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Bates reports \$178,000 in SG General Surplus

by Nancy Mattox
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The Student Government General Surplus is currently \$178,000, according to figures released by Student Body President Bill Bates Monday.

However, only a maximum amount of \$15,000 may be used by the Campus Governing Council for redistribution into the unappropriated balance (funds used for unexpected expenses by CGC-funded student organizations), Bates said.

He said the figures were released to show that "Student Government has a certain amount of money (in the surplus) but that money has certain restraints on it."

The *Daily Tar Heel* reported Monday that the amount in the General Surplus may have totaled approximately \$250,000. Student Government officials had previously said it was less than \$35,000.

The General Surplus is comprised by unexpended student fees from past years. It is used at the beginning of each fall semester by CGC for expenses until the current year's student fees are gathered. Money not used by student organizations throughout the year

reverts to the General Surplus.

Because some members of the council said they believed public knowledge of the large surplus would encourage organizations to present inflated budgets to the council, the figure was not released by CGC members.

However, by state law, such information is public knowledge and failure to supply such information to the public upon request is considered a misdemeanor.

Meanwhile, Student Government's unappropriated balance has fallen to slightly more than \$5,000, forcing CGC to turn down an increasing number of group requests. Under Student Government law, the unappropriated balance may be replenished by placing funds from the surplus into the balance.

Bates told the *DTH* Sunday the exact amount of the surplus was known only to Student Activities Fund Office (SAFO), the central student fees dispersal agency. However, in order to obtain the figures, a request has to be made through the Student Audit Board, SAFO's supervisory organization.

The audit board is a three-member

committee whose sole purpose is to oversee the SAFO's activities. But, since the beginning of this semester, there has only been one member on the board. The other two positions, which were supposed to have been appointed by the student body president at the beginning of the semester, have remained vacant.

Tom Cochran, the lone member of the board, said Monday he could not act as the entire board to release the information. There must be at least two members on the board for it to function, he said.

Bates said he had not filled the positions because he had hoped to find appointees with some financial background. He also said he hopes to have the appointments approved by CGC next Tuesday.

CGC Speaker Dan Besse obtained the figures through SAFO late Monday afternoon and Bates approved their release shortly afterward.

Of the \$178,000 in the surplus, \$78,500 is set aside for specific purposes: \$10,000 for the *DTH* loan fund, \$42,500 for the WCAR radio station construction, \$20,000 for the Student Government legal counsel, \$2,000

for instant student loans and approximately \$4,000 for miscellaneous purposes.

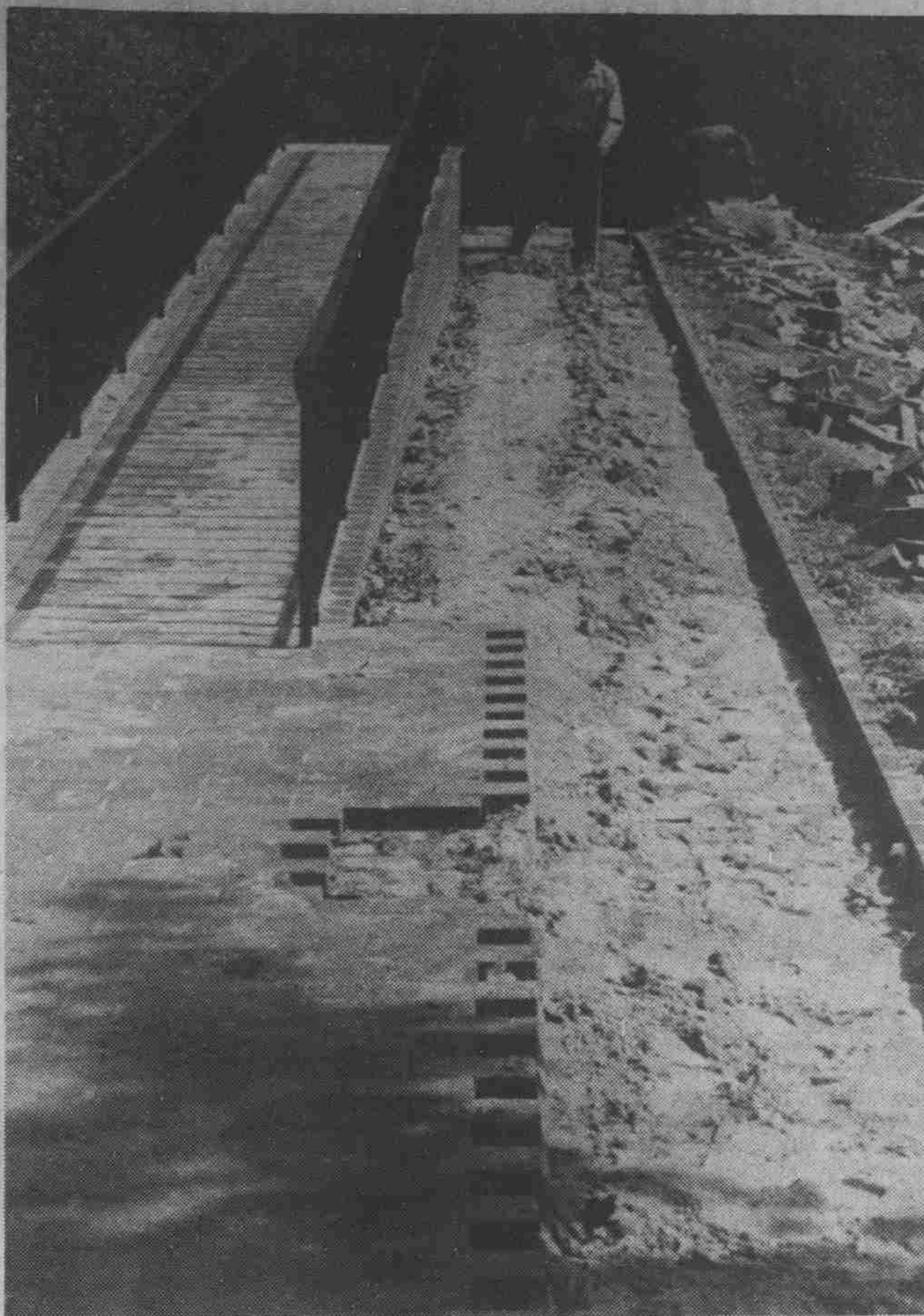
Bates said approximately \$75,000 of the remaining \$99,500 is needed for next year's transition period—from May to September 1976 when student fees are next collected. Bates said \$15,000 of the remaining \$25,000 could be released to the unappropriated balance.

There are no plans yet for the council to reconsider redistributing funds to student organizations, Bates said.

CGC Rep. Dick Pope said he plans to introduce a bill at the next CGC meeting to create a three-member study committee to look into the General Surplus status.

If approved, the committee will recommend a professional person or group to make recommendations to the council on what minimum balance should be maintained and how the funds in the surplus should be invested when not in use.

Bates said of the surplus question, "I thought it was a shame there's so much confusion about it. I hope people realize that the money was not from this year's students and we (CGC) have certain restraints on spending."



Some members of the physical plant spend most of their day tearing up brick sidewalks and putting them down again.

Staff photo by Howard Shepherd

Would be eliminated by bill before Congress Students may lose food stamps

by Laura Scism
Staff Writer

Thirty to 40 per cent of all Chapel Hill food stamp applicants are students, but legislation currently before Congress could eliminate college students from the food stamp program altogether, Dick Joyner, food stamp worker at the Chapel Hill Department of Social Services, said recently. Students are usually eligible for the program because they are living on a fixed income, Joyner said. But students who are claimed as tax dependents are ineligible because they are a legal member of their parents' households, not households in Chapel Hill.

A bill introduced by Conservative Sen. James Buckley (R-N.Y.) and Rep. Robert H. Michel (R-Ill.) would restrict eligibility to below the official poverty level, income of \$5050 for a family of four, eliminate most deductions and eliminate college students and strikers completely from eligibility. Proponents say the bill would reduce food stamp rolls by one-third.

"I view this legislation with mixed emotions," Joyner said. "I know the plight

students are in. A husband and wife, both in school or one working and one in school, face a tough situation. They have to study; they can't find a 20- or 40-hour-a-week job; their income is limited.

"Then I also have to view food stamps as a federal and state program that is a drain on the budget. We have got to make it less of a drain. But I hate to see a complete disqualification of students."

Joyner said he might favor eligibility for married students only.

Students are not abusing the food stamp program, State Director of the Food Stamp Program John Kerr said recently. Since students who are tax dependents are not eligible to receive food stamps, it is difficult for most students to take advantage of the program, he said.

"But I don't believe there should be a categorical ineligibility of a student simply because he is a student, voluntarily unemployed. They're citizens like everyone else; their needs should not be ignored."

To receive food stamps, students must meet the same eligibility requirements other applicants meet. In addition, the food stamp office writes the parents of most students

under 25 to determine whether the student is claimed as a tax dependent.

The applicant must also be interviewed by a food stamp worker and complete a food stamp application.

Food stamps are awarded to households, not individuals. A group of students living together in an apartment or a dorm is considered a household if its members share the same cooking facilities, buy food together and live together as an economic unit. But a household may have only one member.

According to Joyner, most Chapel Hill students receiving food stamps live in apartments or houses, but possibly five out of approximately 170 live in dorms. Approximately half the students receiving food stamps are married, he said.

Household income after deductions partially determines eligibility. Scholarships, loans, fellowships and any money from parents is considered income for students.

Deductions can be made for medical bills over \$10 a month, educational expenses, payments for child care if necessary for a household member to work and rent and

utility payment over a certain amount.

A household of two is eligible to receive stamps if the adjusted monthly income is \$280 or less. A household of 10 persons making \$1032 a month or less is also eligible.

The cost of food stamps varies with household size and adjusted household income. A household of two making \$250 a month would pay \$62 for \$82 worth of food stamps, while a household of two making \$50 a month would receive \$82 worth of stamps for \$10.

Food stamps can be used to buy any food but not alcoholic beverages, tobacco or pet foods.

Although Joyner said it is easy to falsify information, food stamp fraud is the exception and not the rule. "It's easy for us to find out about fraud," he said.

Applicants must show receipts, canceled checks or furnish statements to prove their expenses, he said.

The social services department sometimes sends investigators to applicants' homes to verify information on applications.

But the social services department is hindered by the lack of time and manpower to investigate possible misinformation, Joyner said.

Fall semester exam schedule	
Quizzes are not to be given this semester on or after Monday Dec. 1.	
All 12:00 noon classes on MWF	Tues. Dec. 9 - 8:30 a.m.
All 11:00 a.m. classes on TTH	Tues. Dec. 9 - 2:00 p.m.
All 8:00 a.m. classes on TTH	Wed. Dec. 10 - 8:30 a.m.
All 5:00 p.m. classes on MWF, Econ 61 & Phil 21	Wed. Dec. 10 - 2:00 p.m.
All 9:00 a.m. classes on MWF	Thur. Dec. 11 - 8:30 a.m.
All 1:00 p.m. classes on MWF	Thur. Dec. 11 - 2:00 p.m.
All 9:30 a.m. classes on TTH	Fri. Dec. 12 - 8:30 p.m.
All 3:30 p.m. classes on TTH, Busl 71, 73, 150 & 170	Fri. Dec. 12 - 2:00 p.m.
All 8:00 a.m. classes on MWF	Sat. Dec. 13 - 8:30 a.m.
All Fren, Germ, Span & Port 1, 2, 3, & 4 and Educ 41	Sat. Dec. 13 - 2:00 p.m.
All 10:00 a.m. classes on MWF	Mon. Dec. 15 - 8:30 a.m.
All 2:00 p.m. classes on TTH	Mon. Dec. 15 - 2:00 p.m.
All 11:00 a.m. classes on MWF	Tues. Dec. 16 - 8:30 a.m.
All 12:30 p.m. classes on TTH	Tues. Dec. 16 - 2:00 p.m.
All 2:00 p.m. classes on MWF	Wed. Dec. 17 - 8:30 a.m.
All 4:00 p.m. classes on MWF	Wed. Dec. 17 - 2:00 p.m.
All 3:00 p.m. classes on MWF	Thur. Dec. 18 - 8:30 a.m.
All 5:00 p.m. classes on MWF and all others not otherwise indicated	Thur. Dec. 18 - 2:00 p.m.

Some local grocers open 24 hours a day

by Vernon Mays
Staff Writer

Several grocery store owners in the Chapel Hill area have extended their store operating hours to accommodate late-night shoppers, whether it be for the shoppers' convenience or the store-owners' pocketbooks.

Assistant manager Dick Boyd of Kroger's supermarket said keeping his store open 24-hours a day has been profitable. "We're real pleased with it," he said.

He said Kroger's adopted the 24-hour policy to provide a service for people who can only shop at night.

"This policy has proven itself," Boyd said. "It has been particularly successful for a long time in the North and in large cities."

Eastgate A&P store manager Bill Alexander said his store is open 24-hours a day for the customers' convenience, too. He said opening an A&P store all night has become quite common in the larger cities and university towns.

Fowler's Food Store manager Roger Cooke said Fowler's had extended its hours until midnight to provide "just a little better service to our customers and because of competition."

University students, especially those from Granville Towers, are a large portion of Fowler's late business, he said.

Boyd cited students as A&P's most frequent late-night customers also. "The later it gets, the more college people we get," he said.

Alexander estimated that more than 100 customers come into the store between midnight and 7 a.m.

Kroger manager Ed Mullins said it is hard to determine exactly how many persons shop at night, but that the store stays busy until 2 or 3 a.m.

He said the main security measure taken at night is to remove the money from the store. "There's just no cash on hand," Mullins said. "It just wouldn't be worth taking."

A&P's Alexander said for a security measure he, too, puts most of the store's money into the bank, leaving little cash on hand in the store.

Boyd said staying open all night did not increase Kroger's operating costs. The store was usually occupied at night with overnight stock crews anyway, so the stock crew can just wait on customers, he said.

"As far as we see it, staying open 24 hours should be profitable," Alexander said, although he estimated that only about two per cent of his business is done from 2 to 5 a.m.

Ephesus Church Road Seven-Eleven store manager Jasper Benson said because of the competition with other stores staying open at night, he has considered opening his store on a 24-hour basis, too. But he said, "Finding help has been the main deterrent in doing so. The store has extended its hours to 2 a.m."

Who's running for alderman in Chapel Hill

by Merton Vance
Staff Writer

The second installment of a series of interviews with Chapel Hill Board of Alderman candidates can be found on page 2 today. Voters will fill 5 seats on the town board (from a field of 14 candidates) in the upcoming Nov. 4 election.

Today, interviews with William Bayliss, Douglas Holmes, Jonathan Howes, C. William Rettie, Marvin Silver and R.D. Smith are presented. The *DTH* printed interviews with Chuck Beemer, Jane Sharp and Bill Thorpe Monday, and will run stories on Leigh Beadle, Mac Campbell, Robert Epting, Tom Ricketts and Ed Vickery Wednesday.

Bullard becomes SG treasurer

by Merton Vance
Staff Writer

Graham Bullard was approved 11-1-2 as the new Student Body Treasurer at a special meeting of the Campus Governing Council (CGC) Sunday night.

The meeting was called to reconsider Bullard's approval after a confirmation vote last week was voided by a constitutional amendment approved by student voters Wednesday.

Parliamentary procedure was temporarily suspended at Sunday's meeting in order to take another vote on Bullard's nomination.

Two votes had already been taken on the issue, and a third vote on the same bill would have been a technical violation of parliamentary rules.

Last Tuesday, the first vote on Bullard's nomination was 8-3-2, one vote short of the required two-thirds majority. Following that

vote, CGC member Dick Pope asked to change his negative vote. Pope then moved for reconsideration, changed his vote, and Bullard was apparently approved by a vote of 9-2-2.

CGC Speaker Dan Besse did not vote last week on the confirmation, following his policy of not voting unless his vote will affect the outcome.

But Besse's vote made the tally technically 9-2-3 which was not a two-thirds majority required by a recently approved constitutional amendment, forcing Sunday's vote.

The amendment states, "The Treasurer of the Student Body shall be appointed by the President of the Student Body with the approval of two-thirds of the council membership present at a regular meeting of the CGC."

Besse said he favors Bullard's nomination and would have voted Tuesday if he had

realized the problems the new amendment would cause. He voted to approve Bullard Sunday.

Student Body President Bill Bates said he was pleased that Bullard was finally confirmed but said he foresees some problems for Bullard after the recent controversies which led to the firing of former treasurer Mike O'Neal.

Bates said there is some apprehension about the treasurer's office. However, he said he thinks Bullard can overcome problems that might arise.

Bullard had few comments after his confirmation other than to say he is happy to begin work as treasurer.

At the Sunday meeting, the CGC also voted to table a bill which would establish the office of student body comptroller.

The vote to table the bill was 7-6, with Besse casting the tie-breaking vote.



The roots of knowledge... A student does some last minute midterm cramming as he walks to class, framed by a large tree trunk.

Staff photo by Alice Bayle

NOW strike: UNC women not asked to miss class

by Nancy Gooch
Staff Writer

UNC women students are not expected to miss classes Wednesday to participate in "Alice Doesn't..." a one-day nationwide women's strike called by the National Organization for Women (NOW) to demonstrate how much the country depends on women, Association of Women Students Chairperson Crickett Ussery said Sunday.

Also, Chapel Hill women have not been asked to stay out of work for the strike, Miriam Sliifkin, former president of the Chapel Hill NOW chapter said. Instead, women are being encouraged not to shop or volunteer for anything during the day, the women's leaders said.

"We're not pushing the strike because it could hurt women personally," Sliifkin said. "Many women would be more hurt than their employers unless about 90 per cent of the women participate. The problem is that Chapel Hill has a surplus of workers and if some people stay out of work, they could be asked to stay out permanently."

Women students are encouraged to attend classes but "not do anything for anybody else," Ussery said.

Both Sliifkin and Ussery said they think the overall objectives of the strike can be achieved by boycotting businesses for a day instead of striking. "The idea is to let merchants and women realize that women have important power," Sliifkin said. "A shopping boycott would be a dramatic demonstration of power."

Sliifkin said the boycott would not affect merchants' overall sales appreciably since most of the women who do not shop Wednesday will shop Thursday.

She said she began receiving favorable responses to "Alice Doesn't Day" from area women two months ago when it was announced as an individual project of the San Diego, Calif. NOW chapter. But the strike was not called nationwide until two weeks ago.

Sliifkin said the short notice did not give many NOW chapters, including Chapel Hill's, enough time to fully organize a strike. "The strike will probably be a tremendous success in San Diego and in California, but I doubt if it will be nationwide," she said.

In honor of "Alice Doesn't... Day," a bag lunch and discussion will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at A Woman's Place in the Presbyterian Student Center on Henderson Street.