

Student leaders praise advisory council

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The three-month old Student Advisory Council is an effective channel for communication between student leaders and the administration, council members said Thursday.

The council, made up of elected student leaders at UNC, met with Chancellor Paul Hardin for a luncheon meeting Thursday.

Student Body President Kevin Martin proposed forming the council during February's campus election.

"I wanted to make sure student leaders had access to the upper levels of the administration," Martin said.

The council has been meeting monthly since August, Martin said. Meetings are informal and are designed to establish a relationship between the chancellor and the student leaders.

The committee doesn't follow a specific agenda for its meetings, Neil Riemann, student congress speaker, said.

"It is basically an educational experience," Riemann said, "one in which we learn what the chancellor has to say in a very forthright and

honest way." Issues discussed at the meeting included graduate student Dale McKinley's Graduate Court trial, the Black Cultural Center and the Coalition for Freedom to Dissent, Riemann said.

Steve Tepper, senior class president, said the council's meeting was effective.

"We discussed several University issues in a very informal way," Tepper said. "The chancellor has proven to be someone who is ready to listen and someone who is concerned about student opinion."

It is important that the student leaders on the committee know the feelings of their constituents, Tepper said.

"The committee is new, but the important thing is that we get as many leaders as possible and that they put feelers out on what students feel are important issues," he said.

Martin said he hoped that the relationship between the student leaders and the chancellor will continue. In the event of a crisis, he said, the chancellor would have the instant advice of the student body.

Roger Nelsen, Olde Campus area director, said he has made sure that Grimes has not broken any safety rules. "I alert them to any concerns regarding safety," he said.

Security monitors will be placed in Manly to detour people from entering the halls, Nelsen said.

"It has been effective," Martin said. "There has not been a situation where the chancellor has required emergency advice, but it has filled its first purpose of helping the chancellor get the feel of campus leaders of a public university with a large student body."

The organization is made up of the leaders of the larger campus organizations. Other members include Audrey Vanden Heuvel, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Alliance; Carol Geer, president of the Carolina Athletic Association; Kenneth Perry, president of the Black Student Movement; Fifi Kashani-Sabet, co-president of the Campus Y and Carlton Barlow, president of the Black Graduate and Professional Student Alliance.

The committee could become an important representative body at UNC, Martin said.

"Although I and some of the

members won't be here for long, I hope the committee continues to be an important factor in the relationship between students and the administration," he said.

Kashani-Sabet said there are no personality conflicts or power struggles among committee members.

"We're all students meeting together for a common end," she said. "We know how difficult it can be to be leaders of large organizations. We're all very comfortable. We recognize each other's strengths and try to improve our weaknesses."

It's difficult to choose a meeting time convenient for all the committee's members, because student leaders are busy, Kashani-Sabet said.

"It's a good thing that we get to meet each other and establish a rapport among leaders," she said. "I'm especially grateful that the chancellor gives his time."

Trustees examine University's financial status

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UNC earned a favorable return on its investment portfolio last year despite a decline in the stock market, Wayne Jones, acting vice chancellor for business and finance, said Thursday at the Board of Trustees' Finance and Business Committee meeting.

But some members of the board said the increase is not as favorable a return as it may appear.

"I would consider that mediocre and not a real outstanding return,"

Trustee Thomas Capps said.

Current fund revenues, which support major University functions, have increased to \$601 million from \$370 million in 1984, according to the financial report. These funds support academic and health instruction, research and public service, the report states.

The University's consistent ranking in the top 15 percent of colleges and universities over the last five years is to the endowment board's credit, Jones said.

In other business, the committee reviewed the University's Financial Report.

This year was the first year the University topped \$600 million in current funds revenues, Jones said. The two largest sources of current funds are state appropriations, which account for 38.4 percent of funding, and federal and non-federal contracts and grants, which account for 26.5 percent of funding.

State appropriations have decreased over the past five fiscal years, while organized research and auxiliary enterprises have increased, the five-year summary finance report said.

The committee also summarized the Biennial Budget Request for 1989-1991, which will go to the General Assembly for approval. A small tuition increase is included, provided that enrollment increases and the General Assembly acts upon it, Jones

said. Salary increases will also be budgeted after the General Assembly acts.

The committee also discussed the design review of the proposed Ambulatory Care Facility. When the plan had originally been introduced, it had encountered some opposition because of design. John Harris, a committee member, told the board an alternate design had been developed.

The final item the committee considered before going into closed session was the design review of a proposed addition to the dental school. The design is a fairly close match to that of the current building, said Marley Carroll of Odell Associates. Members were pleased with the design, and made note that the firm had given credit to a previous architectural firm for the closely matching design.

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this week and will also help during the haunted house, Tally said.

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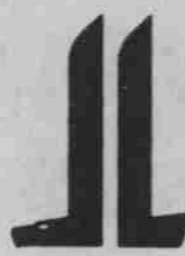
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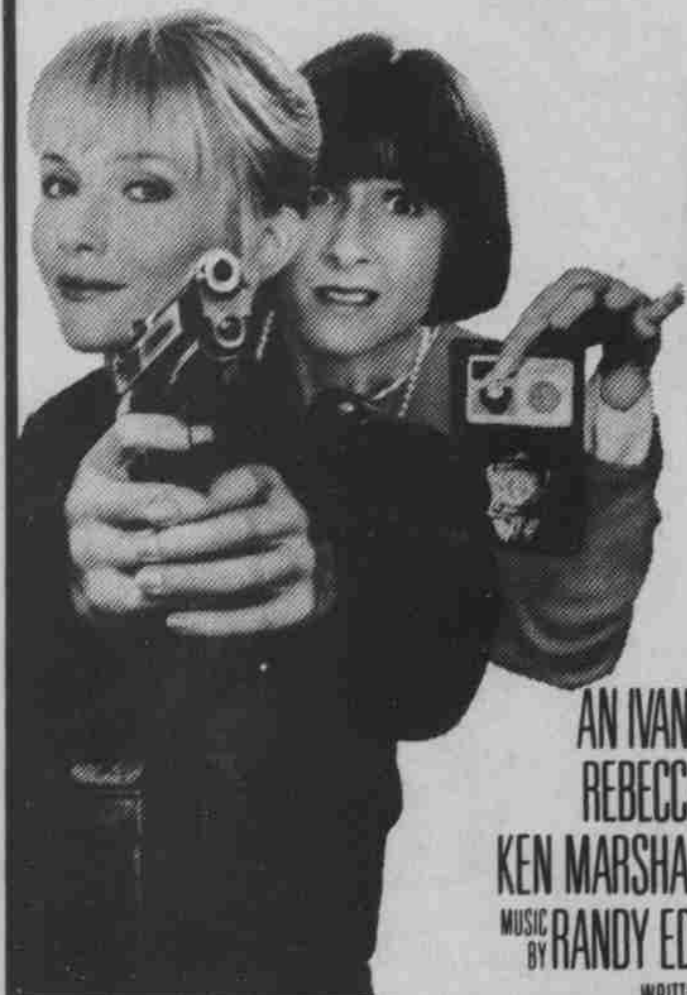
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