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BALANCING ACT

After a three-year budget crunch and an ongoing football scandal, Chancellor Holden Thorp is trying harder than ever to balance a commitment to the state with larger ambitions this University Day.

By Andy Thomason
University Editor

Holden Thorp is trying to walk a straight line in the changing world of higher education. As the University's 10th chancellor, he, like every other chancellor who has come before him, has had to balance present emergencies with a vision of UNC's future. And he's no stranger to emergencies. The culmination of three years of drastic state funding cuts coupled with a damaging football scandal have dominated Thorp's professional life for the past year. But both issues also have long-term implications for the University's success, increasing the pressure on Thorp to choose each of his administrative steps wisely. An older generation of University leaders, made up of alumni and former UNC-system leaders, is of the mind that tuition hikes are

putting UNC in danger of abandoning its commitment to North Carolina residents, and skeptical of a growing emphasis on athletics. Meanwhile, pressure is growing for UNC to adopt a higher tuition model on par with its national peer universities in response to the legislature's cuts and continue to win on the court and on the field. But Thorp remains confident that he can steer a practical approach to stay true to UNC's commitment to the state while also enhancing its national and reputation. "We've been walking that line for 200 years," he said.

Article 9, Section 9

Dick Spangler thinks the University needs to take a good hard look at its past. Spangler, system president from 1986 to 1997, is famous for his commitment to Article 9, Section 9 of the N.C. Constitution, which

ATTEND UNIVERSITY DAY

Time: 11 a.m.
Location: Memorial Hall
Info: www.unc.edu/universityday/

mandates that the state extend the benefits of the UNC system to state residents "as far as practicable." Hikes in UNC's tuition, which have driven a nearly 33 percent increase for residents during the past three years, suggest that the University is abandoning its commitment to the state, Spangler said. "Our University has been paid for by the people of the state — by your parents, by your grandparents if they lived here, by my grandparents, who were farmers in Cleveland

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"We've been walking that line for 200 years."

Holden Thorp,
UNC Chancellor

UNC honors repeal of Speaker Ban

A plaque will be dedicated to remember the fight to repeal the Speaker Ban.

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In 1963, UNC students mounted a five-year effort against a state law that restricted free speech, and succeeded. That effort was waged against the Speaker Ban Law, which forbade speakers with communist ties from speaking on the University's campus. Forty-eight years later, campus leaders will dedicate a marker today on one of the outermost edges of campus to commemorate the effort. The plaque — located where McCorkle Place meets Franklin

Street — will commemorate the work of student leaders who brought two communist speakers to that spot to protest the ban. The ban was eventually overturned in a lawsuit led by campus leaders, from organizations ranging from the Campus Y to Students for a Democratic Society. "It was the students of Chapel Hill who reversed the statute, who led it to the courts, who got it done," said Bill Friday, who was UNC-system president during the controversy. Frank Wilkinson, a member of the Communist Party, was invited to test the law March 2, 1966, by speaking on the stone wall bordering McCorkle Place and Franklin Street — the outermost edge of North Campus, where the law didn't apply. More than 1,000 students attended the speech.

ATTEND THE DEDICATION

Time: 3 p.m.
Location: The Stone Wall between McCorkle Place and Franklin Street. A reception will follow in the Johnston Center.

A week later, Herbert Aptheker attempted to speak on campus but was confronted by police. He was directed by students to the same location to speak. When Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson refused to invite the two communist speakers back to campus to speak, students filed a lawsuit challenging the law. Ultimately, the case — Dickson et al v. Sitterson et al. — involved Sitterson and Student Body

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FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA COLLECTION
On March 9, 1966, Marxist historian Herbert Aptheker attempted to speak on campus but was told he would be breaking the law.

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KENNEDY AT UNC
President John F. Kennedy spoke at University Day during his time in the White House. **Page 3.**



SCULPTURES

The N.C. Botanical Garden is hosting the 23rd annual Sculpture in the Garden exhibit through Nov. 19. **Page 5.**



BOMB SCARE

A "suspicious device" found in a locker at Appalachian State was not a bomb, but officials say evacuations went according to protocol. **Page 9.**

This day in history

OCT. 12, 1877
The University held its first University Day ceremony, honoring the laying of the cornerstone of Old East in 1793.

Today's weather

Celebrate University Day.
H 72, L 57

Thursday's weather

But stay out of the storm.
H 77, L 57

“...Our love for this place is based on the fact that it is as it was meant to be, the University of the people.”

CHARLES KURALT