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## Five Year plan represents 'soundest thinking at departmental level...ever produced at UNCC'

By Brad Rich

In the spring of 1974, the 16 schools in the University of North Carolina system were told to develop a five-year plan and deliver it to the State Legislature by January 1st, 1975. The UNCC General Administration, pushed for time, then told the Planning

department, headed by Ben Romine, to have the plan ready by September 1st, 1974.

According to Romine, this was the most difficult time imaginable for such an extensive project to be undertaken, because many of the faculty members and department chairmen are not even on campus during the summer months.

Work, however, did begin quickly on the plan, and almost everyone involved was consulted for information. Says Romine, "The plans came from the bottom up. The individual departments submit their plans to the college level, then they in turn work with the University level."

Many hours of work were put in, and soon the plan was a reality. The University then submitted the plan to the General Administration, who, unfortunately, was beset by a host of other important issues. They were not able to tie all 16 individual plans together

in time, and so were not able to meet the Legislatures' January 1st deadline. The Legislature, however, was understanding, and the now ready plan will be delivered in time for the next short session of the Legislature.

Romine feels the five-year plan, like all of its kind, has both strengths and weaknesses. Among its strengths is what Romine calls "some of the soundest thinking at the departmental level as any effort of this kind has ever produced at UNCC." He also said he feels all of the projections in the plan are realistic, and within the time constraints imposed, the people involved took the project very seriously. "Also," said Romine, "the plan goes beyond the projections that might have been required. It addresses visionary elements of the institutions, and expresses a dream."

Romine also feels UNCC, as a growing urban university, offers a unique and exciting educational experience. He

thinks, due to the growth of our metropolitan area and increasing enrollment, "we must not just plan for the future, but plan for alternative futures."

The plan does have weaknesses, however both the lack of time and the particular time (summer) chosen to form the plan hurt it. The most serious weakness, though, is the fact that there was not a budget attached to the plan. As Romine says, "The plan is basically a wish list, but a realistic one. In some respects, the most important aspects of an institution's planning is its budget. If the money is not allocated, a plan is not worth a hill of beans."

One section of the plan, entitled "The Quintessence," states that UNCC is one of most exciting challenges in higher education today. "It is poised on the threshold of greatness, and not only that, can establish new parameters of greatness."

## North Carolina Student Legislature

By Les Bowen

The Interim Council of the North Carolina Student Legislature (NCSL) will meet in the McEniry building at UNCC on November 23.

This will be the first time the NCSL has come to UNCC. Representatives from most of the approximately 50 member institutions will attend, according to Dr. William McCoy, faculty advisor for the students for Political Action Club.

The NCSL is made up of students from junior and senior colleges, community colleges, universities and technical institutes in North Carolina. The group holds an annual meeting each spring in Raleigh. At the annual meeting the various delegations introduce legislation which, if passed, is sent to the Governor. The Governor then presents the legislation to the North Carolina General Assembly for its consideration.

According to Dr. McCoy, 60% of the bills passed by the NCSL are later enacted by the General Assembly. "The bills that are introduced," said McCoy, are serious bills that the students think the state should take some action on." Governor Jim Holshouser and Lieutenant Governor Jim Hunt are former members of NCSL.

The Interim Council meets monthly at a member institution. McCoy said the chief purpose of the monthly meetings was to plan work for the annual spring sessions.

UNCC participates in the NCSL through the students for Political Action Club. The club is responsible for the Interim Council coming to UNCC on November 23, and it attends the annual meeting in Raleigh. According to McCoy, the group currently has 26 or 27 members on campus.

The UNCC delegation to the annual meeting will consist of 25 members. The UNCC representatives won the "best new delegation" award two years ago, and received an honorable mention last year in the "best large delegation" category.

McCoy said UNCC will introduce two bills at the annual meeting in the spring of 1976. One bill will call for a revision of the North Carolina sex laws, hoping to get rid of what McCoy calls "out-of-date, unenforceable statutes." The second bill will deal with psychological counseling for parents of juvenile delinquents.

Club member Randy Maynor explained the latter bill would "give the court the power to instruct the parents of a juvenile to obtain counseling. Presently the court can order a juvenile to obtain counseling, but it does not have the power to require the parents, who are often the source of the problem, to do the same."

## Speaker of Legislature, Sam Wilson, leaves University

By Pat Rose

Speaker Pro-Tempore Sam Wilson announced his resignation from the Student Legislature Wednesday, November 12, 1975. Wilson also resigned all other governmental and organizational seats which he held, announcing his intentions of leaving UNCC.

Wilson's involvement on campus began a year ago, with the Commuter Association. He was appointed to former

Wilson commented that he thought Student Government should have critics—several critics—however, "those who don't get involved, who don't care, who don't even know that they have a Student Constitution... don't need to be criticizing."

Wilson paused and then continued, "People have no idea how much hard work a lot of people put in for their benefit. Student Legislature needs praise when it does something right. Those who are working are at least trying. Most students that I've been in contact with (on Student Legislature) sincerely want to do a good job."

When questioned about his views on this Administration, Wilson replied, "Jamie Stemple is probably extremely underrated. I can't say how much of the knowledge of the way that he's felt about, is holding him down." He called Stemple, "the Students' President" but was hasty to add, "that's not to say he doesn't make mistakes."

"Because students do not know what is going on, it makes the moral obligation of Student Government that much greater. People in Student Government need to be keenly attuned to that moral obligation."

Wilson's forecast of leaders this year in Student Government include Terry Fulbright, Greg Davis, Geoff Wallwork, and Doug Lerner.

Wilson emphasized he was leaving UNCC for "strictly personal reasons" and remarked that he was merely taking a sabbatical. Wilson plans to return in the spring. "It has nothing to do with anything in Student Government," he said.

The key question now in Wilson's mind, referring again to Student Legislature, was: Is Student Legislature a body whose purpose is to allocate monies and monitor clubs and organizations, or should Legislature be branching out and doing more? Wilson acknowledged Legislature seems to have a difficult time allocating monies and overseeing clubs and organizations. He attributed this to the fact that legislators are not professional: "We do some mighty stupid things." Some legislators "stick it out", while others become disillusioned. Wilson expressed the opinion that there are a number of issues begging, such as student rights. Summarizing, Wilson stated: "Student Government has been one of the most real experiences I've ever had."

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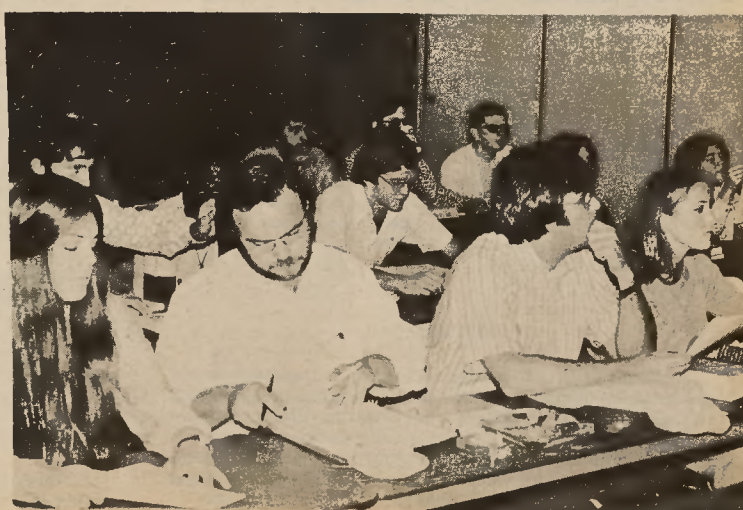


Sam Wilson.

Student Body President Ed Hendrick's cabinet to represent the Commuters on campus. Later he was appointed to Student Legislature by President Hendrick's to fill a vacant Commuter Representative seat.

Wilson expressed mixed feelings at the prospect of leaving UNCC. He cited Student Government as what he would miss most. "Why do all the work? Nobody seems to care..." remarked Wilson referring to his involvement in Student Government. He expressed sadness at opinions by some students, regarding Student Government as a laughing matter. Wilson did not concur with these opinions. "Although the world would probably not come to an end if Student Government were to fold up tomorrow... it is definitely a learning experience, a human experience. What I enjoyed most was the human involvement and relationships which developed".

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Wilson in delegation with the Student Legislature.