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Black male enrollment down nationally

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A national study found that the number of black men enrolled in college has declined, but this trend does not hold true in the UNC system, officials say.

The results of the study are not reflected in the state, said Richard Cashwell, director of undergraduate

admissions at UNC. With the exception of New York, the UNC system boasts the largest black enrollment in the nation, he said.

Co-authored by Reginald Wilson and Deborah Carter of the American Council on Education, the report said enrollment of black men fell by 34,000, or 7.2 percent, between 1976 and 1986. It represented the largest

decline for any racial or ethnic group.

During the same period total college enrollment grew by more than 1 million students. Black women maintained their proportion of college enrollment at about 5 percent, but black male enrollment levels fell from 4.3 percent to 3.5 percent.

The report also said the proportion of black students in college declined

from 8.8 percent in 1984 to 8.6 percent in 1986. Blacks made up 14 percent of the total U.S. population in 1986.

Wilson and Carter could not be reached for comment on their report.

Cashwell said UNC didn't follow the trend because of the time and energy spent on recruiting black students. But he said they would not be satisfied until black enrollment on

all campuses is representative of the black population in the state. Until then, admissions officials will continue to intensify their efforts to increase black enrollment on the UNC campus.

Tracy Truitt of the University of Virginia's admissions office also said she had not observed a decline in the university's black enrollment. Like

UNC, Virginia sponsors special programs and mailings to recruit black students, she said.

The study also said overall minority enrollment in colleges rose, with Hispanics and American Indians showing the greatest increases. But Hispanics and blacks were more likely than whites to drop out before receiving their degrees.



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A show of hands

UNC students, faculty and staff join hands in a symbol of unity to commemorate the birthday of civil rights activist Martin Luther

King. The chain of people encircled Polk Place Tuesday and was part of a week-long salute to King.

Students get poor seats in Smith Center

By BRENDA CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

As the line of students clutching numbers representing their places in line for N.C. State basketball tickets snaked from the Smith Center ticket windows past Koury Natatorium Sunday, Carolina Athletic Association officers assured anxious fans that if they were among the first 1,000 in line, they would receive lower-level seats.

When lower-level student seats were gone after student number 555 picked up tickets, CAA officials were just as surprised as the hundreds of students still expecting lower-level seats.

"Students were alarmed, and we were very surprised," CAA President Carol Geer said. "We thought the students received more lower level seats than were distributed."

Students were allocated about 1,100 lower-level seats for the N.C. State game, not including seats allocated to student spirit groups. This number was about 900 fewer seats than student leaders had been led to expect. Students had been told from the early planning stages of the Smith Center that they would receive about 2,000 lower-level seats.

The discrepancy prompted Geer and her staff to compile a history of student seating since 1982, when student seating in the Smith Center was first discussed. Their findings were presented to associate athletic directors Richard Baddour and Paul Hoolahan Tuesday night.

Baddour and Hoolahan listened to Geer and three other CAA officers discuss the student ticket allocation for about two and a half hours but declined to respond to their complaints until today.

For the first time, the new ticket distribution system allowed the CAA to count exactly how many lower-level seats were allocated to students. It provided students with a number to hold their spaces in line, in the hopes of preventing cutting in line.

"We don't know how many tickets go out to the students because we don't see the tickets," Geer said. "But when we thought about it and

considered the other student groups like the band and the Carolina Fever, we estimated the number of students total sitting in the lower level for the State game will be about 1,600.

"Considering that the lower level seats approximately 9,000, I don't think that is enough seats for students."

During the initial planning of the Smith Center seating in 1982, the student body president and the CAA president were told students would occupy sections 109-118 in the lower level, or about 2,400 seats.

"At that time this (2,400 seats) is what they were hoping for," Geer said. "Nothing was promised, but that was what they were working for."

Student leaders also were told they would receive about 5,000 student seats in the upper level, she said.

In the upper level, the total number of seats is secondary to the location, Denny Worley, former ticket distribution chairman, said Tuesday. "It is quality of the seats that is more important rather than quantity."

Geer said students often demand more seating, when what they really need is better seating. "This is a misconception with the students," she said. "They think we need more seats; what we need is better seats. We rarely sell out the tickets except for the Duke and State games."

Between the 1986 and 1987 season, the athletic department switched the location of student seats in the upper deck, although no one notified student leaders. CAA officers discovered the switch during a game when they noticed students were seated in the highest three rows all the way around the Smith Center.

"We noticed a change had been made when students weren't sitting in sections, but in rows W, X and Y," Geer said. "When we realized a change had been made, we counted all the student seats for the Clemson and Marquette games. After counting the tickets, we found that a change had been made."

During the switch, Geer said students lost quality rather than

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Animal abuse charge denied

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Representatives from the chancellor's office and the UNC School of Medicine have denied charges made by animal rights groups that animals are being mistreated at a UNC holding facility.

But animal rights group members called the responses "indirect" and "simplistic."

Responses from the UNC officials came as a result of a December incident in which five members of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) entered a UNC animal holding facility, where animals used in laboratory research are kept, and claimed animals were being mistreated.

Dr. Stuart Bondurant, dean of the School of Medicine, which operates the holding facility, responded to the complaints in a Dec. 16 memo to the medical school's faculty.

"Our facilities will continue to meet

all appropriate standards," Bondurant wrote in the memo. "We will not accept the judgment of those in PETA and others of like mind who wish to stop all biomedical research involving animals, though we can expect their indirect efforts to have us do so will continue."

After the December incident, PETA members, in conjunction with UNC's Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (SETA), the North Carolina Network for Animals and a number of other groups, expressed concern about the condition of the animals in the facility.

The groups charged that there was no sign of medicine for animals infested with earmites, and some of the animals appeared sick. The Animal Welfare Act says "programs of disease control and prevention, euthanasia, and adequate veterinary care shall be established and maintained under the supervisions and assistance of a doctor of veterinary

medicine."

In a letter to Chancellor Paul Hardin, Bondurant said, "The facility is regularly inspected not only by our internal personnel but also by a licensed veterinarian of the United States Department of Agriculture, both during scheduled and unannounced visits." Improper treatment has never been reported at the facility, Bondurant said.

The animal rights groups recently held a press conference and sent statements to the chancellor's office listing changes to the facility that should be made.

Requests made in the statements included opening the facility to the public, verifying Bondurant's statements and eliminating all use of animals acquired from animal shelters.

Susan Ehringhaus, assistant to the chancellor, rejected the proposals on Hardin's behalf with a Dec. 27 letter to Christopher Smith, president of

SETA.

"Though the University is not in a position to accept your proposals, I note that the University is in compliance with all applicable federal standards in its use of animals in research," she wrote.

Although responses were given by both the chancellor's office and the School of Medicine, members of the animal rights groups said they were not satisfied.

Smith said all the groups were disappointed with the manner in which the chancellor's office responded. "By having his assistant send a very brief and general form letter to each group, it is obvious that the University feels that it doesn't need to make any changes in the way it conducts research with animals," he said.

SETA has requested more information about the Animal Care and

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Faculty Council suggests guidelines for merit pay

By AMY WAJDA
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If the N.C. General Assembly passes UNC-system President C.D.

Attention, candidates!

All candidates for student body president, Residence Hall Association president, Carolina Athletic Association president, editor of The Daily Tar Heel or senior class offices wishing to run an announcement in The Daily Tar Heel should contact Justin McGuire at the DTH at 962-0245 or 962-0246.

Candidates should notify the DTH at least two days prior to the day they would like the announcement to appear.

Spangler's proposed budget, the faculty merit pay raises included in the budget should be administered within clear guidelines, UNC Faculty Council chairman Harry Gooder said at the Dec. 16 council meeting.

Also at the meeting, Timothy Sanford, director of the Office of Institutional Research, announced plans for a survey of fringe benefits for UNC-CH employees.

Spangler's decision to make the majority of the faculty salary increases — 12 percent the first year and 8 percent the second year — merit awards distributed by chancellors would be a new method of distributing the pay raise.

In the last decade, the UNC system has usually had across-the-board salary increases with "a modest sum of merit increases," Gooder said.

Gooder said the across-the-board increases were often "less than the

cost of living." After a number of low-budget salary increases in the last decade, Gooder said, a substantial increase is "viewed by many faculty as an attempt to make up back pay."

But Gooder said, "I don't think for a moment that faculty on this campus will question the propriety of merit awards for exceptional performance."

Noting that some departments may not have established distribution systems for merit awards, Gooder said, "I hope the systems will be developed before the funds, if any, are received, and it is essential in some areas that faculty salaries soar."

In addition to clear guidelines, the distribution systems need feedback mechanisms, Gooder said.

The allotment of merit awards must also take into account the

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Interim downtown site found for Cat's Cradle

By KATHRYNE TOVO
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If all goes according to plan, Cat's Cradle will return to Chapel Hill soon and will relocate in a vacant building on West Franklin Street across from Hardee's.

According to Debbie Dibbert, executive director of the Downtown Commission, Cat's Cradle owner Frank Heath is expected to sign a four-month lease this week with the developers of Westcourt, who own the vacant building that was once occupied by Southern Bell.

Cat's Cradle is a local night spot that has offered an outlet for local and up-and-coming bands. After more than 15 years at 320 W. Franklin St., Cat's Cradle closed on Sept. 1, 1988, when the property owners refused to renew

Heath's lease.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Art Werner said Cat's Cradle will have to take steps to ensure that it meets all town building codes before opening in its new location.

But if all town requirements are satisfied, Cat's Cradle may be ready to reopen as soon as mid-February, Werner said.

The matter was brought before the town council in November by Werner, who suggested the town should help Heath in his search for a new building.

One of the functions of the Downtown Commission is to help new businesses find vacant spaces to rent in Chapel Hill.

After a six-week search that began in November, the Down-

town Commission could not find a permanent location for Cat's Cradle, Dibbert said. But it was able to find temporary space for the club in a building that is part of the Westcourt project.

If Cat's Cradle had not used the building as a temporary site, it would have remained vacant until the Westcourt development plans are redesigned and approved by the town, Dibbert said.

Cat's Cradle will be able to use approximately 10,000 square feet in the building, which will allow it to attract a larger number of groups that have regional and national recognition, Dibbert said.

"The best thing would have been to find a permanent spot for the Cat's Cradle, but this is a nice interim solution," she said.

If you steal from one another it's plagiarism; if you steal from many, it's research.—Wilson Mizner