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Special meeting possible

From staff reports

U.S. Sen. Ernest F. Hollings has called for a public hearing by the USC Board of Trustees to "clear the air" concerning the USC Law School controversy.

A letter from Hollings to Board Chairman T. Eston Marchant was quoted by the Associated Press Sunday as saying Hollings wishes to clear up the "scattered stories, mistreated facts, resolutions by the bar association, the student government association and the law school association," surrounding law school entrance requirements.

The AP quoted Marchant as saying he will discuss with the Board the possibility of calling such a special meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled for December, but, by a vote of the Board, a special meeting could be held sooner.

Reached at his home Sunday night, Marchant said "I don't have any idea (what might be done) until I get to talk to them (the executive committee)." The Board's executive committee will be meeting in Florence Tuesday afternoon to discuss budgetary matters.

"I doubt the (executive committee) would do any more than discuss it (Hollings' letter), and they may call for a full meeting of the board" to determine an action, Marchant said.

Marchant added that "the first thing the board wants is to get this accreditation visit out of the way." A three member inspection team from the American Bar Association will visit the campus on Oct. 2 to determine if the board's admission of 14 students to law school is in violation of the school's accreditation standards.

Hollings' son was one of the 14 students allowed to enter law school after State Sen. Edward E. Saleeby, whose son was also involved, questioned alleged irregularities in the grading in the exams of students enrolled in the Summer Pre-Admission Trial Program (SPAT).



Sheldon Dannelly

The light at the end of this tunnel is just another class for those students who take an underground route to the Coliseum.

Subcommittee to examine General Studies problems

By BILL PRATT
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Problems with transferring credits from General Studies to otherschools within the University will be the central issue studied by a presidential subcommittee that will begin work Tuesday.

A secondary factor in the study is the duplication of courses offered by both General Studies and other schools at the University, committee members said.

The subcommittee grew out of a Jan. 23 announcement, when plans were made to reorganize General Studies after the 1975 summer sessions. Later the announcement was called premature by Board of Trustees Chairman T. Eston Marchant, but he did not deny that a reorganization of the college was being considered.

ON JAN. 27, USC President William H. Patterson said that no final decision had been made to abolish the college.

The latest study, conducted by the joint subcommittee on the College of General Studies is aimed at solving the problems discussed in the early part of the year. The nine-member subcommittee is composed of three members of the Faculty Advisory Committee, three members from the Academic Forward Planning Committee and three members from the General Studies faculty.

At the subcommittee's first meeting LeConte Cathey, committee chairman, said that they did "essentially nothing. That's about all you can say."

"Fundamentally, the transfer of credits is being studied," Cathey said. With secondary emphasis placed on the "investigation to see if there are duplications."

In a report released in late 1974, the General Studies Committee said that there was no undue overlap in courses, but that there are several courses that overlap with those offered by the rest of the

University. These will be studied by Cathey's subcommittee.

The essential problem, Cathey said, is the transfer of credits. He described this situation as "the big sticker."

CATHEY, HOWEVER, did not criticize the General Studies courses, saying, "It's not the courses that are in trouble, it is the mechanism" for transferring.

He said under the present system, a student must go through a dean's office to insure that a course transfers. "It is almost impossible to transfer credits," Cathey said, "The faculty has to come to grips with the problem."

The committee has no deadline for its report, but the subcommittee's secretary, John N. Gardner said they are trying to finish by Dec. 1.

The next meeting is planned for 3:30 p.m., Tuesday Oct. 7 in the Faculty Senate Conference Room of the Osborne Administration Building.

What does one do when there's not enough brew?

By BILLY COX
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The blazing orange moon stayed low on the horizon Friday night. "Wow," gaped one engrossed student. "I think that's a real trip, at least."

Moonlight madness might be held partially responsible for the relative incoherence of the crowd of about 3,000, but the real culprit was probably Old Milwaukee beer. Yes, it was Carolina's first big brew bust of the season, and, held out under the stars at the State Fairgrounds, it made a lot of people happy. And a lot of people mad.

SCHEDULED for an 8 p.m. tap-off as a preliminary warm-up for the football game; it cruised off to an easy, slow-start. Then, possibly as an ill omen, the band--

Swamp Fox--lost its power during its first number and was conked out for 15 minutes.

Once underway, though, the beer looked like it was going to be easily accessible. "The band looks good, the crowd looks good, and by 9:30," noted one observer, "we oughtta be pretty well out of it."

Early optimism dried up quickly as the hordes poured in. "This stinks!" blurted a sad-eyed student with an empty cup, gazing at the lone beer truck surrounded by lines that stretched 10 deep. "Look at that. Everybody's trying to get drunk but can't."

Swamp Fox did an ironically appropriate tune, "Your Mama Don't Dance," and it looked like her sons and daughters didn't, either. There was a 20-foot no-man's land between the bulk of the students and the band, which

everyone avoided like a minefield.

AT 8:30, there was anxious movement in the crowd. "What's that? A new tap?" went the cry. "Oh raise hell!" and instantly the new outlet was engulfed.

A lot of the partiers fled the ground level bedlam to seek relief from the crush in the stands. "People are probably just gonna mellow out, sit back and do a little herb," remarked a student who called himself the Tin Man.

Some got a little too mellowed out. Unsure steps and a hidden strand of rope set the stage for a girl who wound up sprawling on the concrete. "She was out cold," said a spectator. "She went down like a ton'a bricks."

"SHE SPILLED the beer all over my shirt as she went down," he added disgustedly. "I was very upset."

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