

Housing shortage hits Carolina

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The University is overenrolled this fall by 450 students, causing overcrowded conditions in dormitories for nearly 1,300 students, most of whom are freshmen.

Most of the students affected will be living three per room in rooms designed for two people. Others will be living four per room or in groups of five to 10 in recreational rooms, basements or study rooms of dormitories.

Robert F. Kepner, director of the UNC Office of Residence Life, said Friday all North Campus dormitories will be overcrowded with 20 to 35 per cent extra residents, but only Parker, Teague and Avery will be affected on South Campus.

About 30 men are on the waiting list for dormitory rooms, Kepner said, but spaces are expected to be found for them "as soon as possible." He said most of

those on the waiting list are returning students who did not make arrangements last year.

Hinton James Dormitory, which was scheduled to have five co-educational floors, will now have seven coed floors because of the housing shortage among women, Kepner said.

He said he expects all social room facilities to be cleared before classes and the housing shortage to be eliminated by spring semester.

Administrators and students agree the overcrowding will have adverse effects on the students involved.

"Too few people realize the magnitude of the crisis we have," said Steve Saunders, chairman of the Residence College Federation (RCF).

"So far most people have been more concerned with where people will be living than with what psychological conditions they will have to live in," Saunders said, adding:

"There will be much more personal

stress and tension than we normally have. We must realize this and work to alleviate the problems."

Kepner said he does not feel the overcrowding will seriously affect the residence college programs, but "it cannot help but make life for those students affected more cramped."

"It will require more patience and understanding," he said.

Students living in overcrowded rooms will pay ten percent less room rent, but student leaders said they felt the room rent should be even less for those rooms.

Male University housing residents normally pay about \$150 per semester, and with the 10 per cent reduction in rent, those in overcrowded rooms will pay about \$135.

This makes the total rent for an overcrowded room about \$405 compared to the normal rent of about \$300.

Joe Stallings, president of the student body, and his advisor on residence life, Robert Wilson, said the rent should be

reduced by a third "so that the University would get the same amount as for a normal room."

Kepner said additional expenses for the overcrowded dorms require that the room rent not be any lower. "We are having to buy facilities, move furniture and pay extra maintenance costs," he said.

Stallings said, "The University should take a loss on those rooms where they have more people than the room was built for."

This year's housing shortage is more critical than the year when the University faced the worst housing crisis since World War II.

Student leaders were extremely critical of University housing and admissions policies which they say are responsible for the overenrollment.

"I think it [overenrollment] is very obviously a mistake in the acceptance policy," Stallings said.

"The University is going to have to

revamp its admissions formula," he said. "It should have been obvious this was going to happen after last year."

Wilson said a permanent housing policy should be developed requiring only freshmen to live in University housing.

A.R. Strickland, assistant director of undergraduate admissions, said he was not sure whether there would be a change in admissions policies, but "I am sure there has been talk of some changes."

Strickland said a few of those who have been admitted to the University "will not show up this fall, but I seriously doubt this will alleviate the housing shortage very much."

The present admissions policy provides that more than "the desired number" of students will be admitted since the admissions office expects some of those admitted to cancel and attend other schools.

In a letter to entering freshmen in June, Richard G. Cashwell, director of undergraduate admissions, said:

"As a normal procedure, this office admits beyond the number of desired students, expecting a certain number of admitted students to cancel and attend elsewhere."

"The number of students accepting our offer was far greater than anticipated and we are facing an overenrollment of some 500 students."

Cashwell was out-of-town and not available for comment on any planned changes in admissions policies.

This year's housing policy requires only freshmen to live in University housing. However, until last spring, sophomores and junior transfers were required to live on campus.

The policy was changed last spring to allow junior transfers to live off-campus, and the policy was again changed during final exams last semester to allow sophomores to live off campus. Neither of the changes are permanent.

Sitterson remains acting chancellor

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J. Carlyle Sitterson will remain as UNC chancellor through the fall semester of this year.

The uncertainty over the future of state-supported education in North Carolina led Consolidated University President William C. Friday to request that Sitterson remain at his post for a semester past his original resignation date, Sept. 1.

Friday announced in the middle of July that Sitterson had accepted his request to remain as chancellor of the largest campus of the Consolidated University rather than to put a new man into the confusion surrounding the restructuring.

"President Friday and I agreed that it would be unfair to place an inexperienced person in a position that is now so uncertain," Sitterson said after he agreed to the additional semester in the chancellor's spot.

Friday mentioned another reason for not appointing a new chancellor for UNC late last spring when his choice for the spot was first expected to be announced. He said then that the man who was to be chosen for the spot could very well depend on the type of administration structure within which he will function as the chief executive of this campus.

The search for a new chancellor began in the summer of 1970 when Sitterson announced that he would resign from the post, effective Sept. 1, 1971, and return to teaching history.

President Friday appointed an advisory committee in the fall of 1970 to accept nominations for chancellor and to submit a list of not more than three names to him as their recommendations.

The committee was composed of representatives from all segments of the University community, including faculty, administration, students, alumni, staff and trustees. The committee requested—and received—nominations for the post

from many members of the University and interested North Carolina citizens from across the state.

After several months of deliberation the committee submitted three names to Friday in the late spring as their recommendations for the post. Initially, observers expected Friday to present his choice for chancellor to the full Board of Trustees at their May meeting for their almost certain approval.

But then came the Warren Commission report on restructuring the higher education system and deconsolidating the University.

The uncertainty and confusion over the future of the Consolidated University was reaching a tenuous stage both in the General Assembly and in the entire state by the time the Trustees met May 25. President Friday made no recommendation for a new chancellor at that meeting.

The deconsolidation fight raged through the long session of the legislature until a motion was made and approved to consider the restructuring issue in a special session of the legislature, allowing the General Assembly to move on to other business and end its regular session.

The special session of the General Assembly is now set to begin Oct. 26, one day after the regular meeting of the full University Board of Trustees.

That special session of the Legislature may decide the future structure of all state-supported higher educational institutions, or, if some opponents of deconsolidation of the Consolidated University have their way, delay any such move until the 1973 session of the General Assembly.

President Friday will await the decision of the state legislature before he makes any further moves on appointing a new chancellor.

"If action is indicated (following the special legislature session), it will be taken appropriately," Friday said in an interview before the opening of the fall semester.

Assembly meets Oct. 26

Deconsolidation session slated

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The N.C. General Assembly will meet in a special session on Oct. 26 to discuss deconsolidation of the Consolidated University of North Carolina.

The special session was agreed upon by Gov. Robert Scott and State Sen. John J. Burney (D-New Hanover) during the final weeks of the 1971 General Assembly. Burney was prepared at that time to introduce a bill which would put off consideration of Scott's proposals until the 1973 General Assembly.

Burney had 28 of the 50 senators and 55 of the 120 House members as co-signers of his bill.

The compromise effected means the



Registration is one of the more exciting happenings in a University student's life. The long lines, the closed-out courses, the filling out of forms, the car registration—all under the heading of matriculation. (Staff photo by Johnny Lindahl)

Registration

Long lines await student body

A process of waiting in long lines begins when students pick up their registration and course schedule forms, go through drop-add and finally pay their tuition and fees.

New students receive registration instructions from their orientation counselors. Freshmen, transfer and other new students must have an "Admit to Woollen Gym" appointment card and a "Permit to Register" card to be admitted to the gym for registration.

Old and new students who have not registered must obtain a permit from their deans. An admit to Woollen Gym card can be obtained at the booth at the front of the gym. Students will receive further instructions once they get inside the gym.

Old students who have preregistered

should present the white card they received at preregistration at the Women's Gym. If a student has lost his card, he must fill out a new card at the gym. Further instructions and forms to fill out will be presented at the gym.

ID validation stickers will be included in the registration envelope for all students who preregistered. "If a student has lost his ID, he can receive authorization for another ID in the gym at the same time," said Ben Perry, assistant director of records and registration. There is a charge for a second ID.

Students may pay tuition and fees in the gym at the same time. Payment is due at registration and must be paid by the end of the first week of classes, Sept. 10,

in the cashier's office in Bynum Hall.

Any student who is receiving a scholarship, loan or work-study grant should go by the Student Aid Office and check on his payment procedures. "There are so many different sorts of payment plans that a student should find out which one he is under," said M.E. Woodard, University cashier.

Another line begins with drop-add. Drop-add for pre-registered students only will be held in Woollen Gym on Sept. 1. A student must show his blue copy of the registration form at the door in order to be admitted to drop-add.

The regular drop-add period will run from Thursday, Sept. 2 through Wednesday, Sept. 8, except Sept. 4, 5, or 6.



John Lawrence, Jack Whaley and Stewart Walker (L to R) sat outside Mangum Dormitory Saturday night putting on their own private concert. It didn't end until Sunday morning. (Staff photo by John Gellman)