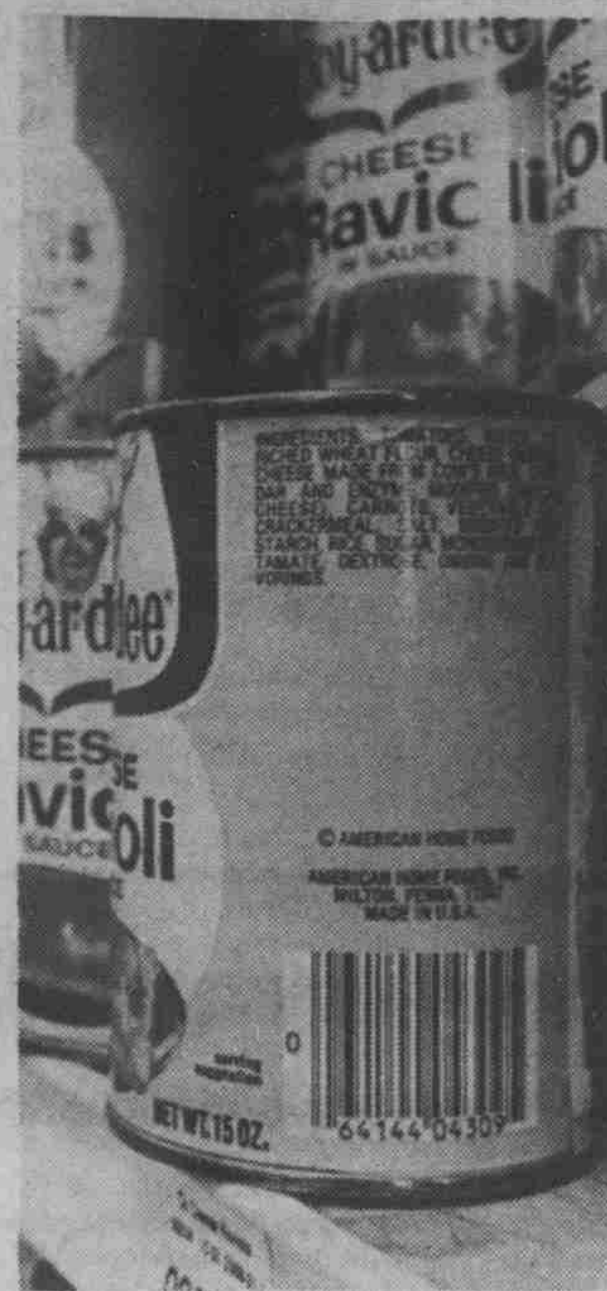


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Computers like those at left and labels like those at right are the new-fangled way of getting customers through a check-out line fast

Super-jet-age-computer-check-out-lines

by Linda Rosenfield
Staff Writer

Several Chapel Hill supermarkets are moving toward computerized check-out systems, but it may be eight months before any stores install the new electronic scanning system for ringing up goods.

A survey of area supermarkets Thursday revealed most stores are now in the intermediate stage of price coding articles by scanning a postage-stamp-size Universal Pricing Code (UPC) imprinted on each grocery item. When the computers are installed, items will be put under a scanning device which reads the codes. Prices will then be automatically punched in.

Fowler's Food Store has gone one step further. Last week the store switched to an electronic check-out system.

Store manager Roger Cook said Fowler's is already able to use the UPC scanning

system, but that it is not yet feasible. "Only about 40 per cent of our products are marked with the UPC. We need to wait 'til 70 per cent are marked." He said this would probably happen in about eight months to one year.

Cook said a gradual change from the manual system to a computerized one will make the new system easier to accept. "The things are fantastic," he said, adding that the electronic cash registers are far more efficient than the manual machines.

Customers are better able to see the prices being entered because the figures are recorded in electric lights. Also each item is posted as recorded with its price on the receipt. Devices which indicate articles that may be paid for with food stamps and calculate tax are included on the registers.

Switching to an electronic system has not caused higher prices or fewer jobs, as some people thought it might, Cook said. "I think

it may stabilize grocery pricing," he remarked.

Cook said on the whole, customer response has been favorable. However, he said, there has been some consumer concern, especially about the check cashing policy.

A check is put into the register and the customer's driver's license punched in. This records the license number on the check, Cook explained. When a check bounces, the driver's license number on that check is recorded into the register. If this person writes a check again, it will not be accepted by the register when the license number is punched in. "This information never leaves the store," Cook said, insuring the privacy of the information.

"I know 85 per cent of my customers, so bad checks really aren't a problem," Cook said.

Other area grocery stores will soon be

changing to electronic registers. Winn Dixie manager Albert Markham said electronic registers should be installed by March or April.

Before the change is made, all employees have to be retrained, a process which takes about two days, Markham said.

Gene Sykes, manager of Big Star, said he expects to change to the new system as soon as the store receives authorization from the chain. He said Big Star has had UPC on store items for several months.

Byrd's Food Center will begin using pricing codes in the next two weeks, manager J.R. Henderson said, but added it will be quite a while before new registers are installed. "In fact, we may never get it," he said.

R.L. Woods, manager of the Airport Road A&P, said the new system is "too far in the future. They have to iron the kinks out before we can use it."

Court to hear pleas of Pope and Bates aides

Position of student body comptroller, after overcoming a presidential veto, faces a final test before student court

by Chris Fuller
Staff Writer

The Student Supreme Court is scheduled today to hear arguments on the constitutionality of the recently approved position of student body comptroller.

Barry Smith, Bob Loftin and Rick Buttner, aides to Student Body President Bill Bates, filed the suit Dec. 3 following a Campus Governing Council override of a presidential veto of the bill.

Smith, Loftin and Buttner maintain that the comptroller is unconstitutional, saying it restricts the student body treasurer's duties as defined by the Student Constitution.

Article III, Sec. 5 of the Student Constitution reads, "The Treasurer of the Student Body shall disburse all monies appropriated by the Campus Governing Council."

However, CGC Rep. Dick Pope, who introduced the bill Oct. 19 along with Rep. Ben Steelman, said he will argue that any law dealing with funds restricts the treasurer's power of disbursement to some extent.

The comptroller bill has been the subject of two public hearings and numerous editorials and columns in the *Daily Tar Heel*. After being postponed by the council three times, the bill was passed Nov. 12, 11-8-1.

However, Student Body President Bill Bates vetoed the bill Nov. 25 saying the bill neither enhances student power nor benefits the student body.

Bates's veto was overridden, 9-8-2, Dec. 2, and two suits challenging the comptroller's constitutionality were subsequently filed.

The first suit filed by Greg Scott, a student not connected with Student Government, was withdrawn after Scott revealed that a CGC member, later identified as Administration Committee Chairperson Dave Rittenhouse, intended for Scott to deliberately lose the case by offering a poor defense.

The strategy behind deliberately losing the suit was to prevent the Smith-Loftin-Buttner case from being heard, and would have allowed the comptroller bill to go into effect unchallenged had it been successful.

Pope admitted this week in a notarized letter to having written up the Scott suit and said that former Student Body Treasurer Mike O'Neal did not actually help write the suit. A CGC source said, however, that O'Neal did contribute ideas to the Scott suit.

If the Supreme Court today finds the comptroller constitutional the CGC-appointed comptroller would serve as an administrative aid to CGC and its Finance Committee, as well as being an overseer of all non-executive Student Government organizations.

The comptroller could be dismissed only by CGC. He would also make monthly reports on all Student Government organizations, act as an investigative arm of the Finance Committee and assist in the preparation of the annual budget.

UNC growth plans submitted to trustees

by Greg Nye
Staff Writer

Plans for expansion at the University of North Carolina over the next thirty years have been submitted for review to the Board of Trustees, but an originator of the report said recently that completion of most of the plans will not occur by the year 2005.

Construction being considered ranges from an addition to Memorial Hall to the construction of a new basketball coliseum. The projects were presented to the trustees last month in an 88-page report compiled by Claiborne S. Jones, vice-chancellor for business and finance, and his staff. Jones said the report was written in view of departmental and administrative requests over the past ten years.

Some of the projects may turn out to be pipe dreams, Jones told the trustees when he submitted his report. But, if every project were carried out, Jones estimates the total cost would be over \$230 million.

All of the proposed expansion is planned with the assumption that enrollment will stabilize at the current level of 20,000 students. University planners assure in the draft that the existing balance between buildings and open space on campus will be maintained.

Three major projects are very close to becoming reality—a new physical education facility, infirmary and dramatic arts center.

One of the most important proposals is the proposed physical education and intramural facility for women students, budgeted at over \$5.5 million Jones said. To be constructed on the site of what is now the Tin Can, the new structure would contain three gymnasiums, 15 handball courts, six squash courts, exercise rooms and classrooms. Funding for the physical education project will be included on a state-wide bond issue this spring.

Money has already been found for the \$4.1 million Student Health Service Building, which the trustees have already decided will be located between Kenan Stadium and N. C. Memorial Hospital.

The new infirmary was authorized by the 1971 General Assembly. The building will include mental health, outpatient, inpatient and sports medicine clinics, and will have space for health education offices, pharmacy, physical therapy and 37 inpatient beds. Construction bids will be received this summer.

Money has also been authorized for the construction of the dramatic arts building,

which will be located on what are now the tennis courts behind Cobb dormitory. The building will be the new home of the Carolina Playmakers, and will seat 503 persons in its theater.

Construction bidding for the dramatic arts building will be conducted Feb. 3, and construction is expected to begin soon afterwards.

Although the new sports coliseum is viewed in the plans as a long range future need, the project could rapidly pick up support. The arena, with a seating capacity of 17,000 people, would contain offices for the athletic department and would be located south of campus between Manning Drive and Mason Farm Road.

Parking areas surrounding the coliseum on planning maps, and would serve as additional parking spaces for the UNC campus when no events were going on.

Taylor estimates, however, that over \$25 million will have to be secured from private contributors before construction could begin.

Jones said he believes that when the University begins to set priorities, academic needs will receive primary consideration.

The proposal is expected to undergo annual revision, at which time priorities will be established by Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor in his budget request to the UNC system Board of Governors.

In determining these priorities, departmental and faculty input is sought through the Academic Affairs office. But, student input is not solicited except in areas felt to be of particular student interest, such as the proposed addition to the Student Union building.

Most other projects proposed in the expansion plan have not reached the architectural planning stage, and financing has not been approved by the General Assembly.

But, several projects have been authorized by the Board of Trustees and are awaiting financing—a lab building for the art department at Horace Williams Airport, a 16-court tennis complex at the old Chapel Hill Country Club, an addition to Kenan Stadium, a Dental School office building and a \$4.5 million family and community health sciences building to be attached to the medical school.

The expansion proposal also outlined possible future needs of the University.

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Staff photo by Howard Shepherd

The Playmakers Repertory Company is presently producing "Holiday," a review of which appears on page 4 of this issue.

Carr Mill:

Hearings gauge public opinion to proposed renovation

by Mike Leccese
Staff Writer

Carrboro citizens discussed the "pro" side of the proposed Carr Mill issue during a public hearing before the Board of Aldermen Wednesday night, but the board voted 3-2 to wait two weeks before listening to the "con" side.

The aldermen sought to get community reaction to the proposed restoration and expansion of Carrboro's old textile mill,

built in 1898 on Weaver and Greensboro Streets, into a mall of about 12 shops plus a larger variety store. The proposal is currently before the Carrboro Planning Board.

B.J. Allison, representing Edy Corp. of Carrboro and Southern Real Estate of Charlotte, developers of the project, opened the hearing by responding to a Jan. 6 letter sent by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen. The letter requested that the developers either relocate or drop plans for the

construction of a restaurant beside the mill and prepare an alternative site for a proposed bank and parking.

The town also asked for elevations of all buildings, a timetable for the project, information for future development, a loan from the developer and for opinion of the possibility of using the second floor space of the refurbished mill for library or other community related space.

Allison said it would probably take nine months to complete the mall, but said he

believed using the second floor of the mill for a library or other community space was "incompatible with any North Carolina building code I have seen." The board agreed to strike the loan request from the letter.

He also said the mall would create "100 jobs in Carrboro" and generate revenue for the downtown area.

Doug Sharer, a UNC graduate with an M. A. in regional planning who is serving as an adviser to the board on this issue, also spoke in favor of the plan, but with reservations.

"Is he (the developer) really committed to restoring the mill? What is the ultimate use of the mill? These are questions that have not yet been answered," Sharer said, adding that "parking has not been resolved to my satisfaction."

Mones said his specific objections to the project involved "the questionable need for three banks in one block area, and for three supermarkets in one square mile." "This mall may affect the town for the next 100 years," Mones added, "but no cost benefit analysis was done and no professional analysts were hired." He also mentioned that there is "no guarantee the 100 jobs will go to the community."

The hearing will continue at 8 p.m. Jan. 28 in Carrboro Town Hall.

Policy on office-holding set

by Laura Scism
Staff Writer

A new UNC system-wide policy on public office-holding for faculty and senior administrative officials will be considered at today's 9:30 a.m. Board of Governors meeting, consolidated university President William Friday said Thursday.

The proposed policy will simplify the procedures whereby University faculty members and administration officials may run for public office, Friday added.

Jake Froelich, chairperson of the Committee on University Governance,

which prepared the proposal, said it would allow more people to take a leave of absence from the University to run for public office than the present policy does.

Froelich noted that approximately 50 to 150 faculty and administration members are currently serving in public offices ranging from local school board, city council and mayoral positions to presidential and gubernatorial appointments.

"The present policy is tougher in that it precludes running for office in certain cases," Froelich said.

Friday noted that the present policy also requires resignation in order to campaign for

a major state office. He said that under the new proposal the committee might recommend a leave provision in such cases, but emphasized that as with the current policy some candidacies on the local level will not require leave.

Froelich added that the new proposal would solidify the different policies of the 16 schools in the consolidated university system into a single uniform policy. The present policy applies only to the original six schools, he explained.

"We're trying to fix it so everybody knows what the policy is," Froelich said. "We're not trying to restrict anybody."