-16

Joseph Caldwell
President 1804-12 and 1817-35

Molly Corbett Broad was ushered in as the 15th president of the UNC system at Reynolds Coliseum on Wednesday evening. Bill Friday and Gov. Jim Hunt congratulated Broad prior to the ceremony.

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Former presidents reflect on spirit of inauguration

BY JONATHAN COX
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Twelve years ago, former UNC-system President C.D. Spangler sat where President Molly Broad sat Wednesday night.

Though the styles and trends have changed since then, the event was similar. Steeped in the tradition of academic regalia, Spangler sat before 5,000 spectators on Polk Place to take the oath of office.

"It was like dying and going to heaven when I got the presidency," Spangler recalled. "Every day I got up,

I loved it. I've missed it every day since I left."

Spangler retired last July as the 14th president to head the UNC-system. Broad was selected by the Board of Governors to take his place.

Because of the infrequency of the event, the inauguration of a new UNC-system president holds a very important place in the life of the state.

"It is a reaffirmation of the idea that this University is central to our existence," said former President Bill Friday.

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Carter to reveal plans for next year

■ Reports are that Vince Carter will skip his senior season and go to the NBA.

STAFF REPORT

When Vince Carter and Antawn Jamison arrived in Chapel Hill in the fall of 1995, the North Carolina basketball program was adjusting to life without early departees Jerry Stackhouse and Rasheed Wallace.

Now, with Jamison already declaring early himself eligible for the NBA Draft on Monday, Carter has called a 4:15 p.m. news conference for this afternoon in the Smith Center to announce whether he will leave the school in a similar status as it was when he arrived.

Carter is expected to announce his intention to forego his senior season and head for the NBA. The Associated Press reported Wednesday night that two unnamed sources close to the program confirmed the report.

It would be the second time in four years that UNC has lost two underclassmen in the same year. Carter would be

the ninth from UNC to declare himself eligible for the draft.

Carter averaged 15.6 points and 5.1 rebounds per game during the 1997-98 season. Carter, a 6-foot-7 junior from Daytona Beach, Fla., shot a team-high 59.1 percent on the season.

He finished the season with a team-high 21 points on 10-of-16 shooting in a 65-59 loss to Utah in the 1998 Final Four on March 28.

If Carter leaves, Coach Bill Guthridge will be left with only two members — senior forward Ademola Okulaja and junior point guard Ed Cota — from this year's six-man rotation.

But the players seem to take the uncertainty with little more than a matter-of-fact attitude.



UNC swingman **VINCE CARTER** scored a team-high 21 points on 10-of-16 shooting in a 65-59 loss to Utah in the Final Four.

"Right now, if Vince stays, it'll be us two being the senior leaders," Okulaja said Monday. "If I'm the only quote-unquote survivor, then I'll be one of the only senior leaders along with Brad Frederick."

But the losses of Jamison and Carter could put pressure on the incoming freshman class of guard Ronald Curry, and forwards Jason Capel and Kris Lang to fill in for the departed stars — as was the case when Carter, Jamison and Okulaja came to UNC.

"They'll have an inexperienced team next year," former North Carolina coach Dean Smith said Monday at Jamison's news conference. "But somehow they always get votes (for the Top 25)."

"It will be a big challenge." But Okulaja, who will join Frederick as the team's only seniors if Carter departs, is optimistic about the team's chances next season.

"Never underestimate a North Carolina team," he said. "Definitely, (the Tar Heels could be a top-10 team). Hey, Carolina always comes up with something."

CLOSER TO FINE



The Indigo Girls, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers, performed Wednesday night in Memorial Hall. Their folk-style musical concert was sold out.

INSIDE Thursday

Summer blockbusters?

What movie's going to break records at the box office? This week's Diversions presents a preview of all the summer flicks you don't want to miss and some that you can. Page 7

Today's weather

Increasingly cloudy; low 70s
Friday; showers; low 70s.

So long, farewell ...

Another year has come to a close, and we here at The Daily Tar Heel are ready to hang up our hats and call it a semester. We won't publish during finals, but Friday's Graduation Gift Guide will keep you supplied with crosswords. But we'll be back for summer school, so be sure to pick up a newspaper when we resume publishing on May 21. Study hard, and good luck on exams!

It is only with the heart that one can see rightly. What is essential is invisible to the eye.

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry