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SG academic proposals sent to Faculty Council

by Chris Fuller
Staff Writer

Eight academic reform proposals developed by the staff of Student Body President Bill Bates are now in the hands of the Faculty Council and Dean of Arts and Sciences James R. Gaskin.

Bates said last Thursday that four of eight reforms must be adopted by the Faculty Council and the other four must be implemented by Gaskin before becoming effective.

Bates' proposals to the Faculty Council include eliminating extra required credit hours for double majors, standardizing policy concerning student leaves, stopping the use of tentative grades in calculating Quality Point Averages, and removing the requirement of mandatory final exams.

The proposals which Bates said must be approved by Gaskin concern placing extra

emphasis on outside study opportunities, eliminating the required signatures of advisors on preregistration and registration forms, establishing a student advisory internship program in the General College and establishing an Educational Research Center.

In a letter to the Faculty Council Agenda Committee last week Bates said, "I firmly believe these proposals improve the educational directives of this institution."

"The requirement of an extra nine hours for double-majors sometimes causes severe impositions on the student who already has shown strong initiative by double majoring in the first place. Such signs of intellectual maturity should be encouraged, not discouraged," the letter continued.

A standardized student leave policy would allow the University to accurately project enrollment for any given year, Bates said in his letter.

Calculating grades of no report, incomplete and satisfactory in QPA's is capricious and arbitrary because such grades are tentative, Bates added.

Regarding the proposal to eliminate the requirement for final exams, Bates said, "The time of professors and students, particularly around exam time, is much too valuable to force them into an exam that the professor does not think necessary or relevant to the course material."

On advisor's signatures on registration forms Bates told the University Priorities Committee, Jan. 19, that "it is a waste of both the student's and faculty advisor's time to require that all students sets up appointments when only a few need the advice."

The student advisory internship would cut down on the work of advisors. The internship, Bates said, would consist of five upperclass students assigned to each advisor "to assist them and provide more intimate contact with individual students."

The Educational Research Center would work to supply needed research for the soon-to-be-established Educational Policy Committee, Bates said.

The proposals that went before the Faculty Council Agenda Committee have been referred for further review, E. Maynard Adams, chairperson of the Faculty Council said Sunday.

Adams said that all of Bates' proposals had been previously discussed by the Faculty Council, explaining that they all stemmed from recommendations of the Schutz Committee which was set up in 1971 to review undergraduate studies and make recommendations.

In order for the proposals to become effective, Adams said "someone in a position to do so would have to present each in a form of a resolution. Only members of the council can submit resolutions to the council." The council would then have to approve the resolution.

Although the Faculty Council would have the final say in a few of the proposals, Adams said, the administration may have to take action on the others.



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Bill Bates' new proposals are designed to improve the academic studying habits of these hardcores in the Student Union snack bar.

Kupchak to go against Terps

by Gene Upchurch
Staff Writer

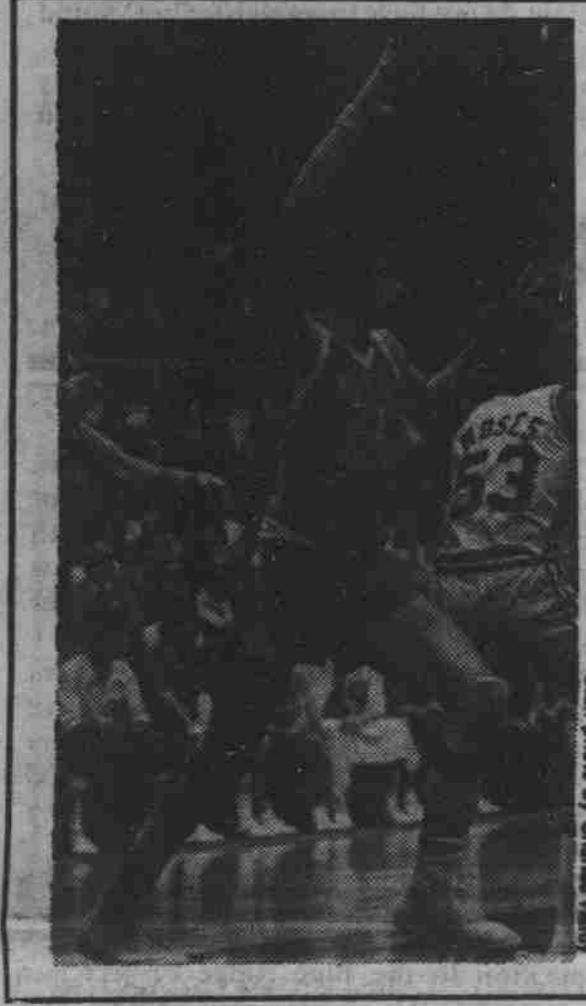
UNC center Mitch Kupchak, injured in the UNC-Gerogia Tech basketball game in the North-South Doubleheader Friday in Charlotte, will play against Maryland Wednesday.

UNC Director of Sports Medicine Joseph DeWalt, who examined Kupchak Monday, said that Kupchak's vision is steadily improving and that he should be able to play against Maryland.

"The injury won't affect his play any. He can't read real well, but he can see all right at a distance," DeWalt said.

UNC Head Coach Dean Smith said Monday, "Mitch has improved remarkably since Friday night. According to DeWalt, Kupchak will not be 100 per cent, but he will

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March vote could help facilities

by Merton Vance
Staff Writer

When North Carolina voters go to the polls to vote in the Presidential primary March 23, they will also be voting on a \$43.2 million capital improvements bond referendum for the consolidated University of North Carolina system.

Included in the bond package is \$5.3 million for construction of a new intramural sports and women's gymnasium facility at UNC-CH.

UNC administrators say the new building is badly needed to replace outdated and overcrowded facilities in the existing Woolen Gym.

Woolen was built as a Work Projects Administration project in 1937-38 and was designed for a UNC enrollment of 5,000 students. The women's gymnasium was built by the Navy in 1942 and was designed to accommodate 200 female students.

There are now more than 18,000 students at UNC, including over 8,000 women.

"The last addition was built in 1942, at a time when the student population was one-fourth what it is now," said William F. Little, vice-chancellor for development and public service. Little has worked closely with architects and designers planning the new facility.

"It is clearly the University's No. 1 capital improvements need. It's just overdue," Little said.

If the referendum passes, construction of the new facility could begin by 1977. The 1974 N.C. General Assembly authorized \$165,000 in planning funds to design the new building, but due to economic conditions last year, the 1975 General Assembly was unable to provide adequate funds to complete the gym and other projects on 13 of the 16 campuses in the UNC system.

Because money could not be budgeted for the new buildings, the legislators voted to hold the bond referendum to raise money for the projects.

A Raleigh architectural firm, Dodge and Beckwith, is designing the new gym.

Architect Bill Dodge said that final plans for the building have not yet been completed, but gave a brief description of it.

The building will be built on the site of the Tin Can, which will be torn down.

It will be connected to Woolen by a bridge that will pass over the driveway and parking lot between Woolen and what is now the Tin Can. By connecting the buildings with an overhead bridge, present parking facilities in the area will be preserved.

The 152,000-square-foot building will include a new gymnasium and several smaller multi-purpose rooms which can be adapted for various athletic events and physical education classes.

Additional handball and squash courts will be built in the structure along with classrooms, training rooms and faculty office space. Dressing rooms, locker rooms and shower areas will also be included in the building, and the new facilities will be available for use by intramural sports teams.

Angela Lumpkin, assistant professor of Physical Education and coach of the UNC women's basketball team, said that the new women's facilities are urgently needed.

She called the present women's gym "an inadequate facility for intercollegiate

practice and competition. "Conditions are desparately inadequate," she said, adding that women athletes have no lockers in which to store equipment.

She also said that the women's basketball court has walls immediately behind the baskets, making it dangerous.

This fall, basketball player Joan Leggett fell against the wall during a practice and broke her wrist. The injury forced her to miss several games.

UNC system President William C. Friday also said the new physical education facility is needed at UNC.

He also said that the new gym, along with the other projects included in the statewide bond referendum, are not needed for expansion of the university system but rather for "meeting needs that are now here."

New River dispute still rages

by Laura Toler
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Editor's Note: This is the first of two articles by DTH environmental reporter Laura Toler exploring the New River-Appalachian Power Company controversy.

The new River flows from northwestern North Carolina through Virginia and West Virginia, completing its journey to the Kanawha River oblivious to court battles, investigations, Congressional debates, hearings and petitions over whether most of it should be transformed into two lakes.

U.S. Secretary of Interior Thomas S. Kleppe could end 13 years of these confrontations next month by deciding for or against North Carolina's petition to include its portion of the New River in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

If adopted, the plan would preserve just enough of the river—26.5 miles—to kill Appalachian Power Company's (APCO) proposed Blue Ridge Project, which calls for damming the river at two points, thus creating two reservoirs to power a hydroelectric generating plant.

Recently the American Electric Power (AEP)—the nation's largest electric utility company, of which APCO is a subsidiary serving Virginia—launched a massive national advertising campaign, financed by its stockholders and intended to sell not merchandise but a posture on an issue.

C. R. Lovegrove, superintendent of public information at APCO headquarters in

Roanoke, Va., said last week that AEP ran the ads to refute an editorial in the *New York Times* which opposed the Blue Ridge Project. "We felt the editorial distorted the facts," he said.

As APCO sees it, the New River project would not only produce power, but would also stimulate approximately \$3-\$6 million in recreational benefits and development on the lake shores. In addition, counties hosting the project—Ashe and Alleghany in North Carolina and Grayson in Virginia—would benefit from taxes paid by APCO, Lovegrove said.

To such foes of APCO as the Committee for the New River, a Winston-Salem-based group of about 3,000 members nationwide, the project appears to be inefficient, unnecessary and would, according to a committee release, "dislodge nearly 3,000 mountaineers from their ancestral homes, flood some of the richest food-producing bottomlands in the Blue Ridge Mountains and destroy forever one of the oldest river valleys in the world and one of the most beautiful in America."

If approved, the project would take five to six years to build, costing over \$500 million and providing a construction payroll of over \$100 million. In its first year of operation, it would send 4,100,000 megawatt hours to AEP subsidiaries throughout the Eastern Seaboard.

Water flowing from the upper, or southern reservoir into into the lower reservoir would generate power during weekday peak demand periods. At night and

on weekends, power from other plants in the AEP system would pump water back into the upper lake.

APCO contends that the Blue Ridge Project is necessary to fulfill peak power demands of the 1980's. The Committee for the New River says that high rates should be imposed during peak periods to discourage use at those times and eventually even out demand during the day, eliminating the need for extra power plants.

An environmental impact statement on North Carolina's scenic river plan, prepared and released last November by the Interior Department's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation regional office in Atlanta, has been distributed to a number of federal agencies and parties in the controversy. Comments on the statement are due in Kleppe's office March 3, and he is expected to render his decision sometime that month.

APCO began investigating the New River valley in 1962 and applied for a project license in 1965. The company now argues that because the subsequent nine years of extensive hearings before the Federal Power Commission (FPC) resulted in a license, APCO has an ample mandate to construct the Blue Ridge Project.

FPC granted APCO a 50-year license for the project in June, 1974, effective Jan. 2, 1975.

Although three-fourths of the approximately 40,000 acres to be put underwater by the project are in Virginia, it

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De Valverde, Harkins announce campaigns for president's office

Miguel de Valverde, a graduate student in Romance languages, declared his candidacy for Student Body President Tuesday.

De Valverde, a Peruvian-Spaniard from Lima, said that he has been involved in Student Government since he came to UNC in 1973. He served on the Craig dormitory council for two years, was on the steering committee of the Graduate Romance Association and was chairperson of the Spanish Honors Society.

Currently, he is a Campus Governing Council representative from Graduate District I, a representative to the Graduate and Professional Student Federation for the Romance languages department and a member of the Media Board.

"I can't promise any major changes, but I'd like to move away from internal quarrels (that have characterized Student Government)," de Valverde said, adding that he would move "into a situation of greater advantage to the students."

De Valverde stressed his desire for greater integration of the graduate and undergraduate student bodies. He suggested

that a program be set up to have graduate students offer undergraduates academic counseling and tutorial aid.

He urged that graduates and undergraduates work together to attain common goals, and noted that such cooperation would increase student influence in dealing with state and local government.

In addition to promoting closer graduate and undergraduate cooperation, de Valverde wants to broaden the functions of the departmental graduate student associations.

De Valverde also said he would implement a Student Bill of Rights and use frequent referenda to sample student opinion.

Beyond this, de Valverde would establish advisory boards to investigate important matters and report on them to Student Government. He said he would encourage CGC members to keep in better contact with their constituents. Additionally, he said he would work for solutions to the *Daily Tar Heel* financial problem.

Dwight Ferguson



Staff photo by Howard Shephard

Miguel de Valverde

James Harkins, a 27-year-old junior interdisciplinary studies major from Chapel Hill, announced his candidacy Monday for Student Body President, becoming the fourth announced candidate for that office.

Harkins said he was running in order to give students something different than an ordinary politician would give them. "I want a student government in the true sense of the word," Harkins said, adding that he hoped he could serve as an "alternative to wiggly-worms" that are now in office.

Wiggly-worms is a phrase he said he coined because he was tired of always reading about petty politics.

Harkins' only campaign proposal involves the creation of a 25-member presidential cabinet made up of students from different academic areas who are not presently involved in campus politics.

Admitting that he was not "very cognizant" of all the Student Government laws and regulations, Harkins said, "I'm sure it wouldn't take very long to catch on."

Describing himself as a dark horse candidate, Harkins said that he had no

specific platform proposals because "so much depends on (the) CGC makeup."

"I would rather promise (the students) nothing and build from there than promise them the world and work down," Harkins said.

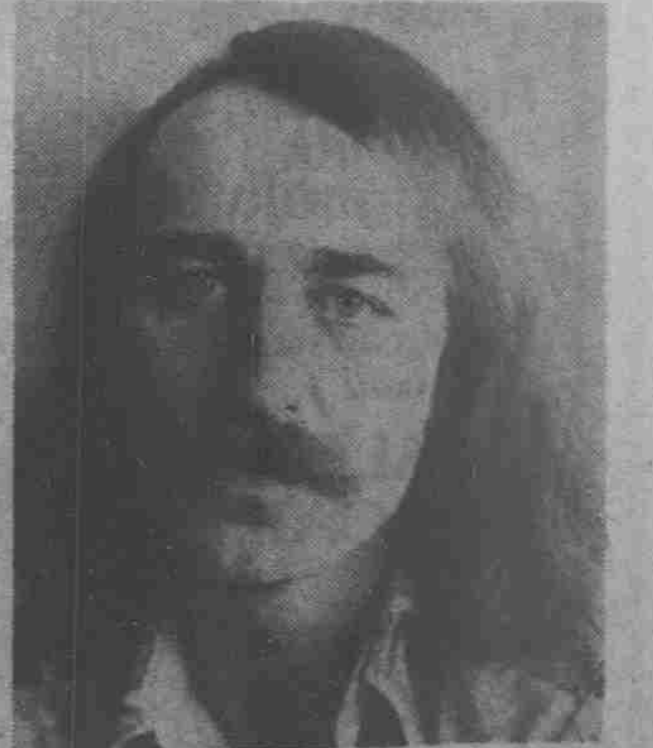
He added he did not plan to spend any money or do any active campaigning. Rather, he said he hoped that his campaign would be by word of mouth.

Harkins attended Wilmington College for one year in 1969, Lenoir Community College for one year in 1971 and the College of the Albemarle for one year in 1974.

He attended Albemarle on a study-release program, when he was serving a prison sentence for marijuana and amphetamine possession.

While at Albemarle, he was editor of the student newspaper, a member of *Who's Who Among Students in Junior Colleges*, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Harkins also served as president of his prison Jaycee chapter.

Teddy Goldman



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James Harkins