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Architects, Assistant Dean James W. Craig Jr. said.

Students also serve on various committees in the college, he said, such as curriculum, faculty advisory and appeals.

"Students are involved in the college," Craig said.

In the College of Geosciences, the four undergraduate departments — geography, geology, geophysics and meteorology — have student representatives on the student council for the College of Geosciences.

The student council takes up issues and serves as a channel of communication between students and administrators.

"We don't have any other formal setup," Dr. Davis A. Fahlquist, assistant dean for academic affairs, said. "If students requested it, we would."

The College of Science also has established a student council as a means of identifying and dealing with student concerns. Assistant Dean Omer C. Jenkins said this council meets every two weeks with Dr. Kenneth R. Poenisch, assistant to the dean.

Representatives to this council come from student organizations in the College of Science.

Associate Dean Candida Lutes of the College of Liberal Arts said her office always is open to students and they can easily make appointments with her or Dean Keith L. Bryant.

"We do meet with probation students to tell them about policies and give them a pep talk," she said.

Student problems are individual concerns so an open policy of student communication with the deans is better than a formal meeting, Lutes said.

Each department in the College of Education is represented on a Student Advisory Council at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

Student representatives to this council are the communications link between their department and the administration, Dr. Bryan R. Cole, associate dean of the College of Education, said.

The council meets with Cole three to four times a semester to share any concerns from undergraduate students in the departments of educational curriculum instruction, health and physical education and industrial education.

At the graduate level, these

three departments plus educational administration, educational psychology and interdisciplinary education have representatives to the advisory council.

Because of the small size of the College of Medicine — 32 students in each of two classes — Associate Dean William E. Ward said students have no problem getting in to see the deans.

"Whether their problems are personal or otherwise, we're here to help them," he said.

Small group meetings are held with the students to identify and discuss problems, Ward said.

Dr. George C. Shelton, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, said since this college is also comparatively small, student-administration communication is not a major problem.

"Our door is always open," he said. "We communicate directly whatever way we can."

A student-faculty relations committee meets regularly, he said, and any problems or concerns identified are dealt with by the committee.

"We maintain an attitude of responding to students' needs," Shelton said.

Mexico slashes budget to fight economic woes

United Press International
MEXICO CITY — Mexico has launched a radical new economic program to slash government spending in the wake of sagging world oil prices and soaring domestic inflation.

President Jose Lopez Portillo ordered the 12-point plan into action Wednesday, slashing the 1982 federal budget of \$72 billion by 8 percent — or \$5.76 billion — and imposing new tariffs to raise \$3.2 billion for the depleted public coffers.

The measure also orders the government and private business to cut imports by \$3 billion this year in a move expected to have its biggest impact on the United States, Mexico's No. 1 trading partner.

The government hopes the belt-tightening will ease inflation, which rose at a 54 percent annual rate during the first three months of this year,

and restore public confidence lost because of the devaluation, economists said.

The economic crisis has been brewing since 1976 when oil supply cuts and demand and forced the world fourth largest crude oil producer to raise prices to keep from losing.

The plan also demands:

- A halt to all non-essential public works.
- A limit of \$11 billion in new foreign debt, which totals about \$70 billion.

Mexico's foreign debt is the highest in the world.

Intervention in the exchange by the central bank to avoid gross overvaluations of the peso.

Economists said the dramatic drop in the dollar price during the year.

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UAW local blasts GM bonus plan

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DETROIT — Disturbed workers Thursday urged a day shutdown of the auto industry to protest a plan making for top brass to get bonuses.

Don Douglas, president of Local 594, said he was President Douglas' program urging a protest proposal "up to and including a large scale protest at the shareholders' meeting May 10, a complete shutdown of operations that day."

Douglas' local is the Locals Opposed to Contract a group that has opposed granting the automaker "giveback" contract. Their opposition scuttled a new \$3 billion concessions pact with Motors.

The pact was rejected in a narrow 52 percent vote.

UAW leaders vowed to fight a plan that it easier for executives to receive the large bonuses during profitable years. None has been paid since 1978.

The local leader said GM's top two executives received pay raises last year of 18 percent. That, he said, "only serves to force my belief that the rate profit mentality is 1," Douglas said.

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