

Administrators to stay put

Excited about work with Thorp

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Although Chancellor James Moeser is moving on from South Building when he steps down July 1, the top administrators in his cabinet don't plan to go anywhere.

When the chancellor's position has changed hands in the past, other UNC leaders have sometimes left to follow other opportunities. But members of Moeser's cabinet have no plans to leave Chancellor-elect Holden Thorp's administration.

Richard Mann, the vice chancellor of finance and administration, said he doesn't anticipate a mass exodus of administrators.

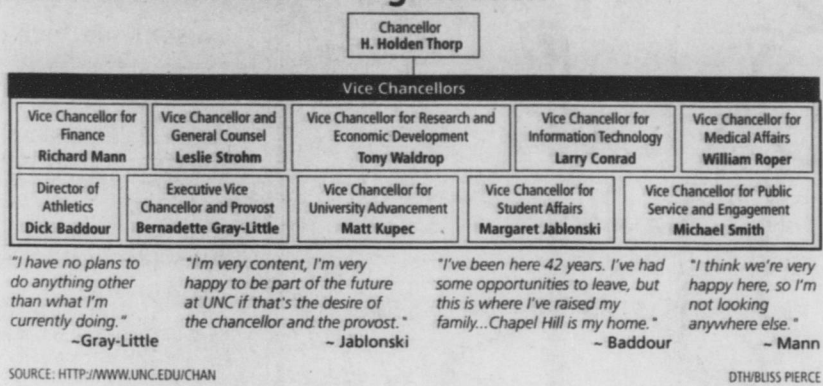
"One of our advantages is that we have a very strong administrative team and we work well together, and I would see that continuing under the new chancellor," he said.

Mann, who became vice chancellor in November 2006, said he hasn't been looking elsewhere.

But just because administrators aren't looking for other jobs doesn't mean they are off the market.

Margaret Jablonski, the vice chancellor of student affairs since 2004, said many of the administrators get contacted by search firms,

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although she has not pursued any other options, either.

Leslie Strohm, who began as general counsel in 2003, said she enjoys her post and so has not shown interest in offers to be general counsel at other universities.

“I love the University of North Carolina,” she said. “And I love serving as its general counsel.”

Larry Conrad was appointed vice chancellor for information technologies and chief information officer in February.

“The provost was able to reassure me that there was a strong sense

of direction for the campus and a strong management team,” he said about preparing to come to UNC.

“She was confident that, whoever would be the chancellor’s successor, there would be changes of course, but that they would be evolutionary — not revolutionary.”

Thorp has said he wants consistency, and his team seems to concur.

Bernadette Gray-Little, the executive vice chancellor and provost to whom Conrad referred, also has said she has no plans to leave.

Jablonski said she also sees Thorp continuing efforts that Moeser

made. But because of differences in Moeser’s and Thorp’s backgrounds, Jablonski said Thorp probably will approach his work differently.

She also said Thorp will be more accessible on campus in the next few years because the UNC will not be in a major capital campaign.

“Students will probably see more of Chancellor Thorp,” she noted.

“I’m very excited about the future and working with Dr. Thorp in this next administration.”

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Thorp created new vision for planetarium

Expanded work in other sciences

“His capacity to experiment and learn along the way is a great strength.”

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Before he was UNC chancellor-elect, before he was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Holden Thorp headed a building he once referred to as “the front door of the University” — the Morehead Planetarium.

From 2001 to 2004 Thorp led the planetarium, transforming it from the Morehead Planetarium to the Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, as it currently is known.

“He made it a place that was vital and relevant again,” said Denise Young, planetarium director of education programs. “That hadn’t been the case for a very long time.”

Young was hired within a year of Thorp’s appointment to the post, and she described him as a strong, visionary leader who sought out the opinions of others and gave them the flexibility to experiment, citing a successful theatrical approach to planetarium educational productions which pushed the educational staff to be equally engaging and informative.

But she said he often asked probing questions, trying to make sure the advice he was getting was sound and well-considered.

Another of Thorp’s early hires, Jeff Hill, agreed, saying Thorp rarely made the same mistake twice.

“His capacity to experiment and learn along the way is a great strength,” he said.

“He has demonstrated a great capacity for understanding the issues that the University is facing.”

When Thorp took over, the planetarium was seen as very inward-facing.

“Holden turned that paradigm around into inclusion,” Hill said.

“He took what he was a part of and rallied it toward the University mission.”

Thorp sought to accomplish a

JEFF HILL, PLANETARIUM COLLEAGUE

change in the science center’s mentality through a series of new hires. Young said he hired professional educators and marketers, decisions that changed the dynamic of the staff.

Though both Hill and Young said they see Thorp as a visionary leader, Hill said his lack of administrative experience showed at times. He said Thorp seemed uncomfortable standing in a room full of potential donors — a sharp contrast from his former roomful of freshman chemistry students.

But Hill said he saw a marked change as Thorp grew into the role.

“The Holden Thorp that I saw deliver his acceptance speech for chancellor was light years removed, in terms of public speaking, from the Holden Thorp I encountered five or six years ago,” Hill said.

While Hill and Young watched from within, Todd Boyette, current director of the planetarium, was the CEO of The Health Adventure, a competing science center located in Asheville, while Thorp headed the Morehead Planetarium.

The two were professional colleagues, and Boyette first discussed UNC with Thorp before succeeding him as planetarium director.

The expansion of the planetarium’s mission to showcase other sciences was impressive, Boyette said, and he was struck by the renewed excitement Thorp brought to the science center community.

“I watched from afar as he led the renewal,” Boyette said.

“He was breathing new life into the Morehead Planetarium.”

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DTHRACHEL RODEMANN

Eleanor Brawley, curator of the “Families of Abraham” exhibit in the Union Gallery, gave a speech Tuesday afternoon at its official opening.

ABRAHAM

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days in each. The other three kiosks chronicle how the three faiths define and celebrate what Brawley described as “nine categories of human experience that we all share.”

The categories include significant life events, like marriage, and common values of the religions, such as hospitality.

The displays not only describe the religions’ practices, but also show how they define and interpret

life events.

The experience of faith starts at childhood, and through this project, the families began to encounter and appreciate their differences.

Eleanor Brawley’s husband, Bob Brawley, recounted how they got to know each other at picnics and other gatherings though the course of the project.

“The kids would all play together,” he said. “They just loved it.”

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STEPHESON

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closer to home, he will be able to provide the necessary support and help his family needs at this time.

“He is a wonderful kid.”

The decision, while abrupt at the time, should come as little surprise to those close to the program.

The 6-foot-9-inch power forward missed two games at the beginning of January to travel back to California to be with his family before returning to action with the Tar Heels on Jan. 9 against UNC-Asheville.

North Carolina allowed Stepheson a release so he can contact other schools regarding a transfer, and among the programs he reportedly is considering are UCLA and Southern Cal, both of which reside in the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

Stepheson’s mother, in an article in Sunday’s Los Angeles Times, said

that playing time will be an important factor in picking a future home, and that her son will take his time to consider all his options.

As far as UNC is concerned, the transfer thins out a front line that now will feature only incumbent starters Tyler Hansbrough and Thompson, along with a duo of unproven freshman bigs — Tyler Zeller and Ed Davis.

But given the way Stepheson turned on during the Tar Heels’ run to the Final Four, North Carolina will be hard-pressed to find someone to replace the interior defense and rebounding he provided when he checked into the game.

“The two years I have spent as a Tar Heel have been great,” he said. “My teammates, coach Williams and his staff and the whole Carolina family are the best.”

“I wish to thank the UNC fans for all their support and encour-

ROGERS ROAD

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Wilson said the “vain spirit of the industrial world” is behind problems such as the one in the Rogers-Eubanks community.

“Some people call it a civil rights issue, a social justice issue or a scientific issue,” he said.

“And some people call it, ‘look at your babies,’” he said, adding that the community’s children will be exposed to illness and will need to spend their own money on future community cleanup if the landfills are not removed.

But minister Robert Campbell, perhaps the most applause-evoking speaker of the afternoon, was saved for last.

Through deafening claps and cries, Campbell urged attendees to ensure that the Orange County government lives up to its mandate of protecting all communities and the environment.

He said that anything less is unacceptable.

“No community — rich or poor, urban or suburban, black or white — should be allowed to become a sacrifice zone — in other words, a dumping zone,” he said.

Campbell continued, pointing out that this issue is not just one of the physical health of residents.

“When you take away basic health rights of people, you begin to let a culture be lost,” he said.

That, Campbell said, cannot happen to the Rogers-Eubanks

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ROBERT CAMPBELL, MINISTER

community. “People often say we’re a poor neighborhood — a low-income neighborhood,” he said.

“But I say we’re not poor. We’re rich in heritage,” he said.

And before the church doors opened to a lawn full of balloons, hot dogs and games for an afternoon of fellowship, Campbell gave the crowd one last, simple request.

“Let us preserve the future,” he said.

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

Solution to last week’s puzzle

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Boys of Summer

The Diamond Heels prepare to take it one game at a time at the ACC tournament. See pg. 7 for story.

Safety stressed

Pedestrian deaths bring to light safety concerns of both residents and officials. See pg. 5 for story.

Faithful photos

A new exhibit on campus highlights similarities between religions. See pg. 3 for story.

Energetic debate

Residents continue to react to the possibility of a landfill site on Rogers Road. See pg. 3 for story.

Summer jams

A few local releases worth getting to the record store for this summer. See pg. 6 for picks.

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- 54 Slight advantage
- 55 Smudge
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Monday’s Puzzle Solution

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