

**PRESIDENT BOWLES' REPORT**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

**January 8, 2010**

President Bowles welcomed the “Wolfpack Nation” and acknowledged his lifelong hero, President Emeritus William C. Friday, who attended the meeting. He reported that much work lie ahead and it needed to be accomplished during the remainder of the year. He referred to the University Action Plan.

President Bowles said it was a great day for North Carolina State University. He praised the Chancellors and thanked them for their outstanding leadership.

The President announced many recent campus achievements. For the twelfth consecutive year, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill was selected as the #1 best value in public higher education in America by *Kiplinger Personal Finance* magazine. Additionally, North Carolina State University ranked #10, Appalachian State University ranked #22, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington ranked #27, the University of North Carolina at Asheville ranked #44, and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts ranked #61. President Bowles announced that Dr. Robert Beichner, professor of physics and director of the Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education Initiative at North Carolina State University, was named the 2009 North Carolina Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation. The award recognizes professors for their influence on teaching and their commitment to undergraduate students.

Next, President Bowles referred to a report by the American Chemical Society that released its compilation of chemistry graduates produced in the United States in 2008. The report ranked 659 colleges across the country by the number of students who graduated with degrees in chemistry. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ranked #3, North Carolina State University ranked #6, and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington ranked #10.

President Bowles announced that Mr. Lanair Lett, a student from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, won a \$30,000 fourth place prize in the prestigious Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology for his biochemistry research project measuring how a certain gene contributes to insulin production.

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Next, President Bowles announced some recent athletic achievements. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill won the 2009 NCAA Women's Soccer Championship on December 6, 2009. This marked the 20<sup>th</sup> NCAA championship for the women's soccer team. At East Carolina University, the Pirates football team won the 2009 C-USA Conference Championship game. This marked their second consecutive conference title. At Fayetteville State University, the Broncos football team won the 2009 CIAA Championship game. This marked their third conference title.

President Bowles acknowledged President Spangler's Foundation Fund. The Foundation funded a five-year, \$20 million challenge grant program that would increase the number of professorships on all the University of North Carolina campuses in high-need academic fields. At President Spangler's request, the next endowed chair at Western Carolina University will be named for Chancellor John Bardo and Deborah Bardo for recognition of their contributions to the field of educational leadership. Next, he announced that the Spangler Foundation gave \$1 million to the University that would provide a \$1,000 scholarship to every African-American male that graduates from West Charlotte High School and then enrolls at a UNC campus.

With Chairman Gage's authorization, he moved to the recommendation of a new chancellor at North Carolina State University.