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## UNC gets \$1,666,444 in federal money

# Medical, dental schools awarded funds

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The UNC Schools of Medicine and Dentistry have just been awarded \$1,666,444 in federal funds that neither may ever see. The grants, the last appropriations made under the Comprehensive Health Manpower Training Act of 1971, are to help defray the cost of increasing medical school enrollments by allotting funds to each school on a per capita basis.

The act, originally set up for three years to help fill a national need for more doctors and dentists, expired June 30. Bills are now pending in both houses of Congress that will either substitute a new program or scuttle the old one.

"The funds are crucial to our program and shouldn't be wiped out," said Medical School Dean Christopher Fordham, whose school is to receive \$1,086,686 of the allotment.

"We have been operating on the basis of a

10 per cent increase enrollment as provided by the 1971 Act," he added, "and we're hopeful some new program will take its place soon."

According to Dentistry School Dean Ray White, whose school is to receive \$579,758 in federal funding, the program represented "a considerable part of our operating expenses."

"When the 1971 Act was first passed, it was sort of understood by administrative people that they could count on this money as enrollments increased," he said. "At first there were also construction funds that supplemented the act, but Nixon wiped them out."

"This represents a considerable part of our operating expenses," he added, "and if we lose the funding, it's going to mean a severe blow to our program. We won't be able to absorb a 10 per cent increase in our enrollment next year because we won't have the facilities."

The Nixon administration has so far opposed blanket funding of medical schools and has taken the position that tuition increases should absorb increases in costs.

HEW officials have suggested that programs rather than students be funded to solve problems of poor distribution of doctors, minority recruitment, and imbalances in medical specialties.

"The federal government attempted to underwrite the cost of health education but

found it expensive," White said, "and the states are unwilling to do this on their own. As for solving our own problems, we've come a long way, but we still have a long way to go."

## Two department chairmen named

Two new chairmen have been named for University departments; Dr. William H. Melson has been appointed chairman of the Department of Radio, Television and Motion Pictures (RTVMP) and Dr. Dorothy M. Talbot is the new head of the School of Public Health's Department of Public Health Nursing.

Melson succeeds Dr. Wesley Wallace, RTVMP chairman since 1963. Wallace will continue full-time teaching.

Melson joined the RTVMP faculty in

1969 after receiving his Ph.D. in psychology and his M.A. in mass communications, both from UNC. Since 1970, he has served as an assistant and associate dean of the UNC graduate school.

Talbot was formerly the head of the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine's Public Health Nursing Section at Tulane University. She holds the B.S.N. degree from Texas Women's University at Denton; a diploma from Jefferson Medical College School of

Nursing, Philadelphia; the M.A. degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, N.Y.; and a Ph.D. from Tulane University.

In 1964, she was awarded a World Health Organization Travel Fellowship.

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