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TO: Richard G. Silvernail
Secretary to the Faculty

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SUBJECT: 1986-1987 Annual Report

The purpose of the Health Professions Advisement Committee is to provide continuing academic guidance and professional support to students at the University who plan to pursue postgraduate training in the Health Science areas to include Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Optometry, Osteopathy, and Podiatry. Mr. Melvin T. Davis, College of Science and Mathematics, has continued to provide since 1976 advisement to health professions students and to serve as a secretary to the committee.

During 1986-1987 the committee interviewed a total of 43 students and prepared evaluations which were sent to the medical schools selected by the candidates. Of these students, 39 have been admitted to professional schools: 34 in Medicine, 4 in Dentistry, and 1 in Veterinary Medicine. This represents an 90.7 success rate in placing our qualified graduates in Health Sciences programs.

Comparative statistical data for the committee since 1976 are summarized below:

<u>Number Accepted</u> <u>Academic Year</u>	<u>Number of Advisees</u>	<u>To Professional Schools</u>	<u>%</u>
1976-1977	48	30	62.5
1977-1978	47	41	87.2
1978-1979	49	42	85.7
1979-1980	53	43	81.1
1980-1981	37	26	70.3
1981-1982	46	38	82.6
1982-1983	39	31	79.5
1983-1984	44	37	84.1
1984-1985	45	39	86.7
1985-1986	43	37	86.0
1986-1987	43	39	90.7

Although two students were accepted for medical schools at Duke and Emory, 94% of successful applicants were admitted to South Carolina medical schools. Since the committee does not advocate any particular medical school, the high percentage of applicants admitted to South Carolina medical schools almost certainly

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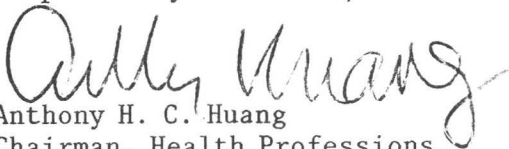
reflects favorable tuitions and admission policies for in-state students as well as a desire of the students to remain in South Carolina. In-state admissions were divided between the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston (28%) and the USC School of Medicine in Columbia (72%).

The following national statistics provide a point of reference for evaluating the committee's placement record: the percentage of applicants from all colleges and universities who were accepted into medical schools has ranged between 37.4% in 1976-77 and 51.4% in 1986-87. The increasing percentage of admission in the national statistics over the years reported reflects the general trend of a decline in applicant number from about 42,000/year to about 31,000/year with total medical enrollees/year varying between 17,000 to 16,000. The greater placement percentage for USC compared to the national average may reflect the high number of in-state admissions relative to the size of the applicant pool and competence of the advising process in counseling students for required pre-med studies.

The composition of the Health Professions Advisement Committee for the current academic year, 1987-88 consists of the following:

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Dr. J. Larry Durstine, Physical Education
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Dr. William E. River, English
Dr. James Sodetz, Chemistry
Dr. Marsha G. Welsh, Medicine

Respectfully submitted,


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Advisement Committee

