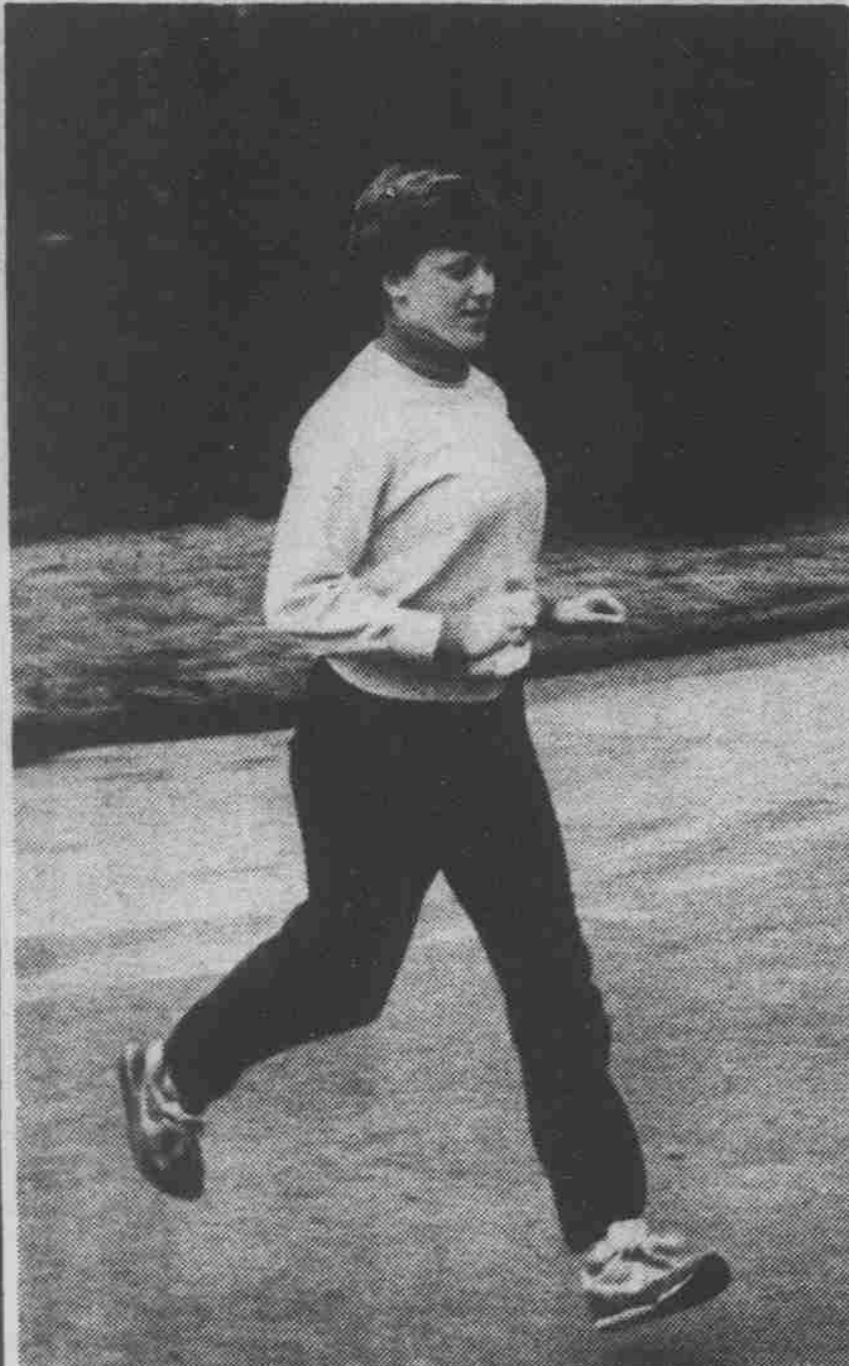


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*Despite the University's efforts to provide orientation, transfer students encounter problems adjusting during the initial months of life as the old-but-n-*

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Transfer student Debbie Ford; a senior, takes time off for her daily run; junior transfer Lisa Simmons works as a disc jockey at campus radio station WXYC-FM.

1975. In 1975, 909 transfer students were enrolled; in 1976, the number dropped to 801; in the fall of 1977, transfer enrollment rose to 881; in 1978 it dropped to 855; and in 1979 transfer enrollment was back up to 884.

Margaret Folger, assistant director of admissions at UNC, said the number of transfers admitted was determined by the projected enrollment and total number of students admitted to Carolina. For summer and fall 1979, 2,568 transfer students applied for admission, 1,360 were accepted and 884 enrolled. For next fall, Folger said, admissions officials want about 3,200 freshmen and 862 transfer students to enroll.

"There's still more competition among out-of-state applicants than for North Carolina residents, because a maximum of 15 percent of all those admitted can be from out of state," Folger said. Competition for admission also may be keener among applicants for health affairs, business administration, journalism, education and other specialized programs, she said.

Admissions criteria for transfer students also differ from those used to select entering freshmen. College board scores are used only for advising purposes after a transfer student is admitted, Folger said.

"We use their (transfer students') grades from previous college work," Folger said. "And in some

cases it (admission) may depend on the courses taken, too."

Although students may transfer to Carolina from any accredited college or university, applicants whose transcripts show that a large number of credit hours would not be transferrable are warned that they would lose credit hours if they enrolled at UNC, Folger said. Also, students who are not accepted for enrollment as freshmen may be advised as to what courses to take at other institutions to increase their chances of being accepted as junior transfers.

*'I wanted both sides of the coin; I wanted the small-school atmosphere, and I wanted the advantages of a large university.'*

Lisa Simmons

"For most in-state schools we have outlines of what courses they can take which would be comparable to what they would be taking here," she said.

Because the number of applications always exceeds the number of spaces available for transfer students, Carolina does not need to do much recruiting of these students, Folger said.

"We do go to the community colleges and sponsor a college-day program like those we sponsor for incoming freshmen," she said.

Keeping track of students who transfer from Carolina to other colleges or universities is difficult because the University has no way of knowing what happens to students who do not return, research official Sanford said. Since 1974, however, UNC has been required by the federal government to survey students who drop out to determine those students' reasons for leaving school. Sanford said no consistent trends could be determined by the survey because the format of the questionnaire sent to non-returning students was changed after three years. Response to a survey of students who entered Carolina in fall 1978, however, showed that of 133 respondents, 101 transferred to other colleges or universities before fall 1979.

"Most of the reasons why people leave would lead you to believe they transferred," Sanford said. "Among new entering students you find a large degree of disillusionment with the size of the University.

"Also, about 30 to 40 percent of those who drop out every year say they plan to return at some time in the future," he said. "The numbers (of students who drop out) really are fairly small—there doesn't seem to be any widespread dissatisfaction."

Deadlines for junior transfer applications are in February, as are those for entering freshmen, but acceptance of transfers continues until quotas are filled, Folger said. Because students may be accepted in late summer, there often is not enough time to make contact with the student before he or she comes to Carolina.

"We invite them to attend optional summer orientation—Tar Heel days," said Roslyn Hartmann, assistant director for student development within the Division of Student Affairs. "At that point you can't do too much academic counseling because a lot of their (transfer student's) records haven't



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