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Report presents data on UNC freshmen

By AMY WAJDA
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This year's average UNC freshman scored higher on the SAT, is more likely to be from North Carolina and is more likely to be a minority student than a freshman of a year ago, according to UNC-system President C.D. Spangler's 1988 enrollment report, presented to the UNC Board of Governors Friday.

In-state freshmen average combined SAT scores rose from 1083 to 1084. Out-of-state freshmen scores jumped from 1179 to 1189, the report said.

The rise in out-of-state scores was due to an increase in out-of-state

applicants, said Barbara Polk, associate director of undergraduate admissions.

"We had more out-of-state students applying," Polk said. "The competition was stiffer."

The average combined SAT scores of in-state freshmen in the UNC system is up from 922 in 1987 to 935 in 1988. The average combined SAT scores of out-of-state freshmen in the system is up from 972 to 998, the report said.

The average combined score of North Carolina high school students taking the SAT last year was 841. The national average was 904.

Out-of-state freshman enrollment

dropped from 17.5 percent to 17.1 percent at UNC-CH, but this does not reflect an ongoing downward trend in out-of-state enrollment, Polk said.

"Basically what we are shooting for is 18 percent," she said.

Enrollment of out-of-state freshmen in the UNC system dropped from 3,574 to 3,311, a decrease from 16.5 percent to 15.2 percent. This is the lowest out-of-state percentage since 1981, when it was 14.9 percent, the report said.

The overall number of first-time freshmen and the number of both in- and out-of-state freshmen at UNC-CH rose over the last year, the report

said. Minority enrollment went up both at UNC-CH and in the UNC system as a whole. Enrollment of blacks at UNC-CH is up from 1,703 to 1,838, an increase from 7.48 percent to 7.83 percent of the whole campus.

American Indian enrollment at UNC-CH increased from 127 to 131. The percentage remained at 0.56 percent, however.

The enrollment of black students in the UNC system is up to 24,850 this year, an increase of 3.2 percent over last year. Enrollment of American Indian students in the UNC

UNC FRESHMEN STATISTICS

	IN-STATE			
	Total Freshmen	In-State	Percent of Total	Average SAT
1987	3151	2599	82.5	1083
1988	3293	2729	82.9	1084
	OUT-OF-STATE			
	Total Freshmen	Out-of-State	Percent of Total	Average SAT
1987	3151	552	17.5	1179
1988	3293	564	17.1	1189

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Transit authority plan suggested to council

By KATHRYNE TOVO
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A plan to create a regional transportation authority in Orange, Wake and Durham counties was presented to the Chapel Hill Town Council Monday night.

The proposal was written by a subcommittee of the Transportation Advisory Committee, which is made up of representatives from Durham, Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Raleigh.

Patrick Simmons, the assistant director of the state Public Transportation Division, said the proposal was created because now there is no single unit of government which is responsible for public transportation.

The goal of the Public Transit Authority Subcommittee is to create an independent authority which will be accessible and responsible to the local governments, Simmons said.

The creation of a Public Regional Transit Authority is necessary because of the continuous population growth which has heightened the need for mobility, he said.

"The region is moving towards a new center and it is important to have a transportation system which will cut across city boundaries," Simmons

said. "There is a need for a new entity whose sole purpose is to plan and provide services which will begin to link the region."

There are a full range of public transportation options that the authority could implement, including arranging carpools between the participating counties and providing access between Raleigh-Durham International Airport and the towns, he said.

"The area is characterized by cross-commuting, and in the early years the project would create linkages between the communities and concentrate on getting a handle on those patterns," Simmons said.

Long-term plans include the possible creation of a light rail system, a modern version of a street trolley which utilizes existing rail corridors and runs along at "grade level" along the street.

After the proposal is presented to the other local governments in the three counties in the region, the Public Transit Authority Subcommittee will reconvene and consider the suggestions the local boards have made, Simmons said.

The proposal will then be submitted to the Technical Coordinating Committees and finally to the Transportation Advisory Committee. After this review process, the resolution will go back to the local boards for endorsement, he said.

Finally, the proposal will be submitted to the legislature for approval.

The proposal as written by the subcommittee consists of a series of options regarding governing and financing the proposed public transportation authority.

Council member David Pasquini said when the proposal is resubmitted to the council, it should include a list of positive and negative effects that it might have on the town.

Council member Jim Wallace said, "There is an overboard and an underboard in this whole thing, and we must preserve and conserve what we have."

"The University and the town of Chapel Hill are in the position to do both, and we must proceed with caution in relation to this matter, but that is not to say that we should not proceed at all."



DTH/David Surowiecki

Tradition on stage

A local dance troupe performs authentic Palestinian dances Monday night in Great Hall

as the second day of Human Rights Week activities neared its end.

Alumnus discusses communism

By HELEN JONES
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Racial and social inequality and U.S. foreign policy are still unresolved issues, and Americans must re-evaluate the country's direction, former Communist Party member Junius Scales said in a speech Monday night.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," said Scales, a 1947 UNC graduate. "History shows how it (liberty) can be bent, twisted and violated."

Scales, the only American ever to be imprisoned for membership in the Communist Party, spoke to an audience of about 275 in Hamilton Hall in a speech sponsored by the Union Special Projects Committee as part of Campus Y's Human Rights Week '88.

Scales, a Greensboro native, joined the New Communist Party in 1939 and became the only U.S. citizen to be convicted and to serve time in prison under the Smith Act, a law that made membership in a group that advocates the overthrow of the

Human Rights Week

government illegal.

He served 15 months of his six-year sentence in a maximum security federal penitentiary before U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy arranged to have President John F. Kennedy commute Scales' sentence in 1962.

Eleanor Roosevelt, Martin Luther King Jr., and poet W.H. Auden were among those who petitioned the Kennedy administration for his release, Scales said.

Scales said he was targeted for prosecution as a Communist Party member because of his prominence in the group, which was strong in North Carolina through its trade union clout.

His first conviction was overturned in a 5-4 Supreme Court decision on a technicality of the trial, but he was tried a second time on similar charges and convicted in 1960. The Greensboro trial climate "would have



Junius Scales

convicted me of just about anything," he said.

"They simply did a better job the next (second) time," Scales said. "They nailed me securely."

He does not regret the 18 years he spent as a member of the Communist Party in the 1940s and 1950s because of the progress the group made in fighting racism, he said.

"I think we made a significant contribution as precursors to the civil rights movement despite all of our weaknesses," Scales said.

But he also said he was mistaken in choosing to support the Communist Party in his efforts to improve the flaws he saw in American society.

The party's chief failure was its "goody-centered morality," which had a flexible quality that could be changed whenever party leaders wanted to justify their actions, Scales said.

He said he also became disillusioned with the Communist Party when its predictions of economic crises in capitalism after World War II never occurred.

Scales originally joined the Communist Party in 1939 because of the group's violent opposition to Nazism

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Board supports proposed institute for humanities

By AMY WAJDA
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UNC's Board of Governors last Friday approved a proposal to establish an Institute for Arts and Humanities at UNC-CH to help attract and retain outstanding faculty.

Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, called the approval of the institute an "upgrading of status" for the year-old Program for Arts and Humanities.

In an Oct. 14 memo, UNC-system President C.D. Spangler described the center as "a new approach for attracting, developing, and retaining outstanding faculty members through support of research and artistic work in an environment conducive to collaboration across disciplines."

The institute's main program is a faculty fellowship program. Each spring, all arts and humanities faculty members and most social sciences faculty members can submit a three-page description of a research project they wish to pursue for a semester, said Ruel Tyson, a professor of religious studies and head of the institute.

A 12-member board of "distinguished faculty members" reviews the applications, Tyson said.

Twelve faculty members were chosen as summer fellows, Tyson said. There are eight fellows this semester, and seven have been chosen for the spring semester.

The fellows meet once a week for a lunch where seminars are presented on their projects, Tyson said.

Giving a seminar to fellows from other disciplines creates a special teaching challenge for them, Tyson said.

"Since we can't rely on a person being from the same discipline, it places us in a special problem — to communicate what we are about in terms that are accessible to our colleagues," he said.

The seminar is "a wonderful rehearsal for teaching the new research that they have done as fellows in the classroom," Tyson said.

The institute will also sponsor research conferences and annual cultural events to present research results to the public. These events are a chance to "present to the public a public demonstration of what happens when you get the humanities faculty and fine arts faculty working out of a common base," Tyson said.

Last spring, the institute sponsored two films, a concert and a scholarly conference in conjunction with the PlayMakers Repertory Company's production of John Gay's "The Beggar's Opera."

Next April, the institute will sponsor a public event on "Multiple Cultures in the South," which Tyson called "a look at little-

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Students review candidates for post

By BETH RHEA
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Students have the opportunity to meet and evaluate candidates interviewing for the position of head of the Office of Student Counseling, officials said Monday.

The position has been vacant since January when former Associate Dean Hayden Renwick left to become assistant to the chancellor at Fayetteville State University.

The office serves as an academic and counseling service for UNC minority students.

Three candidates have been interviewed so far, and two others are yet to be interviewed, said Gillian Cell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. She said she was very pleased with the candidates who had been interviewed so far.

The search committee for the position has designated times for students to meet the candidates, said Mark Appelbaum, a committee member and UNC psychology professor.

The meetings have a dual purpose, he said. "They're for students to give

the committee feedback on the candidates, and for candidates to get a feel of who they would be dealing with," he said.

The meetings are helpful for the candidates as well as the students, Cell said. "They (the candidates) need as much information as possible to decide if this is the job they want, and to get a sense of what the issues are," she said.

Kenneth Perry, president of the Black Student Movement (BSM), said the meetings were open to all students, but mostly BSM members

had attended.

"Unfortunately, we haven't been getting a wide variety of students," said senior Eileen Carlton, a BSM member who said she had met one of the candidates.

The students who have attended the meetings have been mostly blacks and American Indians, Carlton said.

Allowing students to contribute to the selection process seems to have been successful so far, Appelbaum said.

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The longer I live the more beautiful life becomes. — Frank Lloyd Wright