

Thorp to work for system

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As the new chancellor of UNC-Chapel Hill, Holden Thorp will have to balance his duty as an advocate for his campus with his obligation to work within the larger UNC system to make good on a debt to the people of North Carolina.

That will be one of Thorp's greatest challenges. But many of his colleagues from all levels in the University believe the native North Carolinian's savvy and drive will help him succeed.

Although Thorp hasn't talked specifically about his plans to work with other chancellors in the UNC system, Nelson Schwab, chairman of the chancellor search committee, said this reflects well on Thorp.

"He is a very thoughtful person who wants to know the facts and understand the issues," he said.

This thoughtfulness was just one of the traits that helped fuel Thorp's roaring ascent to chancellor. But Schwab said it could mean that Thorp might take several months to get his bearings as a leader in the UNC system.

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ERSKINE BOWLES, UNC-SYSTEM PRESIDENT, ON CHANCELLOR HOLDEN THORP

"I think the next few months are certainly going to be a learning process to understand what those issues are and what role we might play, if any," he said.

UNC-system President Erskine Bowles said Thorp is keenly aware of his duties to both the University and the system. "He has an appreciation for the state and for the University's role within the state," he said.

"As we talked about him moving up to chancellor, he talked about how he really believed it would be in UNC's interest to work in partnership with the other UNC campuses."

Thorp has the advantage of being a native to the state, which many of his colleagues mentioned as a plus.

Joe Templeton, UNC chair of faculty, said Thorp will draw on his roots to guide his work in the system.

"I think that the traits that he brings to the position of chancellor and his North Carolina connection and commitment will serve him well in working with the other campuses," he said.

Thorp is also known as a passionate collaborator and leader, and Schwab said Thorp will draw on that to work with other chancellors.

"Thorp's approach that we got through the interview process is certainly one of reaching out and learning from the other campuses and seeking ways in which all the campuses might work together."

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Moeser excited for life after job

Will take professorship after year off

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On the morning of July 1, James Moeser woke up without a job.

Moeser's schedule was not planned out for him, like it had been for almost all of his other weeks in the past eight years; having his schedule planned for him and meeting with other administrators.

After his final duties came to a close, he had enough time to travel through the Southwest with his family, and he said the prospect of his life without academia gave him admittedly mixed feelings.

"I'm both excited and sad," he said. "I'm excited about my free time." But he added, "I do feel really nostalgic. Parting is going to be sweet sorrow."

He's also in high demand. He will be appearing at speaking engagements at East Carolina University

and the University of Texas at Austin by the end of the year.

Moeser said even though he will not be a part of the administration, he isn't leaving campus for good. He packed up his boxes for the move from his Chancellor's Residence to another home nearby in Chapel Hill, and will return as a professor of music after a year off.

"I will probably walk on this campus every day," he said.

Moeser has brought innovation to dealing with the various issues that come up for a university. Issues during his tenure ranged from increasing enrollment of underprivileged students to increasing faculty salaries with intense fundraising campaigns.

Moeser went on to point out things that his successor, Holden Thorp, will have to take up, including the renovation of the buildings that were untouched by the 2000

N.C. Higher Education Bond.

He pointed to the newly renovated Steele and Hanes halls, which should be open before classes start, as successful uses of the state's money, and said that other buildings, including Wilson Library and Dey Hall, have needs that another bond could deal with.

He acknowledged the role that his entire team has played in helping him develop as a leader of — and servant to — the University.


"One's success really becomes more in helping other people succeed," Moeser said. "My success is the success of thousands of other people."

It is the effect of these interactions that he says will be the part of his job that he will miss most.

"I think it'll be the feeling where I can actually make a difference in this job," he said. "That's something that I really relish."

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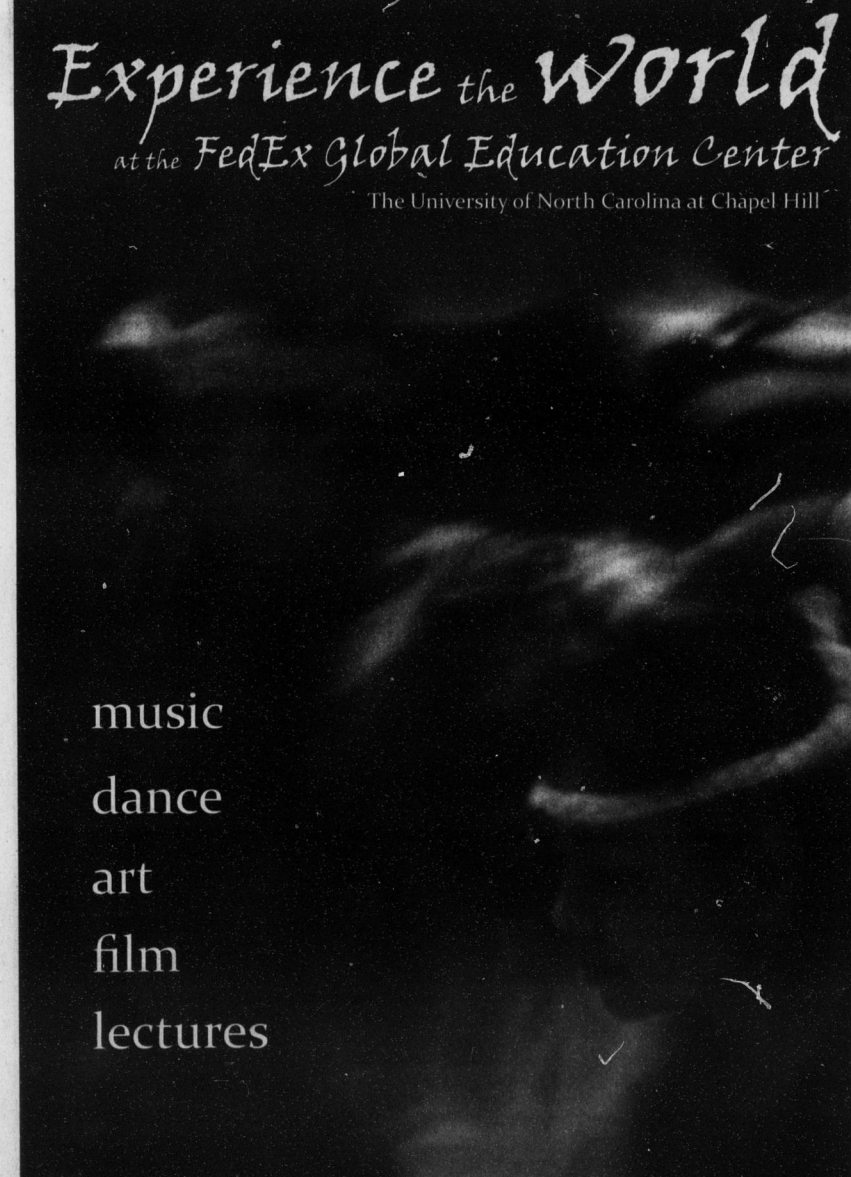
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