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Thorp tapped for arts, sciences dean

Beats out three other finalists

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Holden Thorp, chairman of UNC's Department of Chemistry, will serve as the next dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, according to an internal e-mail sent Friday by Chancellor James Moeser.

"I'm looking forward to learning about what inspires creativity in all these different disciplines," Thorp said. "I know about how scientists come up with original things to do, but I have no idea about how historians and Shakespeare scholars

do that."

The announcement marks the end of a journey that began three years ago for Thorp. He applied for the position when it was open in 2004, but officials selected former dean Bernadette Gray-Little instead of Thorp.

The position opened in July when Gray-Little stepped down to accept the post of provost.

He will take office July 1, pending approval from the UNC Board of Trustees, which will set his salary. Interim dean Madeline Levine makes \$132,000 a year.

Thorp's familiarity with UNC and his enthusiasm for the college were key factors in the search committee's decision, said Linda Dykstra, the committee's chair-



Chemistry department chairman **Holden Thorp** succeeds on second try for the deanship.

woman.

"He's very energetic, very interested in the position — has a lot of drive, commitment to the college," Dykstra said.

Thorp has a long history at UNC as both a student and professor.

He graduated from UNC in 1986 with a degree in chemistry and went on to receive his Ph.D. in chemistry from the California Institute of Technology in 1989.

Thorp has been a UNC faculty member for 14 years and has served in several administrative positions.

Before accepting the chairman position in the chemistry department, Thorp was director of the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, where he raised funds and revamped programs to help promote the center.

"A couple things that we thought were strong were his record as a scholar and teacher," Dykstra said. "He has a great deal of fundraising experience — probably the most of the four that we interviewed."

"Deans have to spend a good deal of time raising funds to put the University at the next level."

As dean, Thorp will oversee 54 different academic departments,

which include more than 900 faculty and staff

Thorp was one of four finalists competing for the position.

The other three were: Steven Matson, chairman of UNC's Department of Biology; Virginia Sapiro, a professor in the department of political science and women's studies program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and David Zaret, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University-Bloomington.

As a scientist with little background in the arts or humanities, Thorp said that he has some things to learn before taking on major projects.

"The biggest challenge will be

Key duties of the college dean

- Oversee 54 different academic departments, which include more than 900 faculty and staff
- Make decisions about faculty tenure, retention and hiring
- Lead fundraising efforts for the college

whether I have enough time to understand all the challenges before I have to start making decisions that affect all those folks," he said.

Dykstra said Thorp will have to **SEE THORP, PAGE 6**

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UNC to fire 11 printing employees

BY ASHLEE SADLER
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UNC Printing Services will lay off 11 employees in a department reorganization, officials announced last week.

Officials declined to release the names of those laid off.

The layoffs are specific to the offset printing sector of the department and will be effective June 29. Offset printing includes copy-making and full-color printing — jobs that are less needed in the digital age, said Richard Mann, vice chancellor for finance and administration.

"It's a national trend," Mann said. "I think it's technology. It has changed printing significantly."

Last year offset printing generated 537 print orders, a number that has seen a steady decrease. Printing services as a whole was responsible for about 7,000 orders in 2006.

The 11 employees account for about 30 percent of printing serv-

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- \$1.2 million is printing services' yearly operating budget.

es staff, but Mann said that keeping the jobs could mean problems for the entire department.

As of December, the offset printing deficit was projected to be \$721,000. The department hasn't shown gains since 2003.

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System board OKs all tuition increases

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GREENSBORO — Student opposition and an admittedly flawed process were not enough to stop UNC-Chapel Hill's out-of-state tuition hike.

On Friday the UNC-system Board of Governors approved a \$1,250 increase for nonresident undergraduates, even while acknowledging that campus trustees had subverted a proper tuition debate.

The board's decision ultimately rested on the fact that the University needs the funding, and out-of-state students are able to pay.

"The process, I strongly disagree with," UNC-system President

Erskin Bowles said. "But this is a need-based decision."

Increases of \$250 for resident undergraduates and \$500 for graduate students passed with

no debate, but

board members discussed the out-of-state proposal for more than twenty minutes.

Bowles told board members that he had spoken with Chancellor James Moeser and is satisfied that the added revenue from out-of-state students is needed to bolster faculty salaries. He also pointed out that UNC-CH remains the best bargain in

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AN ANALYSIS OF BIKE THEFT ON CAMPUS

BIKE HEISTS ON RISE



MONDAY SPOTLIGHT

BY MEREDITH MILLER
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Leslie Zeldin, a research associate at the School of Dentistry, has been riding her bike to work for about seven years.

She said it's faster than riding the bus, and the parking spot she had been offered on campus was farther away than her home.

But in early December, she was left stranded.

Her bike had been stolen in broad daylight from the rack in front of the School of Public Health.

And she wasn't the only one.

Bike thefts on campus more than doubled in the 2006 fall semester compared to a year earlier.

"I didn't think anyone would be bold enough to steal a bike during the day," Zeldin said.

Bikes are often stolen during the day because that's when most bikes are around, said Randy Young, spokesman for the UNC Department of Public Safety.

Bikes are appealing targets for theft because they have a high monetary value and are easy to escape with, Young said.

Most times, the best officers can do is file a report and hope for a match.

Bike larcenies increase

During the fall semester — from Aug. 1 to Dec. 31, 2006 — the number of bikes reported stolen on campus increased by 174 percent compared to the same period in 2005, according to a DTH review of police reports.

"Certainly we're aware of the increase," Young said. "But I don't know that it's indicative of a trend that's either national or regional in scope."

One possible explanation for the steep increase could be the department's push for alternative transportation in recent years, he said.

Chapel Hill and Carrboro police departments recorded less dramatic increases in the number of bike larcenies during the same period.

From Aug. 1, 2005, to Dec. 31, 2005, 38 bikes were reported stolen in Chapel Hill, according to police reports. Thefts rose 29 percent in 2006 to a total of 49.

"I think it just falls in the trend of property crime in the area," said Chapel Hill Police Department spokeswoman Jane Cousins, who added that the town has seen an increase in overall property crime recently.

She said larcenies typically rise when students come back for fall



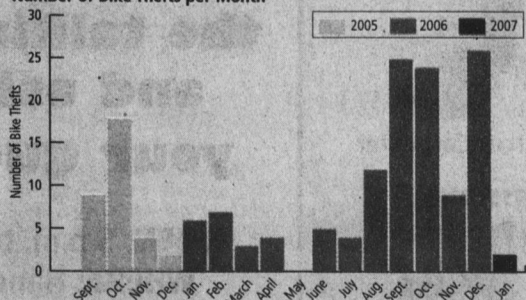
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Nick James, a sophomore biology major, locks his bike to a bike rack outside of Rams Head Dining Hall on Sunday. Bike thefts have been on the rise, and many have reportedly been stolen from campus during daylight.

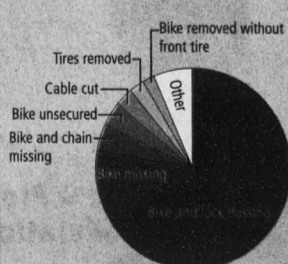
Bicycle thefts on campus

Reports of on-campus bicycle theft jumped by 174 percent from the 2005 fall semester to the 2006 fall semester. Police suggest registering your bicycle's serial number and firmly securing a lock before stowing it in a campus rack.

Number of Bike Thefts per Month



Method



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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semester. "When students are in town there are more bikes to hide," Cousins said.

Carrboro police reported a total of 105 bikes stolen in 2005 and 2006. Thefts remained relatively

similar from one year to the next.

Like most crime statistics these numbers do not show the entire picture, as many bikes thefts go unreported.

Last fall freshman David

Jaramillo's bike was stolen after he left it parked at Hinton James Residence Hall.

"I don't know why anyone want-

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BE MY VALENTINE Community members pass out valentines to the elderly

DADDIES' LITTLE GIRLS Annual dance brings together fathers and their daughters



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HE WAS HERE

A few famous alumni took in the Tar Heels' trouncing of Wake Forest on Saturday, including Michael Jordan and other players from past championship teams.

this day in history

FEB. 12, 1971 ...

University officials announce they will conduct a survey of women to gauge interest in making Hinton James Residence Hall a coed living facility.

weather

Partly Cloudy
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