

APPENDIX L

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Our tour last evening provided a fuller picture of what is happening on University campuses as a result of the bond program. You saw one example at Chapel Hill of the architectural and aesthetic enhancement to the campus. Most importantly you saw the impressive research and teaching programs that the bonds are enabling. We saw outstanding faculty scholars that have been recruited because of the laboratories and new facilities made possible by the bond program.

It is difficult to imagine where we would be today, given the challenges of our economy over the past 3 years and our dramatically increased enrollment if we did not have the unprecedented capital infusion that is being provided by the bond revenues. I hope that you do not take for granted the consistent report that we are "on time and within budget." This managerial success is a strong testament to the effort being invested on each campus and in this office. I recognize their work and much more by our chancellors. Now, as is our custom, I begin by introducing the chief executive officers of campuses and affiliated organizations.

- FSU just learned that it has been awarded a five-year, \$2.3-million grant from the National Institutes of Health to build the campus' research capacity in the social and behavioral sciences.
- A&T has signed a very significant agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture that will bring one of three National Technology Support Centers to Greensboro. In collaboration with A&T, this federal center will study water conservation for crops and search for ways to convert animal waste into fertilizer and fuels.

- NCCU has been awarded a \$21.-million “No Child Left Behind” grant by the U.S. Department of Education to recruit and train lateral-entry teachers for the Vance and Warren County schools.
- Two NCSA alumnae have received national recognition during the past month. Mary-Louise Parker, a 1986 graduate of the School of Drama, won an Emmy for her role in ANGELS IN AMERICA, while Kirstin Elrod, a 2004 graduate of the School of Music, was second runner-up in the Miss America Pageant.
- The NCSU Libraries and the Library of Congress have entered into a cooperative agreement to complete a three-year, \$1-million project to collect and preserve at-risk digital data resources from state and local governments in North Carolina. This initiative, which will serve as a demonstration project for other states, will preserve items such as digitized maps, GIS data sets, and digital aerial photography.
- UNC-Asheville and A-B Tech have signed an agreement for a \$600,000 computational sciences initiative that officials hope will bring new industries and start-up companies to the region. The partnership takes advantage of A-B Tech’s new digital media program and creates new transfer opportunities for students who want to earn a four-year degree through UNCA’s computer science program.
- The National Institutes of Health has awarded Carolina three major planning grants that will provide more than \$5 million over the next three years. The funds will enable researchers to plan and establish a research-oriented interdisciplinary Obesity Center, and will help launch other research initiatives targeting inflammation and genetic abnormalities.