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Welcome Back

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Moeser examines his job, legacy Miscommunication

family vacation Wednesday

push itself to the fore, and named

improvements to the natural sci-

ences as the critically important piece of UNC's goal over the next

"I think science really defines

competition in the world econo-my," Moeser said. "We will rise and

fall on our strength in science and

technology." He added that the humani-

ties and social sciences should be

included in that consideration

and pointed out immediate global

economic, education and health issues," he said. "Universities there are desperately looking for rela-

tionships with American universi-

ties, so I think there are tremen-

dous opportunities.

Sub-Saharan Africa has huge

opportunities for collaboration.

decade.

BY BRIAN AUSTIN IVERSITY EDITOR

JUNE 12 - As former Chancellor James Moeser's term wound to a close, he was afforded the luxury of hindsight, and the benefit of expe-rience as Chancellor Holden Thorp prepared to step into the office.

Though Thorp was unavailable for comment, Moeser discussed his position and the opportunities and the most pressing challenges that could lie ahead for Thorp.

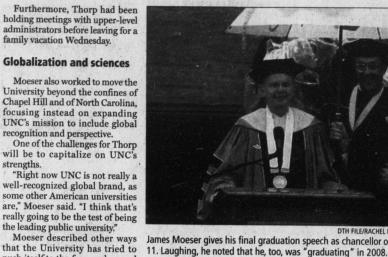
A strong team in place

When he first arrived on camus, Moeser was met with a world of problems. Campus buildings were in disrepair and there was a legislative battle over the N.C. Higher Education Bond. But these problems paled in comparison to the dozen or so administrative vacancies that left holes to be filled.

"I think there were something like 10 vacant deans' offices, Moeser said, further noting more vacant positions at the offices of provost and vice chancellor for finance. "There was a lot of work to be done to build a leadership team, so that was huge."

Thorp's administration looks to be remaining in place for the most part, though Moeser was quick to point out the value in having administrators that are attractive, even to competing institutions.

"That's just the natural rhythm of an institution," he said. "When our highest level people get pro-motions and go to be presidents or senior officers at other places, that's actually a compliment.



DTH FILE/RACHEL RODEMANN James Moeser gives his final graduation speech as chancellor on May 11. Laughing, he noted that he, too, was "graduating" in 2008.

Fighting the 'gorilla' image

One of the areas in which Thorp will first be tested is in his handling of the town-gown divide, a respon-sibility he has not had to face.

to realize that everything we do, everything we do affects the people who live in this community. And that requires, on our part, a great sensitivity to their concerns."

North, a project still in its infancy that Thorp will oversee.

campus, which in many ways is going to define his term," Moeser

said Thorp, too, will face other concerns, including the loss of almost half of the current Board of Trustees and possibly his own higher educa tion bond. Moeser has laid out his vision for the University as an academic and research force to contend with on the world stage. As he moves on from the leadership of the University, the responsibil-ity will fall to the chancellor-elect

He'll be spending his days with his two grandchildren and honing his organ skills before returning in the post of professor.

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delays blue lights

BY SARAH E.F. SMITH

to campus in August.

Short Street.

installation in residential neigh-

be in place before students return

Jack Terry from the Chapel Hill Police Department and Student

Body President J.J. Raynor, the council voted to place call boxes

and streetlights on the corner of Mallette Street and Colony Court,

as well as at Church Street and

But because of a miscommuni-

cation between the town staff and

student government, the installa-tion of the blue lights will begin a

point of contact," Raynor said. "No

one was feeding us information." The proposal for blue lights

included two resolutions by the council. The council rejected the first

because the McCauley and Ransom

streets location brought forth com-munity protests. In the second, they

approved the Mallette and Church

locations, leaving the location of a

While Raynor and Terry were

expecting to go before the Historical

District Commission to approve

the other two blue lights in June, Kumar Neppalli, the Chapel Hill

traffic engineer and the point per-son for this initiative, had planned

to meet with the commission at the

third to be determined.

'The town doesn't have a single

month later than scheduled.

Under the advisement of Sgt.

August meeting. JUNE 19 — The emergency call boxes and blue lights slated for efore the commission at the June 12 meeting because they had not received technical engineering borhoods by a May 5 Chapel Hill Town Council decision might not plans from Duke Energy. Although the location of the

third blue light was a point of con-tention, Neppalli said the council supports its implementation.

"The council asked to go back and talk about the last location but move forward with the project," Neppalli said. "They completely approved the project a second time, with a 9-0 vote.

Due to recently increased gas and energy prices, the delayed installment and manufacturing bids for the blue lights are likely to have gone up \$1,000 from the original quote, Raynor said.

The blue lights at Mallette and Church should be installed by the end of August. But once determined, the third location will need to be resubmitted to the town.

In order to avoid expensive glitches like this one in the future, student government is taking steps to clarify this process.

"One thing we are trying to make a priority is to find out how this works in general and leave a record for others," Raynor said. We need to stress the importance of having one point of contact so as to avoid this in the future."

The next Town Council meeting is scheduled for Sept. 8.

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"We are the 500-pound gorilla," Moeser said. "And I think we have and Moeser will enjoy his own time

The UNC Board of Trustees has begun negotiations with the town on a development plan for Carolina

"We're building a whole new



