Holden Thorp serves as the dean of the College of Arts and

He also plays some mean keyboard.

Thorp, alongside other UNC faculty, performed last week in the latest installment of Thursdays on the Terrace, a program hosted peri-odically by the Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence in the Graham Memorial Building.

Today's performance will feature singer/songwriters Shannon McArthur, a junior business major, and sophomore Colby Ramsay.

"(Thursdays on the Terrace) began as a program to make a wide selection of music available for undergraduates," said Randi Davenport, executive director of

the Johnston Center. "It was made to try and promote student and faculty interactions

McArthur, who describes his original music as "acoustic-pop", will play at the event for the first

Thorp's band, Equinox, a funky jazz, swing and blues band, has played more than three times for the event. Other faculty members include vocalist Terri Houston and bassist Steve Allred, the University's executive associate provost.

At the group's last performance, Allred was out with the flu, so Thorp covered the absence by playing both bass and keyboards. Other members of Equinox include Scott Emmerman, Lou Sawyer and Spence Foscue.

"Each song has its own message, and it's written by all of us,"

Time: Noon to 2 p.m. today ocation: Graham Memorial terrace

Houston said. "We all come from different backgrounds, but music rings it all together."

While many students studied throughout the performance, others listened attentively as Houston's vocals soared. The group even played some cover songs, includ-

ing a song from Billy Joel.
"It was my first time hearing them," Chapel Hill resident Jodi Fruth said. "It was jammin."

McArthur said he sees great opportunity in the venue because of its versatility.

"I love (Graham Memorial's) environment," McArthur said. "I

Creek Farm in Snow Camp, near

Chapel Hill, had the benefit of a

background in veterinary work and farming at N.C. Agricultural &

Technological University, as well as

experience helping former tobacco

farmers use grant money to start hog farms, when she decided to enter the

Her pursuit was a public hit, and she now supplies pork to local enti-ties such as Whole Foods, Weaver

Street and a number of restaurants.

Even with the help of investors and

a knowledge of state food systems,

she still works long hours and faces

about 10 more years of payments to

But MacLean stands by her deci-

sion to enter the business. She said strides have been made to rebuild

the N.C. hog industry that shrank

from 20,000 farmers to about 2,000 during the 1980s and 1990s.

business herself in 2003.

cover start-up costs.

venue for my music. At bars people only want to listen to 'Brown Eyed and stuff like that."

Davenport said Thursdays on the Terrace events began in 2001 and are featured in the building so that it will become a destination on campus for more than just classes on Thursday afternoon

McArthur, who said he was influenced by bands such as Dashboard Confessional and blink-182, intends to bring out his own

style during today's performance.
"A lot of people avoid playing pop music, but it's the style I like writing the best," said McArthur. "I just take a little of everything and make it my own."

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"In my short tenure in this, prob ably as many as 200 farmers that I know of from coast to mountain, on very small-scale operations, are up and getting going again," she said. "I

Though experts say the govern ment should provide subsidies and infrastructure reform to facilitate local farming networks, Debbie Hamrick, director of specialty crafts for the N.C. Farm Bureau, stressed that change will take greater support of farmers' sustainable efforts.

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am amazed at how it's caught on." She said a lot of the momentum

is consumer-driven, which is also why there's still so far to go.

"In order for all of it to work and work well, it's a group of passionate entrepreneurs and a community that falls in love with them.

revising reimbursement policy

BY ZACK TYMAN

UNC Hospitals and the University are trying to revise their expense reimbursement policies to prevent employee fraud, following an incident last summer

In June James McAllister, thenpharmacy director, was found to have illegally filed for reimburse-ments from both the hospital and the School of Medicine for the same expenses

Among those items were his son's cell phone bill, non-businessrelated expenses from a conference trip to Las Vegas with his son and other duplicate expenses.

Now UNC Health Care and

the School of Medicine are trying to prevent another incident like McAllister's from happening.

The hospital has recovered \$2,400 of the \$4,600 that McAllister received but wasn't entitled to.

The Office of the State Auditor conducted the investigation and recommended that McAllister return the money.

"We have not returned to the University since the investigation," said Chris Mears, spokesman for the Office of the State Auditor. "We've only followed up on the implementation of our recommen-

Those suggestions included a stricter review policy for issuing reimbursements, stronger policies for cell phone use and payment, and a 30-day limit for filing for travel reimbursements.
"The University now requires

employees to submit original receipts, invoices, etc., as supporting documentation for the reimursement of expenditures," Lynn Wooten, spokesman for UNC

Health Care. He added that the University also has changed its policy on cell phone use, requiring employees to submit documentation that sup-

ports business use. Nearby Duke University uses a different reimbursement policy for personnel employed by both the

ospital and the school. "All reimbursements from (Duke's) university and hospital are processed through one unit. said Paul Grantham, assistant vice president for communication services. "I don't think that incident could have happened here."

Wooten said a system such as Duke's would be impossible at UNC.

"There will not be a single office for handling reimbursements from the School of Medicine and the health care system," he said. "They are separate legal entities."

Since the McAllister incident. no further reports of employee fraud have been discovered either by the hospital or the State Auditor.
Until a final resolution is agreed

upon, UNC and UNC Hospitals will continue to improve their reimbursement system, Wooten

"They are developing a review process to monitor the reimbursement of expenses for dual-employment employees between the two institutions," he said.

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HOG

sumers by the cheap food econom it's made it more and more difficult for those small businesses to compete," said Roland McReynolds, executive director of the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association

The association, formed in 1979 by a group of organic farmers who wanted to address the systemic obstacles to organic and sustainable food production, has seen N.C. residents grow used to the idea of organic foods and, in the last 12 years or so, actively demand them.

That demand, while encourag-

ing, far outstrips what small farmers are currently able to produce, McReynolds said.

Besides the infrastructure problems, much of the gap between sup-ply and demand lies in the often dif-

"We were staying at a friend's, and he went to wrestling practice, so I went with him," Mueller says.

"And coach, like, made me start running with them — alright."

That first lap spawned a career

that has stretched more than 15

years. And from his opening prac-

tice, he displayed the drive and

force him to go to practice. ... He's

always enjoyed the sport."

And it's a good thing he did. With an early lack of understanding for

the sport, Mike didn't give wrestling

a ringing endorsement.

"I'd take him in the wrestling

room, and there would be sweat

coming down from the ceiling," Mike says. "And I looked at him

While his son's athletic choice

During Mueller's elementary-

school years, the relationship

between his mother, then-Robin

Mueller, and father was becom-

ing strained. The couple divorced when Mueller was 10 years old.

children in similar situations, look-

the mat wasn't enough, he looked

"I would try to get (my dad) angry," he says. "And maybe it's

because I was angry, and I wanted him to be angry, too."

Urbana-Champaign have selected

their provosts to serve as chancel-

lors," Gray-Little stated in an e-mail.

"In many universities the provost is considered the No. 2 position." The UNC model for the chancellor-provost relationship is pretty

common among peer institutions.
While the chancellor mainly

focuses on community relations, the budget, the university system and

fundraising, the provost works as the chief adviser for academics while

keeping pace side-by-side with the chancellor on everything else. "It is critical that at any point

ing for ways to vent.

for another outlet.

PROVOST

The break-up left him, like many

And when beating kids up on

had Mike confused, life at home

like, 'You like this?'

Rock bottom

had Mueller in disarray.

enthusiasm necessary to excel. "He always loved it," Mueller's father Mike says. "I never had to

MUELLER

ferent priorities of food-conscious consumers and the small N.C. farmers in a position to sell to them.

McReynolds called the sustainable food systems for farmers around Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Durham among the best in the Southeast, largely because their urban consumhave driven the market.

But Triangle farmers don't necessarily fit the profile of small farmers in areas of the state harder hit by corporate consolidation of traditional family farms

A majority of N.C. farms, about 67 percent, are less than 99 acres. But 64 percent of all farms in North Carolina earn less than \$10,000 per year, and without help from state grants and the benefit of agricultural research, that income vel makes it difficult to branch into new sustainable enterprise.

Eliza MacLean, owner of Cane

grade — after hitting rock bottom

path of the young Mueller's life.

what he told him.

bond ever since.

Texas state titles.

a chance encounter would alter the

At a Christian summer camp he

met a counselor. He doesn't recall

his name. But he will never forget

tionship between me and (God) and me and my family," he recalls.

although the relationship didn't

become perfect overnight, the

shared faith between father and

son has been strengthening the

focus of our relationship. It kind of

revolves around the Lord and our

faith. God got a hold of him at an

early age, and he's been a remarkable kid in many ways," Mike says.

Mueller's wrestling career was

Dallas, Mueller won his first of two

from programs across the country. And don't get him started on the

recruiting trips to Big Ten country.

"The crowds were awesome.

We'd go to Minnesota, they'd

have 4,000 - 5,000 people in the crowd. Penn State, 4,000 people in

the crowd. And Ohio State normal-

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Soon he was drawing attention

about to get going in full force.

"It's been really the central

"He wanted to mend that rela-

That is exactly what he did. And

ly had around 2,000," he says. But between seventh and eighth

> more than 1,000 miles from home that surprisingly came out on top for the self-described homebody.

"I love being home, but (OSU) offered the most," he says. "It seemed

anything but "great."

Ohio State brought in Hofstra coach Tom Ryan to replace the retiring Russ Hellickson. Ryan of his own, including 165-pounder

We were a really tight team, Mueller says. "But I felt like I kind of got pushed out by the new coach."

Mueller had no trouble landing on his feet, though.

Racking up titles, offers With his home life more in order,

During his sophomore year at Highland Park High School in school days. After a brief courtship,

While his body was in Chapel Hill, his focus was still on Ohio State, which UNC was set to face in its first tournament.

When all was said and done, it was The Ohio State University —

like such a great experience. But his time at Ohio State was

After compiling a 16-22 record as a freshman, a coaching change had Mueller's Buckeye future in doubt.

brought with him several wrestlers

Worth waiting

Chris Vondruska.

While at University Nationals, Mueller was spotted by then-UNC assistant coach Glen Lanham, who knew of Mueller from his high Mueller was a Tar Heel.

Mueller did not disappoint his new team or himself, winning in the second round.

"The (OSU) kid was calling

injury time and everything," UNC assistant coach A.J. Grant says. "Keegan was just ripping him up." Mueller rode the momentum

from that first match onto a solid first year as a Tar Heel, going a team-best 30-7.
Using an early exit in the ACC

Championships as motivation for the 2007-08 season, the usually quiet Mueller has rattled off 20 straight victories en route to a perfect 5-0 conference record. "He's actually Dr. Jekyll and Mr.

Hyde," UNC redshirt freshman Thomas Scotton says.

"If you met him outside the mat, he's the nicest guy in the world. But on the wrestling mat he's trying to tear your arm off and beat you with it."

With ACCs beginning Saturday in College Park, Md., and nationals soon thereafter, Mueller is hoping to peak at the right time. North Carolina coach C.D. Mock

says the focus is on wrestling with a vengeance in the postseason - the team is not talking about winning. But though they might not be talking about it, taking the title is

definitely on Mueller's mind. "My expectations are to win — I rant to win," he says.

With nationals in St. Louis from March 20 to 22, perhaps the well-traveled junior can fulfill those expectations and add one more notable stop to his lifelong road trip.

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LANG

androgynous style that has helped make her famous.

But more than anything else, lang's success is because of her unmistakable vocal talent, the strength and clarity of which she brought in force to Memorial. lang's vocals, combined with the intimate setting, were most striking during the show's climactic song, "Hallelujah."

A reworking of Leonard Cohen's original, the song has been covered in recent years by Rufus Wainwright, but lang brought her own spiritual soul-

fulness to the rendition. She seemed to worship every song that poured out of her — especially "Hallelujah" — intoning the lyrics with her distinct velvety lows and crystal highs. "Once In A While" and "Je Fais

La Planche" were especially stir-ring selections from "Watershed," on which lang added the credit of producer to her functions in the The fact that these songs were

original material written, performed and produced by lang her-self layered additional significance nto the concert. Raleigh resident Leila Jabbar

aid she was planning on buying the album after the concert becau she liked how its songs were both playful and moving.

When she's singing and she's on stage, your skin can't help but tingle," Jabbar said. "It's truly powerful.

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on any subject at any time the president can walk into the pro-vost's office, and they'll each have wisdom and experience and vice-versa," Shelton said. "The only way you get that is by working closely together on everything." Gray-Little said she has been

pursued by other university search committees, even as she continues to emphasize her commitment to her role as provost.

And Shelton said although Gray-Little has served as UNC's provost for only a year and a half,

er experience in both that and her previous positions makes her a sought-after candidate for higher education positions.
"I think that Bernadette could be

a very strong candidate for the right presidency or chancellorship."

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