A proposal allowing the Law School Admission Committee to make the final decision on freshmen admissions was presented to USC President William H. Patterson by the law school faculty Friday.

According to informed sources close to Board Chairman T. Eaton Marchant, the proposal "has a favorable chance for passage."

Faculty wants final say

The proposal was endorsed by Law School Dean Robert W. Foster.

"We hope negotiations will come from his (Patterson's) office," Foster said in regard to the proposal.

The proposal, drawn up at a special meeting of the Law School Faculty last week, would give the Law School's Admissions Committee the power to make final approval of any incoming freshman. This proposal is a response to the Board's plan giving the University President power to name a committee with the authority to admit as much as 7 percent of entering law school freshmen, approved by the Trustees Jan. 25.

Referring to the Board's plan, Foster said, "I have no reason to think that it would ever come to that. The idea is so unlikely and so speculative that I couldn't imagine a program like that coming about."

Marchant said all procedures concerning admission "would culminate with a final approval by the Law School Admissions Committee.

The Board's 7 percent proposal came under fire from some sources because fear the power might become a political tool and be used improperly.

Proponents countered the program was designed to admit otherwise gifted students who do not score well on the Law School's admission test. If watched closely, they contended, the program would benefit the University by letting qualified students in.

The unofficial resolution submitted last week by the Law Center faculty stated they would accept a modification of present first year admission procedures to permit the Admissions Committee of the Law Center to excise a person accepted to the SPAT (Summer Pre-Admission Trial) program from attendance in SPAT, and in lieu thereof to be admitted to the entering freshman class, in such cases where the President of the University requests that such a person be so excused and admitted, if, in the judgement of the Admissions Committee, there exists good cause so to excuse and admit such a person."

A statement added to the last clause of the resolution said "a determination of such good cause shall be made on the basis of a consideration of hardship in attending SPAT and of ability to perform in the first year."

A decision on the admission policies will be made by Patterson sometime this week.

Sore feet, tired bodies victorious

**Marathon successful**

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Insanity. Fun (?). Insomnia. Fatigue. Performance anxiety. Pick one of the above, or maybe all, and you will have described the circus beneath the roof of the State Fairground's Hampton Building.

If you don't know by now, it was 55 hours and 30 minutes of marathon dancing sponsored by Sigma Chi fraternity, and it was all for charity. On the receiving end was Midlands Center for Retarded Children. But what about the giving end? And, how, they gave! Eight sororities offered three sacrifices apace to the Great God of Marathons. But when the beer had dried up and the music had died out, only five walking zombies remained.

It was all in preparation for Sigma Chi's Derby Day festivities, an annual affair which is won by the sorority with the most total points in various events.

Dance marathons are traditionally clean-cut All-American events won by the last person standing, but this one was different. At first, the girls danced in rotating shifts, relieving each other for much needed breathers. Then the judges realized that the contest could drag on for ever, and hastily revised the format.

At nine o'clock Wednesday night (some 24 hours after beginning), 21 girls started a journey in pairs of ending up two feet by midnight Thursday.

Everyone was lightly optimistic as they received several business contributions ranging from $50 to $100, and collected entrance fees of $1 per person. It was a worthwhile cause and no one was really tired.

As the marathon progressed into the early morning hours, dancing became harder. The belief that the woman is the meezer sex was dispelled as dawn found them dancing with the ropes instead of their male companions. But the women soon began dropping like flies.

At the beginning of the marathon, the couples moved easily, although some had already begun to shed their shoes.

Hours before Grace Hungerford faded into the beyond, she moaned, "My body's going, but my mind is already gone." "The trick is to go into a trance, listen to the songs, and sing," noted Karen Bowler, adding, "I never knew I had it in me." She didn't. The Sand Man claimed her at 7:30 a.m. Thursday.

As the hours kept rolling along, the music and the dice jockeys seemed to mock the girls rather than inspire them to keep dancing. Numbers like "Keep on Dancing," "Rock-around-the-Clock," "Hard Day's Night," and "Only the Strong Survive," gave them the exuberance of the Mona Lisa.

Strange eating habits were exhibited. Said Dave Jones, munching a hamburger, "You have to eat real slow, and it doesn't help your rhythm much. It kinda messes it up."

One girl, affectionately known to the crowd as the "little one in the green," fell prey to a weird diet. She constantly ate carrots. As the onlookers began to notice that she was missing the

**Congaree Swamp worries students**

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Congaree Swamp is the only remaining example today of virgin bottomland forests which once covered vast portions of the southeastern United States.

A group of University students and several environmental organizations fear all of such areas will vanish if current logging of the swamp is not stopped.

Nicknamed by environmentalists "Wetwoods of the East," the swamp is located on a flood plain of the Congaree River 17 miles southeast of Columbia. Enriched by fertile silt annually spread over the land by river floods, some trees in the swamp have grown to 55 feet in circumference and 150 feet tall.

Six national champion and 24 state champion trees exist there.

The national champion trees have been selected the best shaped, tallest and biggest in circumference and widest spread of their species in America. Sweetgums, oaks and other species 700 years old are common in the heart of the swamp.

Most of the land has been owned by the Beidler family from Chicago for several generations. With many of its trees just reaching maturity, the swamp is now being logged at a rate of 500 to 1,000 acres per year. Such logging has caused an argument between environmentalists and loggers over the future of the land.

While loggers maintain they are not endangering the swamp's future but merely weeding it out, environmentalists believe otherwise. They are asking the land be converted into a national

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