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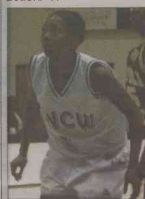
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Student applications on rise, standards follow

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University admissions officers are changing the application process to make it more selective after last year's influx of applicants.

This year, the applications submitted so far show an increase of 39 percent over applications submitted last year. To account for the growth, the university recently moved from a rolling admissions process to one that reviews all candidates at once. The past process involved notifying candidates just a few weeks after they apply. The admissions department would then review each application as it came in, according to the old system. This means that once UNCW had accepted a set number of applicants, all of the rest would be denied, regardless of the student's qualifications. The new way will utilize set deadlines by which the candidates need to apply. All candidates will be reviewed at that time and the best will be accepted.

The old process was essentially a first-come, first-serve system. The new way will be more competitive, using three set deadlines and three set notifications. University tuition will see a steady rise if state appropriations continue to fall.

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clined from approximately 70 percent in the 1980s, to 58 percent ten years ago, arriving at 42 percent last year, said Mark Lanier, the special assistant to the chancellor. The state's inability to provide money is forcing universities to make up the differences themselves.

But, while tuition may continue to go up in the years to come, "there is not a recommendation or decision yet for future increases (by the UNC Board of Governors and the NC General Assembly)," Lanier said. "However if the trend of declining state appropriations as a percentage of university budgets continues, then the probability of continued,

significant tuition increases is much greater."

The Board of Governors and the General Assembly considers fall tuition increases for all 16 UNC campuses during the spring. This past spring, the General Assembly decided to increase UNCW's fall 2001 tuition by 5 percent, in addition to the Board of Governors' 4 percent increase and a campus-based increase. Overall, resulting increases amounted to \$658.50 for full-time in-state tuition and \$4,706 for out-of-state tuition.

While the entire state is experiencing the budget crunch, UNCW is still receiving the lowest amount in state support within the UNC system, said Tim Jordan, vice



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Increased numbers of applicants have allowed the university to be more selective in the admissions process.

chancellor of business affairs. "This is a trend that is prevalent at

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Tuition may continue to rise as economy falls

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Sophomore, Elizabeth Lewis, fills out a loan application in front of James Hall.



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