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High frosh enrollment hits housing

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Bryan Murray found out about his triple about four days before arriving at UNC. The freshman from Nags Head is one of many newcomers who have found themselves overcrowded this fall. "We all get along — everyone is considerate so far," he said. "The biggest drag is you never get an empty room for entertaining guests."

A freshman enrollment larger than expected by the UNC Admissions office has caused overcrowding in the assignment of some 175 freshmen to temporary housing on campus. Included in that are assignments to study rooms in many residence halls and triples in high-rise dormitories on South Campus.

Figures on the exact class size and number accommodated in housing change constantly. As of last Thursday, the end of freshmen enrollment, the class size was 3,291, said Tony Strickland, admissions officer in charge of freshmen. "We had hoped for something around 3,225."

Fewer freshmen were admitted this year than last, yet more enrolled. "11,794 applications were received for the freshman class, and 5,090 total were admitted. Based on last year's figures, 3,179 would enroll," Strickland said. "We expect between 62 and 63 percent to enroll on admissions. It hasn't varied much from year to year."

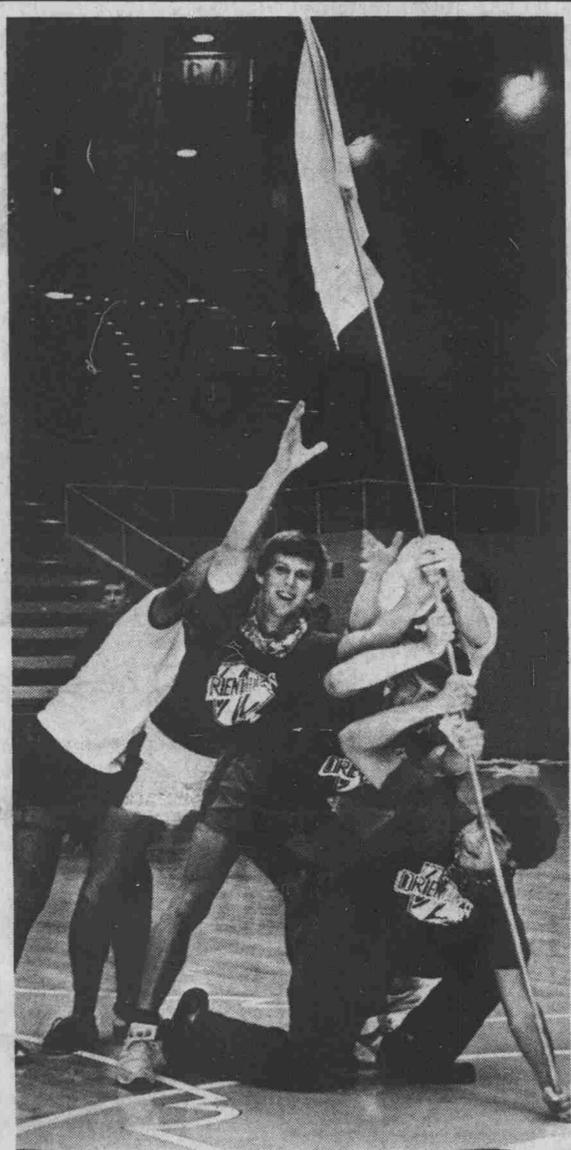
Strickland noted a higher rate of enrollment in out-of-state students, namely children of alumni. "For that group, the number of accepted applicants enrolling went up 25 percent." Out-of-state children of alumni are considered under the same criteria as in-state students.

"We accepted 80 less out-of-state students in general and have 10 more coming than last year. That's most unusual," Strickland said. He noted that the enrollment of non-alumni students from out-of-state remained about the same.

Strickland cited the economic situation as the main reason for increased enrollment. He also credited notoriety gained from sports and the press in general, including *The New York Times Guide to Colleges*.

Figures for the resultant housing crunch also vary from hour to hour. "We don't

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Raising the flag

Orientation counselors from Henderson Residence College claim the territory of center court in Carmichael Auditorium, home of the national champion Tar Heels.

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Dorm cooking policy causing controversy

By PAM DUNCAN
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The new University housing policy that limits cooking in residence hall rooms to low heat appliances and enclosed high heat appliances has drawn much controversy at UNC. Although the policy will not be final until the spring semester, Residence Hall Association President Scott Templeton said that educative enforcement would begin this semester.

While administrators in and connected with the housing department seem in agreement on the need for the policy change, RHA and Student Government — two of the most influential student groups on campus — are not.

Student Body President Mike Vandenberg said he felt the University had not explored all the options in the issue of cooking in dormitory rooms, while RHA has endorsed the decision to make the policy change since the North Carolina Department of Insurance recommended to restrict cooking in the rooms at UNC.

In a letter to Russell Perry, associate director of operations for University housing, Deputy Insurance Commissioner Ken Dixon said the rising use of high heat appliances had increased their fire losses.

"Therefore, this department is recommending that all such appliances as hot plates, deep fat fryers and electric fry pans be prohibited in student rooms," Dixon wrote in the letter.

In April, a grease fire in Aycock Residence Hall caused about \$800 worth of fire and smoke damage and was "30 seconds to one minute away from disaster," said Jody Harpster, acting director of University housing at UNC.

Steve Flury, UNC fire and safety officer emphasized that no one wanted to cut out cooking in the rooms altogether. "I don't. The concern is to phase out the kind of cooking that is a fire hazard," he said. "What the safety office is concerned with is grease and deep fat cooking."

The University's alternative to restricting cooking in the rooms was to install smoke alarms and fire extinguishers in each room, Harpster said. That would cost about \$50,000 per building, Flury said.

The possibility of very high damage and injury or death occurring in a dormitory where they have cooking in the rooms with grease is very real, said Jim Roberts of the State Department of Insurance.

The decision to change the cooking policy for residence halls was made this summer by an ad hoc Student Affairs Committee on Residence Hall Safety. The committee consisted of Area Directors for residence halls, Harpster, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Donald Boulton, James Cansler, associate vice chancellor for student affairs, assistant vice chancellors Edith Elliott and Sherry Morrison, Templeton, and Maria Long and Max Smart, RHA representatives.

The ad hoc committee was pulled together to respond to a crisis situation, Harpster said, although they never met together at the same time. "It's a big change to make without the students here," he said.

A letter describing the new cooking policy was sent to all residence hall residents the first week of August. The Student

Affairs Committee drafted the letter on July 12 in order to give students time to call or write in their reactions to the policy change, Harpster said.

But he said several delays "prevented the letters from being mailed on time."

As a result of this lack of student input, the administration agreed to use only warnings and educational means to develop their enforcement of the cooking policy during the fall semester, Harpster said. "During the spring semester, we would utilize regular disciplinary procedures, which can mean the termination of a room contract," he said.

In the memorandum sent to all dormitory residents, Boulton said, "The restriction on certain appliances was made with the intention of limiting dangerous cooking practices without removing cooking in the room as a viable food option."

The memorandum also stated that the matter would be discussed with the Housing Advisory Board, the Food Service Advisory Committee, Student Government and RHA.

Residents were required to sign a copy of the memorandum upon arrival at their residence hall, Harpster said. He said the document did not say the student agreed with the new policy, but that they had read and understood it.

The housing department and RHA plan to further explain the new policy to students. All resident assistants have been instructed to explain the new cooking policy and the dangers of the prohibited appliances to all residents, Harpster said. The residence halls will also offer to store the appliances for the residents, he said.

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COOKING APPLIANCES APPROVED AND NOT APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Approved	Not Approved
toaster oven	open coil burners (hot plate)
microwave oven	closed coil burners
convection oven	deep fat fryer
toaster	electric fry pan
low heat (200 F) warming tray	hot oil popcorn popper
hot-dogger (steam)	electric wok
hot air popcorn popper	electric crepe maker
Crock Pot	electric waffle iron
slow cooker	electric grill
blender	electric griddle
electric mixer	slow cooker convertible to grill
food processor	electric hamburger cooker
can opener	indoor grill or open broiler
coffee-maker	
hot pot	
Any enclosed high heat appliance (like toaster ovens) or low heat appliances.	Any appliance (high heat) capable of heating grease to a burning point.

Atmosphere, beauty bloom with "Flower ladies"

By SHARON SHERIDAN
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The women sit in the alley near the Intimate Bookshop and inside NCNB Plaza on Franklin Street with their wares at their feet and the population of Chapel Hill going by them.

Peasants drop a smile or word of greeting as they walk past. Some stop to ask a question or make a purchase from them, the "flower ladies" of Chapel Hill. Practically a town institution, the ladies offer homegrown flowers for a few dollars a bunch.

"They are two and three [dollars]," explained Hattie, who sells in the alley, "and some of 'em, if they're dressed real nice, you can get \$3.50 for them."

The flowers — varieties like bachelor buttons, snow-on-the-mountain, marigolds, straw flowers, zinnias, asters, snapdragons, and rooster combs — are arranged and settled in metal cans of water for the public to examine. Beside their chairs, the ladies keep newspapers in which to wrap purchases.

On a Wednesday morning, you can watch Hattie set up shop. Her children help carry things from the car and after they leave she takes a broom and attacks the dead leaves and debris that have settled in her spot.

"I come about two days a week — Wednesdays and Fridays," she said. "I come two seasons a year — spring and fall." She said she has been selling flowers for about 20 years. "But not regular," she said, "just off and on."

Hattie brings a raincoat with her, in case of inclement weather, but she prefers selling in the alley of the NCNB Plaza, where several women can be found at a time.

"I can't sell any flowers down there," she explained. "There's too many [people selling them]."

At one time the ladies sold their flowers on the streets, but a town ordinance changed that.

"They can't stand on the streets anymore," said Maureen Master, an employee at the Intimate

Bookshop, "and a lot of people got upset about that."

"We can't issue a vending license to sell on the street," said David Roberts, a Chapel Hill Town Clerk and Revenue Collector. But the ladies were given permission to continue sales anywhere back off of the street, Roberts said. They can sell on private property if they have a letter of permission from the owner.

"They're not as much a part of Chapel Hill as they used to be," said Neill Pons, a freshman from Chapel Hill. "It's too bad they don't let them stay out there anymore."

For some of the ladies, however, the move was not all bad.

"We like it better in here," said Mallie Allison, who sells in NCNB Plaza. "We can come on down when it's cold or whatever, and it doesn't bother us."

Allison has been selling flowers for about 25 years. Although she sells next to other women, each lady is in business strictly for herself. They grow and arrange the flowers themselves.

Both Hattie and Allison said that growing the flowers is expensive.

"Oh, it's a lot of work, you can say, you can bet that," said Hattie. "This is my last year. I'm tired of it. And I don't make enough money from the flowers to help, so, I'm just going in the hole."

"It just really about working me to death, so I'm gonna let it go. I might raise a few to look at."

Hattie enjoys meeting people when she's selling. "The people are so courteous," she said. She said the "flower ladies" have seen a lot of foreigners during the last couple of years. "They've been buying real good from us," she said.

At first, she said, these people weren't very friendly. "They acted like they were afraid of brown-skinned folks. But now they is in the talking mood."

According to Allison, the students are the biggest buyers.

"Each week my roommate and I took turns buying them," said Ruffin resident assistant Anne Shoulers.

"It was in the summer and it just put us in a good mood."

Neither Hattie nor Allison could say how many bunches of flowers they sell a day. "I never sell out," Hattie said. She just arranges the flowers before her for the public to examine and choose from.

"What they love, they pick," she said. "It's kind of like a farmer with vegetables. So, I just fix them and try to fix them nice and neat so they can pick their choice."

"They're beautiful," said Dorne Pentes as she stopped to examine the flowers in NCNB Plaza. "God's greatest gift is the flowers, I think."

"I'm really glad they're still here," said Pons, who lived in Chapel Hill until she was 12. She then moved to Atlanta, but spent summers in Chapel Hill. "I can remember being really young and begging my mother to buy some every time we walked by."

"Here there's only a florist where you can get arrangements," she said. The "flower ladies" sell different kinds of flowers than the florists do. "But I like them better," she said.

Local florists claim they are not bothered by the "flower ladies" and do not believe them to be any real competition.

"I think that both of us do render a service for the public," said Selenah Huffman, an employee at University Florist. "Of course, we deliver, which is a service they don't offer."

"They're not competition for us," said Pansy Flynt, an employee at Flynt's Florist. "They're not a florist. They don't have the services that a florist can give you." She said, "a flower lady is like the man selling cotton candy and popcorn on the corner. She's not a business."

"They have what you call yard flowers. We sell strictly first quality flowers."

"I would hate to see them go," Master said, "because it's one of the things that makes Chapel Hill unique."

Financial aid : some checks will be late

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About 2,000 UNC students who have received financial aid packages this year may be in for a surprise when they try to pick up their checks this week.

According to Eleanor Morris, director of the UNC Student Aid office, about 2,100 students had not acknowledged their aid packages by the August 11 deadline, and so will have to wait until at least next week to receive their checks.

"About 1,900 checks will be ready for students to begin picking up on Monday, and an additional 1,300 will be ready for the second disbursement on September 2," Morris said last week.

The remaining 800 students will be able to pick up their checks six business days after they have notified the Student Aid office.

Another 5,000 students did not apply for financial aid until after the March 1 deadline, about 2,500 of which Morris estimated would be eligible for aid.

"We've just begun processing those applications, so those checks won't be ready until sometime in October." But Morris did say that ineligible students had been notified.

"It's so important to apply on time," she said. "I could understand if a beginning freshman missed a deadline, but there's no excuse for upperclassmen who've been through this before."

She predicted that by the March deadline all UNC grant and scholarship

funds would already have been expended to earlier applicants.

The delays in applications and acceptances would not have affected the process so severely if the aid office had had as much time to process applications as it usually has had, Morris said. But the federal government regulations defining eligibility parameters were not released to colleges and universities until June 15.

"This gave us less than two months to process all of our applications," Morris said. "We weren't nearly so short on money as we were on time."

The complexity of the application process also hampered efficiency. This year for the first time, income and expense figures on each application had to be matched with corresponding tax form figures.

"Not only was this step very time consuming, but each time there was a discrepancy between the forms, the entire application had to be sent back to the student, who then began the process all over again."

This additional step involved hundreds of students, Morris said.

In addition to student aid processed by UNC, Morris said about 2,500 students would be receiving financial assistance through the Guaranteed Student Loan program. GSLs are processed by a student's home state, and the student's loan check is then sent to the school for disbursement.

Only about fifty GSL checks have arrived at the student aid office so far, Morris said.