

Faculty council to undergo review

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After a botany professor charged the Faculty Council Buildings and Grounds Committee was not allowed to make dissident recommendations, a routine meeting evolved into a forum for complaints.

Although the meeting Friday was expected to be short, debate over the council's effectiveness continued for two hours, and other business was disposed of in an hour. The debate ended when a resolution to review the operation of the Faculty

Council was passed unanimously. Recommendations for change will be reported in April.

Botany Prof. Lindsay S. Olive told the council that faculty members were not informed of committee actions and had no influence on committee decisions. He also said he had been removed from the Buildings and Grounds Committee and told to keep silent because he had disagreed with the group about the future of Lenoir Hall, which may be destroyed if the new library is built.

Buildings and Grounds Committee chairperson Maurice Lee said that it was a

misunderstanding and that Olive had never been told to keep silent. Lee said that Olive had never been on the committee, but was asked to sit in during discussions of the new library because another member of the committee was on leave and could not be there.

Olive's remarks ignited complaints from disgruntled members who said the Faculty Council was ineffective and needed a major overhaul.

The chairperson of the committee on University government, J. Dickson Phillips, said some changes were in order.

"We've been looking at various aspects of the council's effectiveness. There's been concern over the years as to whether the present form has adapted in all ways to the University," he said Sunday.

Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor said that although discontent was voiced, "It was the healthiest and most productive discussion of the Faculty I've heard in many, many months."

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Black Caucus applauds appointments

WASHINGTON (UPI)—After years of complaints that minorities were being neglected, the winds of change on Capitol Hill have given nine blacks positions as committee or subcommittee chairpersons.

The Congressional Black Caucus, which so often in the past pointed to unsuccessful efforts to make an impression, said in a recent statement that blacks, in Congress at least, are finally getting some attention.

"These major advances to positions of influence in the House indicate that members of the...caucus, most of whom were elected during the 1970's, will now have even greater influence of legislation and policies," said Rep. Parren Mitchell, D-Md., caucus chairperson.

William Dawson of Chicago and Adam Clayton Powell of New York—both dead now—served for 11 years as the only blacks in Congress. Dawson served from 1943 to 1970 and Powell from 1944 to 1970. Both became committee chairpersons, Dawson heading public works, Powell as chief of education and labor.

The two were joined by Charles Diggs, D-Mich., in 1955, and Robert Nix, D-Pa., in 1958, but the real influx of blacks to Congress came with the civil rights movement of the middle 1960's. Since 1963, 15 blacks have been elected to the House, five in 1971.

Tax rebate likely to pass

WASHINGTON (UPI)—President

Carter's chief economic adviser said Sunday Congress is likely to approve rebates exceeding \$50 for most American taxpayers.

Charles Schultze, chairperson of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, said in an interview in this week's *U.S. News and World Report* that Congress probably will deny the proposed \$50 rebate to persons with incomes of \$25,000 or more.

"So long as they take what is saved by the cutoff and apply it to increase the rebates for people of lower incomes, it probably would be okay," Schultze said.

Asked if that means most taxpayers would be likely to get rebates of more than \$50 per person, he replied, "Yes" and added, "I wouldn't object."

The House Ways and Means Committee recently voted to reduce the \$50 rebate for taxpayers with incomes over \$25,000 and eliminate it for those over \$30,000.

Schultze also said he expects the nation to have several years of fairly rapid economic growth and increasing prosperity.

Union sculpture set ablaze

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Two UNC students were apprehended by campus police early Friday morning shortly after they were seen setting fire to a wooden sculpture located on the roof of the Carolina Union.

According to campus security director T.W. Marvin, the two students, whose names were held pending University and criminal charges, were observed starting the fire by an unidentified witness who used a campus emergency-call phone to call campus police. The witness also reported the license number of the car driven by the two students.

Marvin said campus security officers arrived on the scene at approximately 1 a.m. and extinguished the fire, which had been started with gasoline.

By tracing the license number reported by the witness, Marvin said campus police learned the students' identities. He said officers went to the car owner's apartment, where the two students confessed, adding that they were willing to make restitution to the owner of the sculpture.

The sculpture, owned by senior Mark Keppler, was heavily damaged. Keppler could not be reached for comment.

Criminal charges will be made only if Keppler decides to lodge a formal complaint, Marvin said. The two students also face possible University honor court action.

Marvin said there was no malice on the part of the two students. "In a statement to campus police, the two students said they had been drinking some beer and were driving around and jointly decided to set fire to the sculpture."

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