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Ross elected UNC president
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Thomas W. Ross was unani-
mosely elected president of the 17-
campus University of North Carolina
on Aug. 28 by the UNC
Board of Governors.

Ross, president of Davidson Col-
lege, and a former North Caro-
olina Superior Court judge and
founder of the office of the
Chief Justice in 2011. He succeeds Erskine Bowles who announced in February he would retire af-
fter serving for five years as the UNC system president.

Ross was born and raised in Greensboro, N.C., and earned a
bachelor’s degree in political science at Davidson College before grad-
uating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s School of
Law in 1975. He held a job in a law
firm before being appointed to the North Carolina Superior Court in
1979. He held a position for 17 years.

Dr. Janie Silver
Staff

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North Carolina who lives on campus
with a meal plan.

The legislature authorized each
UNC campus to implement an addi-
tional tuition increase to help
offset the impact of UNC’s total man-
agement flexibility cuts and protect the academic
quality.

According to a university press
release, after three years of budget
cuts and reversions, UNC officials
and the Board of Trustees believed
that the quality of academic pro-
cgrams would suffer were there a tuition
increase.

This increase will partially offset
mandated budget reductions to
UNC and UNC campuses.

Only four of the 16 UNC institu-
tions had lower tuition and fees than
UNC for 2009-10.