
Holden Thorp is the tenth chancellor of the nation’s oldest public university and perhaps the one held dearest in the hearts of his faculty colleagues. Few of his predecessors in the chancellorship faced the challenges that came his way, and none with such consummate grace. And now the time has come to bid farewell for a while to Holden Thorp: scientist, inventor, musician, actor, entrepreneur, leader, dear friend. Thomas Wolfe was wrong about one thing: you can come home again, and it is with that expectation that Holden Thorp’s faculty colleagues resolve:

The faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill express our grateful thanks to Herbert Holden Thorp for his exemplary service to the State of North Carolina and the nation and world at large as our chancellor, and are pleased to confer on him the title of Kenan Professor of Chemistry Emeritus, effective July 1, 2013.