

Enrollment may remain stable

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While other colleges in the state face cutbacks in enrollment, the number of

students at UNC is expected to remain stable, UNC Registrar Lillian Lehman said last week.

Questions about potential future enrollment problems at UNC have been raised by the recent announcement that North Carolina State University will cut enrollment next year because of economic problems.

Although it is difficult to predict what will happen in the future, Lehman said, enrollment here will probably remain at its current level of approximately 20,000 until at least 1980.

"We would like to see the quality of programs go up and not the quantity of students," she said.

Lehman said UNC sets enrollment target levels each year and tries to stay within two per cent of that projection.

Enrollment this year slightly exceeded the projection, although the number of new students admitted remained the same. Lehman said the increase in enrollment resulted from more juniors and seniors returning to school than had been anticipated.

Enrollment predictions are difficult to make since the number of students who drop out of school cannot be estimated accurately, she explained.

Lehman said that UNC Director of Undergraduate Admissions Richard Cashwell has done a good job in keeping enrollment within limits.

Cashwell said that once the target level of enrollment is reached, the admissions office stops enrolling students.

But it seems that other schools in the system are having problems controlling enrollment. Raymond Dawson, consolidated university vice-president, said 12 of the 16 schools in the university system are faced with enrollment problems.

"We have had over-enrollment system-wide," he said recently, adding that over-enrollment is more acute at North Carolina State, East Carolina University and UNC at Greensboro.

N.C. State recently had to curtail enrollment for next year because the school no longer has enough money to maintain its enrollment, which has increased steadily over the past several years.

As a result, N.C. State's acting Chancellor Jackson Rigney announced recently that new student enrollment at the school will be reduced so that total enrollment will level off at this year's level of approximately 17,000.

The state General Assembly allots money to each of the 16 schools in the University of North Carolina system on the basis of the number of students enrolled at each school. But now the state is simply unable to provide enough money to keep up with increased admissions, Rigney said.

Consolidated university President William C. Friday said the general administration has the enrollment problems under serious consideration.

While many schools face over-enrollment problems, a recent study by an educational consulting firm predicts that college enrollment will drop in the near future.

Enrollment in four-year colleges nationwide will drop from a current 1.1 million to 836,000 by 1990, according to predictions released by the firm, Education and Economics Systems, Inc. of Boulder, Colo.

The study predicts that the number of high school students applying to college will drop by nearly 18 per cent.

But demographic studies such as this are subject to question, Lehman said, adding that she does not know how these projections might affect North Carolina.

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Despite an 18-day extension of its deadline, the United Fund of Chapel Hill-Carrboro has fallen \$22,119.19 short of its \$150,000 goal, United Fund Director Betty Hutton said Monday.

That goal was based on last year's successful drive, which sought to collect \$142,000 and ultimately collected \$148,000.

"I am disappointed," Hutton said. "The agencies we fund are obviously disappointed because they, in turn, will have to make do with less."

The United Fund channels monies into 20 area social service agencies, including four day care centers, the YMCA and Y Teens, scouting, Switchboard, Neighborhood House, the Orange County Mental Health Association and the Red Cross.

Although the United Fund Board of Directors will decide how the shortfall of funds will be absorbed, Hutton said she thinks each agency will receive a proportional reduction in its request.

"If the goal were 10 per cent off, each agency would probably receive 10 per cent less than requested," she said.

Hutton estimated that approximately \$10,000 more should be collected in money

that has not yet been turned in by drive workers and in unreturned pledge cards. The total collected by late Monday afternoon was \$127,880.81.

"The campaign got off to a slow start," Hutton said, explaining the shortfall. "It seems that some people still haven't been reached."

"The average gift from people at the University is less," Hutton said. She cited the lack of a pay raise this year and "no promise of higher salaries for next year in a time of higher prices" as the reasons University contributions were smaller.

The fund normally extends its deadlines before ending the drive. In 1973, when the fund fell between \$6,000 and \$7,000 short of its goal, the deadline was extended into January.

"The Board of Directors seemed to think this (extension to Dec. 1) was long enough," Hutton said.

Although the fund drive officially ended Monday, the United Fund is still accepting contributions, Hutton said. Contributions should be mailed to P.O. Box 845 or brought by Room 21 in the NCNB Plaza, she said.

Nuclear power

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Children's Medical Center in Boston, indicated each of the wastes individually. "Less than one-millionth of a gram of plutonium is enough to produce lung cancer if it's inhaled in the form of aerosol particles," she said.

Exposure to plutonium can also cause leukemia and genetic damage, Caldicott said. "It takes 20 years for cancer to be produced and two to five years for leukemia to develop. This is the thing the nuclear industrialists are not talking about."

Caldicott said two other dangerous products of nuclear fission are Strontium 90, which can cause bone diseases, and

radioactive iodine, which can cause cancer

If nuclear wastes are not separated, they must be stored away from possible exposure to humans and the environment, and Caldicott maintains that no stable, sealable storage site exists.

But Dr. Dixy Lee Ray, former chairperson of the now-defunct Atomic Energy Commission (forerunner of NRC and ERDA), said in an October speech at Duke University that reprocessed wastes need not be feared.

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