Dean hails medical school's success

By Nancy Young

The acting dean of the USC School of Medicine told the Medical Affairs Committee of the USC board of trustees he was encouraged by the school's success, but felt the school needed to expand.

"There is anxiety, but there is also a strong belief in, and commitment to, the school," acting dean David Humphries said.

"The Liaison Committee on Medical Education has recently informed the medical school it may increase its entering first-year class size to 64 students this August 1981 in anticipation of moving into the new, larger laboratories and classrooms on the Veterans' Administration campus," Humphries said.

ENTERING-CLASS size is limited to 64 students by the LCME.

"These enhancements, full accreditation and permission to increase class size, by this outside, experienced group of medical educators, gives us all pride and encouragement to continue our successful efforts," he said.

Humphries also noted the senior class mean score on part two of the National Board of Medical Examiners' test was several points above the national average.

The medical school plans to ask the LCME to increase the number of students allowed per class to 80 over the next several years, according to Humphries. "This will result in a decrease in cost per student," he said.

USC President James Holderman spoke after Humphries' address. He said the infant mortality rate and heart and lung problems are of major concern in South Carolina, and "we do not intend to be another mediocre medical school in this state."

Before the committee adjourned, it voted on principle to approve a request to establish a Board of Directors for the Medical Education Foundation.

According to the draft, this board would contain cost and enhance quality through cooperation between the medical schools of the Medical University of South Carolina and USC.

"The board of directors will provide a means for improved communications between the respective universities and for better coordination of their efforts in accomplishing mutual objectives," the draft read.

The term "medical education" includes education provided at schools of medicine and their affiliated teaching hospitals for the preparation of physicians at the undergraduate (M.D.) and postgraduate (residency) levels, according to the draft.

Laney wins SG runoff; protest still unsettled

By David Hill

Jim Laney defeated David Lasch in Wednesday's runoff election for Student Government secretary. Laney had 608 votes to Lasch's 168.

The election process for secretary may not be over, however. Campus Court is to review next week a protest of the original March 8 election.

A candidate for secretary in that election who failed to qualify for the runoff is protesting the outcome of the original election.

VERILINDA HALL filed a protest with the SG Elections Commission Thursday after the election, arguing that her name was not placed on the ballot as she requested.

"On the application (for SG executive office), I requested 'Verilinda' and on the ballot was 'Jenies V. Hall.' No one can get 'Jenies' out of 'Verilinda,' " she said.

Hall said she has a petition signed by 131 people who said they would have voted for her on March 8, but who didn't recognize her name on the ballot.

"I'm just trying to prove those people would have voted for me but couldn't because they didn't see my name on the ballot," she said.

"I ASKED (SG Elections Commissioner) Chip Harriford the day after the election what happened, and he showed me a piece of paper that I had supposedly signed as 'Jenies Verilinda Hall.' It was not the application, but a list of candidates in the election," Hall said.

Hall received 216 votes to qualify for the runoff. She was outvoted to the Elections Commission March 8, the day after the first election. The protest was sent to Campus Court on March 21.

HALL SAID the court will rule on her appeal next week. She said she was protesting to remove her name before the runoff Wednesday, but that there were other cases pending in court.

"I am positive that if my appeal is ruled valid, there must be a new election to correct the mistake that was made," she said.

In other runoff results Wednesday, Darryl Smalls won the Maxcy-Thornwell Senate seat with 36 votes to Fred Sheely's 27.

Gregory White won the Preston-Woodrow seat with 37 votes to Lon Shull's 28.

Carol Lasch won the three Sera seats from the Law School.

The Campus Senate seat won by a write-in candidate named Amar, Amar's first name could not be found, according to SG Vice President Mike Sheely.

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