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to making UNC students citizens of the state was Moeser's biggest selling point in his eyes. "He's not the one of these people who wants to see a public university become private," he said.

After a formal lunch with BOG members and UNC's academic deans, Moeser and his wife, Susan, were whisked across campus Friday afternoon

to a public reception at the Morehead Building to meet members of UNC's largest constituency - its students.

Following a brief speech, Moeser circulated the room easily, shaking hands with students and faculty members who came to garner first impressions of him.

Moeser, who served as provost at the University of South Carolina before he took the Nebraska helm, joked about his changing perceptions of the term "Carolina." "I've had a conversion, a new theology of what Carolina means."

PRESIDENT
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Texas, Gore's home state of Tennessee, Arkansas, Alaska, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, West Virginia, Missouri, Utah, Idaho, Montana and New Hampshire. CNN also estimated that he took Ohio, Louisiana, Georgia, Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Nebraska,

North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming - the home state of his vice presidential running mate, former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney.

Along with California, Gore won the coveted swing states of Pennsylvania, Minnesota and Michigan, as well as Washington, Hawaii, New Mexico, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Illinois, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Connecticut and the District of Columbia.

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roads of North Carolina in bad shape, but highways across the state were also in poor and undrivable condition.

Greg Whitehouse, a spokesman for the N.C. Highway Patrol, said Wednesday there had been 200 to 300 accidents on the highways outside the Raleigh-Durham area.

Although icy conditions continued Wednesday night, Highway Patrol dispatchers said Thursday that accident statistics for the state were not yet available.

Although there were no fatalities or serious injuries due to weather-related crashes, Whitehouse said the roads were unpredictable. "There's not that many people on the roads, but we're having wrecks," he said. "Luckily it's mostly property damage and not personal injury. For the most part cars are sliding off the roads and landing in ditches."

N.C. Highway Patrol Dispatcher

Janet Farrol said the storm closed portions of Interstate 40 on Wednesday.

But Farrol said I-40 was completely restored Thursday. Whitehouse said crews would continue to plow, salt and sand the roads until they were free of ice. "We're equipped to do a lot more today than we were (Tuesday)," he said. "But it's an around-the-clock battle."

The highway patrol was not the only company to have complications during the storm.

CP&L spokesman Mike Hughes said the storm caused nearly 200,000 customers to lose power, but by Thursday afternoon, about 43,500 were still in the dark. But he said CP&L crews hoped to have all power restored by today.

"We're making a lot of progress, and obviously our goal is to get to all customers as soon as possible," Hughes said. "But the road conditions are making it hard on us."

Hughes said the hardest hit area was Moore County, which had 20,000 of the company's power outages.

Duke Power spokesman Paul Mason said 51,000 customers were out of power as of Wednesday afternoon.

Travelers were not necessarily any better off than those stranded at home. The National Weather Service reported that Raleigh-Durham International Airport accumulated 20.3 inches of snow within 24 hours, canceling flights and effectively stranding hundreds of in-transit travelers at the airport.

RDU re-opened at 5 p.m. Thursday, but only one runway was operational.

Many flights are expected to remain canceled or delayed today, with Delta, U.S. Airways and American airlines refusing to re-open flight schedules until conditions are more secure.

RDU spokeswoman Mary Persson said the airport's clean-up efforts were running behind schedule. "It's taking longer than anticipated," Persson said. "We have to determine that it's safe for airplanes to fly in and out. The sun is probably doing more of the work than we are."

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Jeff Nieman, a UNC-CH senior and nonvoting BOG member, caused a rift among board members when he proposed an amendment to the committee proposal, limiting the increase at UNC-CH and N.C. State to \$200 and excluded the other three schools.

Nieman's proposal, which mirrored the recommendation that UNC-system President Molly Broad released in January, failed, but not without garnering 11 votes from board members.

John Sanders, a board member who voted for Nieman's proposal, said it was unusual for the BOG to remain divided on an issue by the time it reached the full BOG.

"I was disappointed that (Nieman's) push did not prevail," he said. "I was surprised and pleased that we got 11 votes for it. That was the longest discussion I recall on any subject in the last year I've been on the board."

In a speech to the board before the vote on his proposal, Nieman cited two main flaws in the committee's plan.

The committee proposal mandates tuition increases for two years at all five schools. Nieman said handcuffing the board to two years of increases violated a section of the N.C. constitution requiring that public higher education remain "as free as practicable."

Nieman also said he opposed increasing tuition at ECU, UNC-C and UNC-W.

He said the board's policy on setting tuition, adopted in 1998, dictated that tuition requests from individual campuses should only be considered under extraordinary circumstances.

In his opinion, needs outlined in requests from the trustees at the three schools did not qualify as extraordinary.

In his plea to board members, Nieman stressed the historic importance of the BOG vote, encouraging members to avoid setting a dangerous precedent by voting for the committee's proposal.

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in this vote is that North Carolinians are willing to take on those complex decisions when they think it is important for the state."

Broad, Board of Governors Chairman Ben Ruffin, N.C. Community College System President Martin Lancaster, Community Colleges School

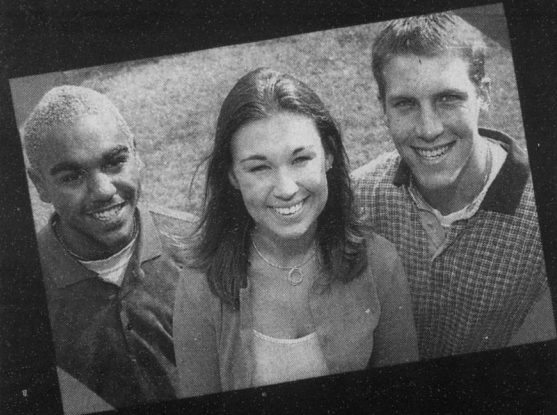
Board Chairman Herman Porter and Campaign Coordinator Leslie Bavacqua all gave brief speeches thanking each other and campaign volunteers for their efforts to get the bond passed.

Lancaster said the campaign also forged a new relationship between the university and community college systems - a relationship he said would continue in the future. "We have found so many ways to cooperate," he said. "And these are ways we are going to build upon."

The 16-campus UNC system will receive \$2.5 billion of the bond money. The rest will fund capital improvements at the state's community colleges.

Gov. Jim Hunt made an appearance at the gathering early in the evening before moving on to Democratic Headquarters at the North Raleigh Hilton. But even before a substantial portion of the votes had been counted, Hunt was confident that voters would endorse the bond proposal.

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