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Piecing it all back together

On University Day, 3 challenges take center stage

By Megan Cassella
Staff Writer

On a day meant to celebrate the University's past while looking toward its future, the latter has managed to grab all of the attention.

Last University Day, Chancellor Holden Thorp was fighting a persistent football scandal and a shrinking budget.

One year later, a focus on past missteps has largely given way to widespread uncertainty about the University's future.

With Thorp on his way out, and uncertainty growing by the day, UNC is facing a set of challenges, all of which have the potential to determine what happens next.

UNIVERSITY DAY

Time: 11 a.m.

Location: Memorial Hall

All classes are canceled between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

INSIDE: For a Q&A with Jamie Bartram, the University Day guest speaker, turn to page 11.

DTH ONLINE: To watch a video montage of selected UNC moments in the spirit of University Day, visit dailytarheel.com.

1 New chancellor

For Thorp, enough was enough. After a five-year tenure plagued with stringent budget cuts and a series of administrative scandals, the man who was supposed to be chancellor for 20 years announced Sept. 17 that he plans to resign in June.

And members of the 21-person search committee charged with finding his replacement have said they hope to take this opportunity to move beyond the turmoil.

"Mistakes have been made, lessons have been learned," said Wade Hargrove, chairman of the Board of Trustees, on Monday.

"And we hope that those mistakes will not be made moving forward."

The committee is looking across the nation for the best candidate to succeed Thorp, and has hired the consulting firm R. William Funk & Associates to find the best fit.

The goal is to have someone identified and in place by July 1, he said.

"This is a national institution. We think that we attract the best and the brightest, and we hope that it will," he said.

But he also said the best candidate could be found internally.

"That doesn't necessarily preclude the fact that the best and brightest might indeed be on campus today," he said.

2 Rising tuition

In a decade wracked by economic instability, little has stayed constant in UNC's budget.

Tuition hikes, however, have become the norm.

After a loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in state support, tuition has been increasing steadily throughout the past several years — most recently with a \$695 increase for in-state undergraduates this year.

But as tuition drastically rises, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Bruce Carney said the administration has tried to stay true to one thing — protecting students.

"We've tried to protect the academic mission of the campus as much as possible throughout these (budget) cuts," he said.

"The charge we have here, in light of University Day, is to keep in mind how great this University is and how we can keep it great."

Last year was the first time that students could feel the effects of the cuts, Carney said.

Tuition hikes for graduate students and out-of-state undergraduates are on the table for next year, along with a \$600 increase for in-state undergraduates that has been set in stone.

But Carney said he is hopeful that tuition will stop rising soon.

"We will continue to take it a year at a time, but I'm feeling a lot better about the future."

3 Student athletes

While the University attempts to root out the origin of one of its worst academic scandals ever, spectators far and wide anxiously await any damaging discovery that could be around the corner.

Former Gov. Jim Martin is in the middle of his cross-departmental academic review, and was scheduled to report the findings of his investigation Thursday to a UNC-system Board of Governors panel.

But with more than a decade of information and data, Martin said it's taking longer than anticipated.

He said no results will be released until he and the consulting firm finish their work, which he said should be by the end of October.

"By the time we get to our report, there could be some pain, but it's better to get it out now," Martin said.

And the University is spending more than \$70,000 to get the truth out of this review, which centers around the question of whether privileges exist for student athletes in UNC's classrooms.

Although it might sting now, Martin said the review — no matter what it reveals — will help the University move on.

"We want you to get back to the pride you've always had in your school," he said.

Arrested for rape 15 years later

A Chapel Hill man arrested in 1997 never appeared for his court date.

By Jenny Drabble
Staff Writer

A Chapel Hill man was arrested Oct. 3 and charged with second degree rape and failure to appear in court — 15 years overdue.

Juan Salinas, 35, was arrested in August 1997 and charged with attempted rape, but he never appeared for his September 1997 court date.

When Carrboro police issued a failure to appear in court warrant, Salinas disappeared — until about a week ago.

Salinas, who was arrested about a year ago for a traffic violation, was

recently recognized by his probation officer after the officer stumbled upon the old order of arrest, said Lt. Chris Attack, spokesman for the Carrboro Police Department.

The officer connected the old warrant to Salinas, and the Chapel Hill Police Department arrested Salinas at his home on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard on Oct. 3.

Salinas was charged with second degree rape, according to the police report. He also faces charges for failing to appear in court.

"The original case will move forward now that he's been arrested," Attack said.

He said the 1997 incident occurred at the Old Well Apartments, a Carrboro apartment complex now known as the Collins Crossing Apartment Homes.

"The victim reported to us that she was grabbed by a Hispanic male



Juan Salinas was arrested Oct. 3 and charged with second degree rape. He had been arrested in 1997 but never appeared for his court date.

and dragged behind another building," said Attack. "She was able to break free."

Officers in the area were able to detain a man fitting the woman's description nearby the apartments soon after the incident was reported.

Attack said the victim was taken to the police station and identified Salinas as her assailant.

"It does not appear from what I've

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Chapel Hill police complaints on the rise

The department has received 33 complaints through September.

By Julia Craven
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Complaints of police misconduct are on the rise, according to a quarterly report released Tuesday by the Chapel Hill Police Department.

From July through September, seven complaints were brought against the department.

The report compiles internal and external complaints about the police department from employees and town residents.

There have been 33 complaints through September, compared to a total of 39 in 2011 and 26 in 2010.

This year's complaints include three for excessive force, one for improper arrest and 15 for improper conduct. The department investigates all complaints.

Sgt. Josh Mecimore, spokesman for the Chapel Hill Police Department, said he couldn't give details about the complaints due to personnel laws.

But he said only one of the five improper conduct allegations in this quarter were found to be true.

He said in that case, the officer involved received counseling.

Mecimore said the reports have

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