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Committee requests ABA probe

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The Law Center Steering Committee passed a resolution Sunday calling for an immediate investigation by the American Bar Association (ABA) into the admission of 14 students to the USC Law School.

The resolution requests the ABA to "send an inspection team to the University of South Carolina at the earliest possible time," and has been addressed to Professor James T. White of Indiana University who is the ABA's consultant for legal education.

THE RESOLUTION was drawn up by the Steering Committee as a result of the USC Board of Trustees' decision that the 11 students admitted to the Law Center (14 were eligible but only 11 enrolled) by virtue of its Sept. 2 order would be allowed to remain in school until the end of the semester on a probationary basis.

At that time, the school's faculty will decide whether or not the students may continue, the Board's statement read. However, the law faculty has declared it will not grade the papers of those students admitted to the Law School by means of the Board's Sept. 2 mandate.

USC Law School Dean Robert W. Foster said the law faculty is standing by their refusal to grade the 11 student's papers even after the Board's statements on Saturday, thus precipitating the chance of another clash between the law faculty and Board of Trustees.

On Saturday, the Board declared that should the 11 students jeopardize the Law Center's accreditation, they will be forced to withdraw from school. However, if they are forced to withdraw, they will automatically be entitled to participate in the 1976 Summer Pre-Admission Trial (SPAT) program, provided there is such a program. To be admitted to the Law School for the fall-1976 term, the students must earn grades high enough in the 1976 SPAT program to give them a combined grade-point ratio of 2.0 or better for both the 1975 and 1976 SPAT programs.

IF THERE is no SPAT program next summer, the students would be tested "by some comparable trial or testing program to determine if they are eligible for admission to the Law School in the 1976-1977 fall term," according to a five-page statement released by the Board Saturday.

Foster said the Board's decision has left the question of the Law School's accreditation unanswered. Many persons have questioned whether the Board's Sept. 2 action has jeopardized the Law Center's accreditation, as well as that of the entire University.

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Cold drinks, bar none

It's Thursday and the late-afternoon sun is beating down on the outside world. But you find yourself deep inside the confines of the Coliseum, where the air conditioning is less than adequate. With perspiration dripping from your brow, you head for the nearest soda machine.

Anxiously, you deposit your money and press the button for your cold treat. But what do you get - a pack of dry crackers. Oh well, at least tomorrow is Friday.

Coed proposal shocks residents

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Columbia Hall residents met with Student Government Association (SGA) President Steve Hill Wednesday to discuss the recent Board of Trustees' decision to convert their dorm into a coed housing facility.

A joint committee, made up of representatives from Residence Life, SGA and Columbia Hall was set up to study the dorm's future housing status.

The Columbia Hall women were particularly anxious to talk to Hill concerning a statement he made at the Trustees' meeting.

Hill was quoted as saying, "The women

(of Columbia Hall) are in favor of this (the housing change) already," during a debate prior to the Board's approval of the coed plan.

GLENDIA THOMAS, Columbia Hall president, said Hill's remark "misrepresented" the attitude of the dorm residents, since they had yet to state an opinion at the time of the Board meeting. In fact, Columbia Hall government officers voted unanimously against the coed proposal, Thomas said.

Letters criticizing Hill and questioning the effects of the Board decision were sent by Columbia Hall officers to Dean of Residence Life Richard Wertz, Dean of Student Affairs James B. Campbell and to Hill. In the meeting yesterday the dorm government presented the first actual dorm opinion poll concerning the coed

plan. The poll showed a majority of residents against the change.

The issue that has arisen at Columbia Hall can be traced to an apparent breakdown in communication. Thomas said Hill briefly mentioned the coed proposal for the first time at the SGA meeting on Wednesday of last week. Without further contact from Hill, the plan was proposed and endorsed at the Trustees' meeting, Thomas said.

THE COED plan was described by Thomas as "too liberal for many of the girls in the dorm." "I think it's (the plan) a good idea," said Columbia Hall Vice President Barbara Helfer. "but a lot of parents are going to be upset." Helfer felt that many Columbia Hall residents were

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