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## CHAPEL HILL PLAYERS

The improv comedy group Chips has its first big show tonight. The 13 group members have been practicing daily to prepare.

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## CUTS KEEP COMING

With the uncertain economy Gov. Mike Easley told state agencies to plan for a possible 3 percent budget cut, an increase from the 2 percent reduction he called for last month.



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## ATLANTA-BOUND

UNC's Tar Heel Raas Indian dance team will head to Atlanta for a nationwide Indian dance competition. The team will compete in Raas Garba, a traditional dance of Gujarat.

## announcements

### TAKE A DTH SURVEY

Be entered to win \$500 in prizes. Visit [www.dailytarheel.com/survey](http://www.dailytarheel.com/survey) today.

### GOT A GREAT COSTUME?

Seeking creative students and community members to model their Halloween costumes for the Oct. 21 TuesdayFocus. Contact Features Editor Nate Hewitt at [nathadhewitt@gmail.com](mailto:nathadhewitt@gmail.com) if interested.

### SIT DOWN WITH SARAH

The assistant features editor will be at Caribou Coffee at 110 W. Franklin St. at 11 a.m. Sunday to hear your story ideas.

## this day in history

OCT. 10, 1968 ...

About 500 South Campus urinals are turned off to conserve water. Janitors are in charge of flushing each urinal twice a day.

## Today's weather

Partly cloudy  
H 79, L 61

## Saturday's weather

Mostly sunny  
H 80, L 56

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# NORTH DAKOTA TWO OF A KIND

## TAR HEELS, IRISH FACE OFF USING SIMILAR OFFENSES

BY MIKE EHRLICH SPORTSATURDAY EDITOR

A little after 3:30 p.m. Saturday, a guy named Tate will jog out toward the end zone and wait for the opening kickoff. If it's sent his way, he has the instincts and explosiveness to wind up in the other end zone before the play is over. Touchdown, North Carolina. Well, that, or touchdown, Notre Dame. In many ways, the two teams that will square off Saturday in Kenan Stadium are mirror images of each other — right down to the names of their most explosive players. Brandon Tate, the NCAA-record holder for career kick return yardage, leads a UNC offense that can spread the field with its talented receiving core. And Golden Tate, the up-and-coming sophomore Notre Dame receiver and return specialist, will

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**DTH ONLINE**

For scores and notes on UNC's play after the game, visit [dailytarheel.com](http://dailytarheel.com).

Check out a podcast from DTH beat writers on UNC's chances Saturday.

**SPORTSATURDAY:** Pick up a copy of SportSaturday from DTH dropboxes this weekend for the full lowdown on the game.

DTH ILLUSTRATION/MOLLY JAMISON

Two receivers named Tate, Notre Dame's Golden (23) and North Carolina's Brandon (87), provide this weekend's game's most intriguing matchup.

## UNIVERSITY DAY

OCTOBER 12, 2008

3 P.M. POLK PLACE

# Thorp plans ambitious speech

BY ANDREW DUNN  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

For two months, a sly smile has crossed Chancellor Holden Thorp's face when asked about his upcoming University Day speech.

Thorp has said he's planning something big for his official installation as UNC's 10th chancellor.

What exactly he'll say is under wraps, but the speeches of past chancellors offer a glimpse at what will be said on the 215th anniversary of the University's founding.

Though Thorp has spelled out his priorities in shorter speeches this year — a commitment to faculty and raising UNC's international profile among them — this Sunday provides the first big stage he'll assume.

"It's, in a way, the first public exhibition of his talents, vision and objectives," said John Sanders, professor emeritus in the School of Government. Sanders has attended every installation since 1957.



Former Chancellors Christopher C. Fordham, Paul Hardin, Michael Hooker, James Moser and current Chancellor Holden Thorp (center).

### Universal themes

would be premature and not the right venue."

Several themes have been carried throughout the speeches of the last four chancellors: James Moeser, Michael Hooker, Paul Hardin and Christopher Fordham.

The most common is the mission to become the top-rated public university in the country.

As UNC strives to recruit top high school students away from the Ivy League, Thorp is likely to reiterate the same concern.

But he's also likely to mention other broad themes.

■ A commitment to the people of North Carolina.

"We pledge them a resolute determination to demonstrate that we are worthy of their trust by our continu-

ing achievements on their behalf," Hooker said on Oct. 12, 1995.

■ Academic freedom and the freedom of speech and protest.

"We cannot emphasize too

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# Thorp a 'Renaissance man'

BY MEERA JAGANNATHAN  
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When Holden Thorp called his mother to tell her he'd been selected as chancellor, he first asked if she was sitting down.

"It scared me," said Bo Thorp with a laugh. "It was in the middle of the night."

He went on to tell her the news. "My first response was, 'have you told them how old you are?'" she said.

At the University Day celebration Sunday, UNC will install the 44-year-old Fayetteville native and UNC alum as its 10th chancellor.

With a background that spans



COURTESY OF TERRY SANFORD HIGH SCHOOL  
Holden Thorp (left) was picked as a National Merit Semifinalist based on his PSAT scores while attending Terry Sanford High School.

### Thorp's rise to the chancellorship

Chancellor Holden Thorp took a short, nontraditional road to the position. And unlike the last two chancellors, Thorp has spent the majority of his career at UNC.

2008: Elected chancellor of the University of North Carolina
2007: Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
2005: Kenan Professor and chair of the Department of Chemistry
2002: Faculty director of fundraising for Carolina Physical Science Complex
2001: Director of UNC's Morehead Planetarium and Science Center
1999: Professor in the UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Chemistry
1993: Assistant professor of chemistry at UNC
1991: State assistant professor of chemistry at North Carolina State University
1989: Received Doctorate in chemistry from the California Institute of Technology
1986: Graduated from UNC with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry.

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