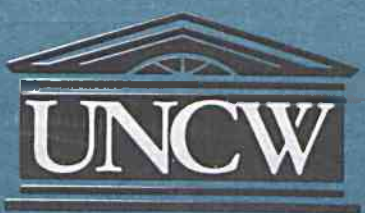


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UNCW Graduate School names first dean

Chalk up another first for The University of North Carolina at Wilmington. In June, UNCW named its first dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Eric G. Bolen.

Bolen comes to the university with 10 years experience as associate dean of the graduate school at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. "Hiring Dr. Bolen is another positive step toward shaping this university into a quality level institution," said Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Charles L. Cahill.

"We have identified someone with extensive experience to lead the development of our graduate program. His job is to make us think as a graduate school, to help the faculty and community become sensitive to the fact that we are a graduate level school," Cahill said.

Bolen is enthusiastic about his role as dean. "I think it's an exciting opportunity and a challenge to be the first dean of the UNCW Graduate School," he said. "The biggest challenge will be to strive for the quality in graduate education that is commensurate with the expectations of the university and the system."



Dr. Eric G. Bolen

"Being the first dean," he continued, "will give me the opportunity to build, to see things flourish, and to enhance the programs that are here at UNCW."

Educated at Utah State University (Ph.D., 1967; M.S. 1962) and the University of Maine (B.S., 1959), Bolen's disciplinary interests are plant and animal ecology, with emphasis on the conservation and management of natural resources; urban ecology; environmental history; and ornithology and related biological sciences.

He holds membership in various conservation and ornithological societies including the National Audubon Society, the Society of Wetland Scientists, a life membership in the Wilson Ornithological Society, and is both an elected and life member of the American Ornithologists' Union.

Bolen has been recognized in *Who's Who in Science* and in the *American Men and Women of Science*, 15th ed., 1982. In 1981 he was named Paul Whitfield Horn Professor, the highest faculty honor bestowed by Texas Tech University.

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UNCW begins fall semester with enrollment of 6,581 students

The University of North Carolina at Wilmington began the 1988/89 academic year with an enrollment of 6,581 students, up from 6,501 in the fall of 1987. Among these are expected to be 1,300 new freshmen, 425 transfers, and 289 graduate students.

Last year's freshman class numbered 1,650. This year, because of space and budgetary limitations, UNCW is trying to limit freshmen enrollment to no more than 1,400. Controls in the form of a \$25 tuition deposit, earlier application deadlines, and increased admission requirements were initiated this year.

However, according to Director of Undergraduate Admissions Diane Zeeman, total undergraduate applications were up more than 1,000 over 1987/88—5,524 freshmen applied, 1,162 transfer students, and 81 unclassified.

Zeeman noted that as of August 1, of the 3,159 freshmen and 553 transfers admitted, 1,401 freshmen and 442 transfers had paid tuition deposits. "It is fairly typical to have about 100 no shows at registration, so we are on target with the 1,300 freshmen anticipated."

Minority enrollment projections are not yet available, although Zeeman said that 208 new black students have been admitted, up from 196 this time last year.

Although approximately 100 students were on a waiting list for housing at the



first of the semester, Director of Auxiliary Services Margaret Robison said that housing placements were not a big problem. On-campus housing accommodates 1,558 students and the housing office maintains a referral service for apartments available in the area.

A new residence hall with 400 beds is under construction and is expected to be open by fall 1989. A new cafeteria situated near the student housing area is expected to be under construction within 60 days.

Also under construction are 550 additional parking spaces, scheduled to open during the fall of 1989. Currently, 3,800 parking spaces are available on campus. Students, faculty and staff must pay a \$50 annual parking fee, an increase of \$4 over last year.

To control congestion and to ease parking for commuters, students who live on

campus are issued resident decals and are not permitted to park in the front part of campus between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. weekdays.

For the first time this year, the residence life staff surveyed all freshmen planning to live on campus with a personal questionnaire obtaining information about proposed major, preferences, neatness requirements, and activity interests. Using this information, roommates have been matched based on anticipated compatibility and living patterns.

An outgrowth of this survey is a new program in Residence Hall 85 known as the "Women in Business" floor for 18 freshmen women. These women are planning to major in business and have shown leadership potential based on prior activities. Faculty from the Cameron School of Business Administration will be involved throughout the school year to give programs about business and to explain the variety of career opportunities available.

Charles Maimone, assistant dean of students for residence life, said that business related experience will also be provided for the young women. "They will be required to participate in hall government and be involved in a community service project each semester. This is the first time our campus has attempted this kind of residence hall programming," he said.

— Mimi Cunningham

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