

Trustee committee supports meal plan

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The Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees decided Thursday to uphold its decision to implement the \$100 mandatory meal plan in the fall and laid the groundwork for a full board plan for all on-campus residents if necessary.

The committee heard Fetzter Mills, co-author of the Student Government report, speak in opposition to the meal plan before making its decision. "There are no documents which show a need for a mandatory meal plan," Mills said. "All documents tie (meal plan fees) into renovation costs (of Chase and Lenior halls).

"The renovations are already being paid for by a \$10 per student, per semester fee," Mills said.

While University administrators have said that the mandatory plan would provide a financial base for the food service company on campus, Mills said the 3,500 students already on a \$100 meal plan would provide adequate capital for ARA.

Mills also said that the meal plan would discriminate against the minorities on campus.

"Ninety percent of the blacks enrolled at this University live on this campus, and 75-80 percent of those students are on some type of financial aid," Mills said. "With tuition hikes and cuts in state and federal aid, they just won't be able to afford to go to school next year if they have to pay an extra \$100 per semester.

"Students across the board are united against the meal plan," Mills said, referring to the referendum. "This is not a small but vocal minority, as Chancellor Fordham has suggested. It is unanimous."

Mills asked the Student Affairs Committee to impose a one-year moratorium on the meal plan to allow further study of the issue. He also asked that the BOT impose a ceiling on the \$100, so that the cost could not rise in coming years.

James O. Cansler, associate vice chancellor and dean of Student Affairs, defended the meal plan.

Cansler said that the campus food service was roughly analogous to how a resort operated because it required a financial base to operate on the weeks when it is not open seven days.

Ron Hyatt, a physical education professor who served as the chairman for the Food Service Advisory Committee when the decision was made to implement the mandatory meal plan, agreed that a financial base was required.

"From 11 (a.m.) to 3 (p.m.), Lenior has people in there elbow to elbow," he said. "On the weekend that sucker dies."

Donald Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of Student Affairs and

a member of the BOT's Student Affairs Committee, also spoke in favor of the mandatory meal plan.

"I watched and participated in the long process (of evaluating the need for a campus food service), and it has been an open, fair, thorough process throughout," Boulton said.

"I'm hopeful that in a year from now we will be able to see the answers to (Mills') questions," he said.

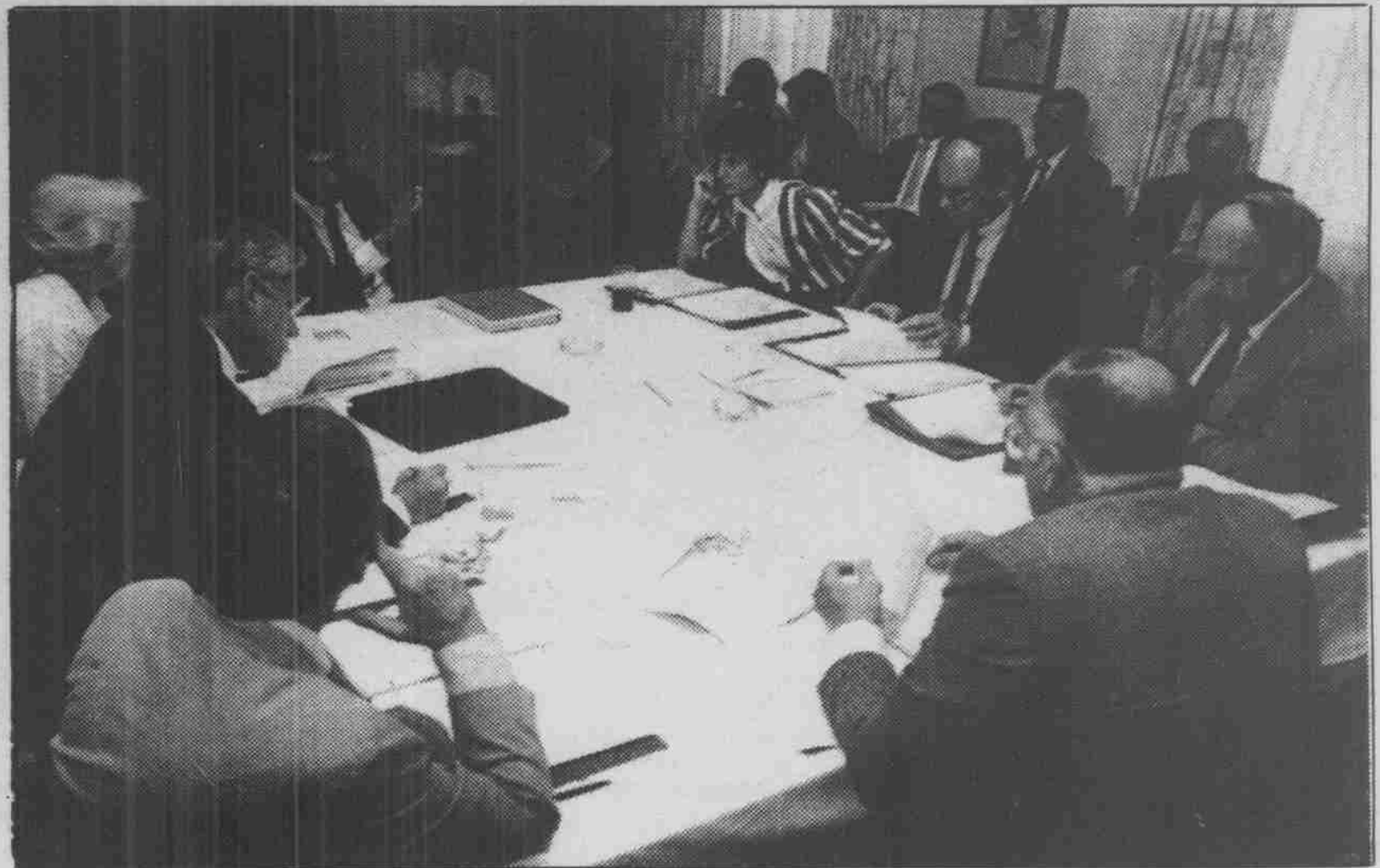
Boulton said students chose to have a mandatory meal plan. "Students who signed up to live in the residence halls did it with the knowledge of (the mandatory plan). In my definition, when you live in the residence halls you make a choice to buy the package."

George Ragsdale, BOT chairman and a member of the Student Affairs Committee, gave the only BOT dissent to the 1983 meal plan agreement. "I'm concerned that the matter is on automatic pilot," Ragsdale said, referring to the mandatory meal plan fee increase of \$25 per year if ARA fails to make a profit in coming years.

The committee decided to give the BOT a vote on rewording the 1983 food service agreement so that all University residents — rather than South Campus residents only — may be required to pay for a full board plan if the campus food service does not make a profit in the future.

"It would be far more equitable. We were in error by singling out any area of campus. Any change in dollars should be assessed for the whole campus," Boulton said.

The motion carried unanimously after about five minutes of discussion. Committee members are Student Body President Patricia Wallace, Koury, Ragsdale, Boulton, J. Clint Newton Jr. and Robert Eubanks.



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Fetzter Mills (facing, left) speaks to the BOT Student Affairs Committee.

BOT wants fee increase

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The fervor surrounding the mandatory meal plan during the past few weeks was laid to rest with one sentence by the Board of Trustees Friday, as it reaffirmed the implementation of the plan.

Maurice J. Koury, chairman of the BOT's Student Affairs Committee, told the BOT that the committee approved of the mandatory meal plan and would proceed with plans to implement it in the fall. Koury also said the committee had decided to allow implementation of a full board plan for both North and South campuses should the \$100 meal plan prove "inadequate" to operate Chase Cafeteria.

The Student Affairs Committee also recommended increasing student fees by \$1.50 and health service fees by \$9 and proposed moving the Fastbreak from the Commons back into the Student Union.

In other business, the BOT unanimously endorsed efforts by Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III to end the eligibility of freshman athletes in intercollegiate sports. Fordham told the board he had campaigned against freshman eligibility for some time

because it was unrealistic to expect athletes to adapt socially, emotionally, mentally and scholastically to college while playing sports at the same time.

"As you know, we bring freshman football players up for four weeks before class (to practice football). It seems to send the wrong message," Fordham said.

The BOT approved a resolution urging the builders of the Student Activities Center to complete the project on time. The project, which has been hampered by construction delays, is scheduled to open Nov. 24 when the UNC men's basketball team plays UCLA.

The BOT also passed a resolution honoring former trustee Bowman Gray III, who died of a heart attack March 26. The resolution praised Gray for the contributions he made to the BOT and the University.

"I think one of the best qualities a man can have is gentleness. Bowman Gray was a gentle man," said Koury as he handed Gray's widow, Jody, the resolution.

Trustee George R. Ragsdale announced that a \$100,000 fund has been established in the College of Arts and Sciences in Gray's name.



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Gov. Jim Martin and bust of Walter Royal Davis.

Martin dedicates Davis

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Speaking on democracy Saturday morning, Gov. Jim Martin told about 500 people on campus that "we all make responsible judgments affecting the interests of others . . . and a library is a storehouse of that courage."

Martin was the keynote speaker at the dedication of the Walter Royal Davis Library. Following his speech, he unveiled a bronze bust of Walter Royal Davis. Davis, a former chairman of the Board of Trustees, played a significant role in lobbying the General Assembly to provide funds for the library's construction upon sale of the University's telephone utilities.

Martin said he was pleased to dedicate the library for UNC's contribution and treasure to the state, "because the library I am

dedicating today is one of the most beautiful library buildings I have ever seen." The latter comment drew a few comical face expressions from a handful of audience members.

Martin described Walter Royal Davis as "a man of enterprise, a man of determination and a man of great generosity," who has a deep love for the state and the University.

"Democracy obliges us all to play a real part in this miraculous experiment in selfgovernment," Martin said, citing a TV make-up man's comment to Dwight D. Eisenhower that "you used to be a five-star general, but now you're just a politician."

"But the secret of the story is that, in this state — indeed in this

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Language — a form of organized stutter — Marshall McLuhan