

Hold until May

Endowment Board cancels February meeting

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The UNC Endowment Board has canceled its regular Feb. 20 meeting and will not meet again until May 15 to decide if the University will divest from companies doing business in South Africa, Endowment Board Chairman S. Bobo Tanner said Monday.

Members of campus anti-apartheid groups said they think the postponement is because fewer students are on campus in May than in February, and the board fears student reaction to any decision about divestment.

The decision to postpone the meeting had nothing to do with the divestment issue, Tanner said.

"The board doesn't consider divestment an important enough issue to have a meeting about," Tanner said.

The last Endowment Board meeting was called in January to discuss investments that the board could not make at any other time, Tanner said.

Since the board discussed most of its business at the January meeting,

the February meeting was unnecessary, Tanner said.

"The only thing we have to do is accept some funds," he said. "And it's not necessary to hold a special meeting just for that."

Matt Bewig, educational committee chairman of the UNC Anti-Apartheid Support Group, said he thinks the postponement was due to the divestment issue.

He said there are two ways to look at it. "One is that the board doesn't want to face the student reaction if they decide not to divest. Two, they may have decided to divest from South Africa and they want to make sure it doesn't look like students forced them to divest."

The board is trying to show that students cannot force the University to divest, Bewig said.

"The board is trying to avoid setting a precedent that students can have any impact on the economic policy of this University," he said.

"They want investment policy to be decided by seven men who have nothing to do with the University. They want this highly privileged,

undemocratic oligarchical situation to continue."

Bewig said he thought moving the date of the meeting to prove that students have no effect on the decision was an empty gesture. "The very fact that the board moved the meeting does indicate that students can have an impact if they want to," he said.

Dale McKinley, a member of Action Against Apartheid, said one of his group's goals is to force the board to meet during this semester.

"We're going to try to force them to hold an emergency meeting," he said. "If they don't, there will be people here to protest. If they think they can get away with not divesting with no students around, they're sadly mistaken."

The board will eventually decide to divest, McKinley said. "I think that they're going to be forced to (divest) sooner or later and students will help nudge them along a little bit," he said.

There will be a protest if the board decides against divestment in the May meeting, McKinley said, but plans have not yet been made.

Martin seeks budget support

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In his State of the State address Monday night, Gov. Jim Martin, a Republican, told legislators in the heavily Democratic 137th N.C. General Assembly to join with him in supporting programs that "just make good sense."

He urged the lawmakers to support his \$19.6 billion budget, which is centered on education and economic growth.

Martin presented his second biennial budget message and report to the General Assembly in Raleigh, stating goals to build "schools of the future, jobs of the future and roads to the future."

Martin declared 1987 the "Year of the Reader," and said William Friday, former UNC president, would head the N.C. Literacy Council, which would combat illiteracy.

Martin said N.C. schools needed revitalization. He proposed plans to allow more local control of school systems so school boards could focus on their individual concerns and deal

with them more effectively.

Martin also proposed widening his Career Ladder program, a pilot program that offers salary raises to outstanding teachers. The program is in its third year in 16 of the state's 141 school systems. Martin said he would like to start the program in 12 more school systems in the next year, and to launch part of the program in the remaining 113 systems the following year.

Having the program in only 16 school systems has caused stress and pressure to develop among teachers in the non-pilot systems because they want to be eligible for rewards, Martin said.

Martin suggested hiring more teachers in public schools to reduce classroom size and increase the student-to-teacher ratio, which now stands at 18.8 students per teacher. North Carolina is ranked 38th in the nation.

In economic matters, Martin said the unemployment rate last year was below 5 percent, the lowest rate in Southern states.

He said he would focus his attention on rural areas removed from resource centers because they are facing financial hardships.

Small businesses in rural areas face competition from out-of-state corporations and don't have access to adequate financing, he said. Martin said he was against using tax revenue to lure industry to impoverished areas, but he endorsed six new financing mechanisms to generate capital for business start-ups and expansion.

Farmers faced problems with recent drought conditions, Martin said. He proposed a rural economic development corporation to increase available capital and credit for farmers.

"No sector of our economy has had to endure a heavier burden than our small family farm," Martin said.

The audience in the House Chamber of the Legislative Building was smaller than usual because a sleet storm kept many of the assembly's 170 members from attending the address.

Campus Y elections scheduled today

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It's Election Day again — this time for Campus Y offices.

Positions on the Campus Y's executive board will be voted on today, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Campus Y Building.

Two co-presidents will be elected one male and one female. Carter Newbold, a junior from Newport, and William Yelverton, a sophomore from Darien, Conn., will compete for the male co-president seat. Mary Scholl, a junior from Chapel Hill, is running unopposed for re-election as the female co-president.

Other offices to be filled are two co-treasurer seats, one male and one female, one secretary and four members-at-large.

All members of the Campus Y, as

well as anyone who has participated in any of the organization's activities during the past year, are eligible to vote in today's election.

Newbold has been chairman of the Campus Y's "Big Buddy" program for the last year. He said students gain two things from participating in the Y: "They educate themselves more thoroughly about the issues, and they can be a part of a group that is active in solving problems."

Newbold's opponent, Yelverton, said that no matter what the outcome of the election, the Y would be in good hands. "Either Carter or I would do a good job," he said.

Yelverton said he has been involved in many Y activities, including "Habitat for Humanity," a group that helps build housing for the poor.

As president, Yelverton said he

would inform students of which Y programs were working well and which ones needed help.

"We make a big difference in people's lives, on campus and in the world," he said. "We all should be more aware of the problems in the world, and the Y can do a lot in that way."

Scholl said she is enthusiastic about beginning her second year as co-president. "I love what I'm doing," she said.

The more students who get involved with the Y, the better, Scholl said. "Whatever we do, there's always more to do — such is the nature of social change," she said. "We've got 27 different committees doing 27 different things — but there's a common goal."

Policies for human rights changing in Soviet Union

From Associated Press reports

MOSCOW — Mikhail S. Gorbachev told an international peace conference Monday that the Soviet Union is changing its approach to human rights "for all to see," but not because of Western pressure.

The Kremlin leader repeated Soviet opposition to the American space-based defense project known as "Star Wars" and accused the White House of "trampling" on agreements he and President Reagan reached at their 1985 Geneva summit to spur arms control negotiations.

Worker tried for war crimes

JERUSALEM — Retired Ohio autoworker John Demjanjuk went on trial Monday on charges of running gas chambers

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at a Nazi death camp where 850,000 Jews died.

The indictment charges Demjanjuk was the notorious guard "Ivan the Terrible" who beat and tortured victims before turning on the gas chamber engines at Treblinka, a death camp in German-occupied Poland, in 1942 and 1943.

Senate minority leader elected

RALEIGH — Sen. Larry Cobb, R-Mecklenburg, was elected N.C. Senate minority leader Monday and pledged to seek a fair hearing for Gov. Jim Martin's programs in the mostly Democratic General Assembly.

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puter and scientific equipment and new physical plant expenditures at some universities. Also, a new medical education program will not be funded, Robinson said.

The board should ensure that some programs in Martin's recommendations are addressed in the legislature's budget process, Spangler said.

Spangler said he was hopeful that

salaries for professors will increase despite Martin's recommendations because of the support the legislature has shown for their increase in the past. He also said the system's health benefits plan will have to receive "careful consideration" from the legislature if it is to remain competitive.

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funding for higher education by 45 percent.

■ Last year's tax reform bill, which taxes need-based scholarships and grants.

■ Growing student debts caused by loans.

■ The complicated process of verifying eligibility for financial aid.

According to the report, Reagan's education budget will cut federal Pell Grants by 30 percent, from \$3.9 million in fiscal year 1987 to \$2.7 million in fiscal year 1988. The reduction is part of a general trend toward more loans and fewer grants, the report said.

To insure Pell Grant funding remains at an "adequate level," the report said expected family contributions to students' college educations should be reduced, more families should be made eligible for grants and the amount of the grants should be guaranteed to keep up with the cost of living.

The President's budget would also eliminate many campus and state-based programs, the report said. Among the programs to lose federal funding would be Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants. The report recommended restoring federal funding to that program, as well as to college work-study programs and National Direct Student Loans.

Changes in the Guaranteed Student Loan program would add to the debt burden of students, the report said, by increasing fees and rates on the loans. The report recommended that these increases not be made and deferred student interest payments continue.

Because of the new tax laws, the report said, students encounter two new obstacles to obtaining a post-secondary education.

The first obstacle is that all forms

of financial aid will be subject to taxation, the report said, and the second is that new procedures make verification of eligible students more difficult.

Student indebtedness is growing because loans make up more than 50 percent of all student aid, the report said. Because of debts, students must work "long hours" while in school, distracting them from academic pursuits, it said.

To ease student debts, the report proposes extending loan repayment schedules and linking them to students' income levels. Placing more emphasis on grants, deferring interest payments and making loans available to all students would also help, the report said.

The process of verifying student need for federal aid has become too complex, the report said. Delays in verification have prevented funds from being distributed quickly and fairly, it said.

The report said the following proposals would help alleviate these delays:

■ Reduce the number of aid applications which must be verified to 15 percent. Now 30 to 50 percent of the applications must be verified.

■ Alter the system of verification so it does not discriminate against single-parent families. Now applications must be verified if family size does not equal the number of exemptions on a parent's individual tax return.

■ Students whose family income is greater than \$28,000 should not have to apply for a Pell Grant before being eligible to apply for federal aid, because this requirement leads to unnecessary paperwork.

■ The Department of Education should take into account the academic calendars of institutions, rather than fiscal calendars.