

ASU Asks Capital Fund Of \$13,573,500

The N. C. Advisory Budget Commission Wednesday heard requests for capital improvements totaling \$13,573,500 from Appalachian State University president Herbert W. Wey.

hoping we would get \$13,000,000. We consider all of this to be of priority rank, and facilities that we cannot do without." He did stipulate, though that the university's greatest need is a \$5,320,000 fine arts center. It was submitted as one of Appalachian's top priority projects to the 1969 General Assembly, but the project was not funded.

Other specific request for capital improvements were as follows: —\$305,000 for a Central Motor Pool Facility to house and maintain ASU's 125 pieces of rolling stock. —\$561,000 for a residence hall for 300 women. The structure would cost \$1,170,000, over half of which would be self-liquidating. The university requested state assistance for a portion of the building costs

to replace 144 rooms lost by the proposed razing of old Watauga Hall. —\$2,080,000 for a Behavioral Sciences Building which will house the university's office of Psychological Services, as well as the departments of psychology, sociology, anthropology, guidance and counseling. —\$60,000 for a greenhouse facility to serve Appalachian's instructional program as well as the physical plant operation. —\$60,000 for fire fighting equipment to assist the town of

Boone in protecting the state's investments on the campus. The equipment is especially needed as a safety precaution for ASU's nine high-rise dormitories as well as for some academic facilities with five floors. No operational costs will be assumed by the state or the university. —\$1,722,000 for a married student housing complex. The project would be self-liquidating and supported by an interest subsidy grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

EXPANSIONS
Under the "Expansion of Existing Facilities" division of its report, Appalachian requested: —\$350,000 to extend utilities for steam, water and sewer into recently acquired properties. —\$225,000 to convert the university's telephone system to a more efficient one. —\$400,000 for the purchase of strategic pieces of property

adjoining the university campus. —\$424,000 to provide walks, drives, storm drainage and other related work for newly built facilities on the campus. —\$75,000 to provide adequate campus lighting in areas near new instructional facilities.

IMPROVEMENTS
Under "Improvements to Existing Facilities" Appalachian submitted requests for the following: —\$392,000 for the renovation of Appalachian Elementary School for use as a 72,855 sq. ft. classroom building. —\$265,000 for the conversion of existing coal-fired boilers to oil in the university's steam plant. —\$268,000 to place Boone Creek underground. The waterway meanders through the campus and creates hazards and inefficient use of land spaces, it was said.

Words Of Wisdom
You will find angling to be like the virtue of humility, which has a calmness of spirit and a world of other blessings attending upon it.—Isaiah Walton.

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Meeting the featured speaker outside Holiday Inn is Ralph Winkler, chairman of the Democratic Party in Watauga County. At left is Perry Greene, Republican, who is chairman of the County Commissioners, and in the background is Mrs. Ralph Winkler. (Staff photos)

White Heads Commission

Watauga Recreation Groups Begin Work

Program To Include 7 Districts

The newly appointed Watauga County Recreation Commission is hard at work. This winter, boys' and girls' basketball teams from each of the county's seven elementary schools will compete with each other. The teams will comprise seventh and eighth graders. "We hope to have a paid supervisor in each district to gather volunteer help to run this program," says Bill Rucker, one of the eight members of the new recreation commission.



Shopping Center Progresses

Lowe's Food Store likely will be the first store open in the shopping center going up on 12 acres across US 321 from the Holiday Inn. Contractor Foster-Sturdivant last April announced they were aiming for completion late this fall. The report this week is that Lowe's (22,000 sq. ft.) is furthest along, and

Rose's Department Store (40,500 sq. ft.) is second. Under roof will be 100,000 square feet; parking facilities will handle 400 cars at a time. Owners are J. C. Faw, North Wilkesboro, and T. G. Proctor of Sanford. (Staff photo)

Says Gas Tax Provides Continuing Road Program

BY RACHEL R. COFFEY
The chairman of the N. C. Highway Commission told Rotarians and their guests the department will rebuild the Blowing Rock Road from NC 105 to the Boone Golf Course. Lauch Faircloth specified that the 64-foot-wide route will be curbed and guttered and will cost some three-quarters of a million dollars. Some 100 businessmen heard Faircloth's address Thursday night at the Holiday Inn. The improvement of Blowing Rock Road was announced several months ago, but was tabled when the state encountered difficulties in selling its road bonds. The rights-of-way are now being bought, Faircloth said. When the last one is in hand, construction will begin.

Watauga. Saying that the commission cannot do all things because of monetary limits, he asserted there is "no better way to have highways in an area than by continuously demanding highways." The spoils go to communities that "actively seek" road, Faircloth said. He said a good case in point is Hugh Morton, who consistently campaigned for a bridge in the Wilmington area and fought for a four-lane highway from Wilmington to Charlotte. The bridge was built and the road "is now at long last under contract," the chairman said. Earlier he told the group that the 14-man highway commission under Gov. Moore was expanded to 23 members by Gov. Scott "to bring highway commissioners closer to the people" through a broader base of representatives. He said one of the best members is West Jefferson's Robert Barr who has earned "in his own quiet, sincere way

the complete respect of his fellow commissioners." **LARGE SYSTEM** "North Carolina has the largest highway system under (Continued on page three)

Help Of Users Of Large Garbage Bins Is Appreciated

Through Alderman Clyde Winebarger, the Town Board of Alderman this week issued a notice of appreciation for "the co-operation and patience of those using the large garbage containers." The Truxmore truck equipped to handle the metal containers is out of commission, but Winebarger said they "hope to have it back in service soon." The board is in the process of purchasing a new truck to bolster garbage collection service in the Town of Boone. (Continued on page two)

KEEP TAX
Faircloth made a strong argument for keeping the two-cent gasoline tax assessed under the current administration, that of Gov. Bob Scott. The chairman said this tax has provided the highway commission a construction fund "on which to develop a continuing road program," rather than stop-and-start programs which he attributed to reliance on road bonds alone. He noted another project to benefit Watauga—the construction of passing lanes on US 421 from Caldwell to

Recent Flooding Damages Area Roads Some \$300,000

Flooding in an eight-county area of western North Carolina caused more than \$300,000 damage to roads and bridges, according to an estimate from the North Carolina Highway Commission. The federal Small Business Administration also surveyed the property loss in the region—Wilkes, Surry, Yadkin, Ashe, Alleghany, Caldwell, Watauga and Avery counties—but a spokesman said not enough damage was found to warrant designating the region as a disaster area. Heavy rains over the weekend, a total of more than

10 inches in some places, and the resultant flooding, caused at least one death, closed many secondary and a few primary roads and forced some residents and businessmen from their property. Paul J. Dupree of Raleigh, maintenance engineer for the Highway Commission, said Friday that total damage to secondary roads in the area totaled \$262,185. He said primary road damage would be \$36,265. The spokesman emphasized that the SBA report was based on areas it surveyed and that there may have been loss in

other locations. The spokesman said a check in Caldwell county and the communities of Morganton and Elkin revealed some damage to crops and loss of livestock, some homes damaged and businesses affected. But he added, "Everything I saw was operating. I don't think anybody was out of work." The SBA criteria for recommending disaster aid includes 200 homes lost, at least three businesses employing a majoring of the workers in an area out of operation for 90 days, and other factors.

Thomas Greer Passes Law Exam
Thomas Greer, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Greer of Boone received word Tuesday morning that he had passed the State Board of Legal Examiners. Mr. Greer had received his degree from the Wake Forest University School of Law June 30th.

Fees Adopted By Chamber

On motion by Stanley Harris Sr. and second by John Robinson, the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday adopted a new schedule of membership fees. **Miss Watauga Pageant Plans Are Being Made**

Lee Barnett, chairman of memberships and dues, had presented plans for a drive to obtain new members interested in making an investment in the future of the area. He said that when the program gets underway in September, teams will be dispatched to sell the memberships. The teams obtaining the 400th membership and the 450 membership will be recognized. But the "big ballyhoo", as Barnett put it, will be a dinner held in honor of those securing the 500th member. The campaign slogan will be "500 Soon In Boone". Assessment of fees will be: —Personal membership, \$15; —Motel membership, \$35—plus \$2 per room for every room over 20—applies also to apartment complexes;

—Professional membership (doctors, lawyers, etc.) \$35; —Business membership in three categories—\$25 for places with one to three employees, \$50 for four through seven; and \$75 for businesses employing eight or more. Sustaining membership will be sold at \$100 each. Life memberships can be had for \$500. **NEW BY-LAWS** At the directors meeting held

immediately after the Aug. 11 membership meeting, some confusion resulted as to what was the context of a motion entered by Stanley Harris Sr. at the regular directors' meeting Aug. 4. A letter from Miss Jane Smith, a director, was read by Rice. Miss Smith stated that she understood that the directors had not voted on the new program by Rice and (Continued on page three)

Boone Weather

	1970	HI	Lo	Prec.	Snow '69	HI	Lo
Aug. 11		73	52			74	49
Aug. 12		71	60			73	53
Aug. 13		77	58	.02		67	57
Aug. 14		81	60			75	61
Aug. 15		82	58			73	61
Aug. 16		83	58	.02		77	63
Aug. 17		81	56			74	63