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Pridgen said might put some people at ease.

"I think it's great because there are so many Caucasians on campus that that's all you see," said Pridgen, a black student from Whiteville.

"There will be people feeling more comfortable on campus."

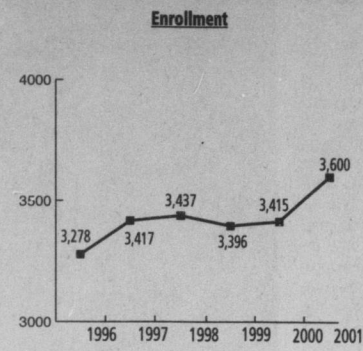
But Lucido said the most impressive characteristic of the freshman class is its ability to be both the biggest and the best.

"It's traditionally believed to be hard to grow a class at the same time as having higher quality."

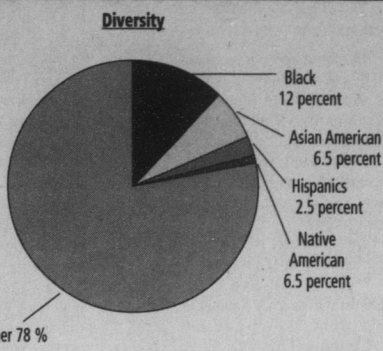
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New and Improved

The 2001 freshman class is the largest ever, estimated at about 3,600 students, as well as the most diverse.



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VACANCIES
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in five minutes," Rizzo said.

■ Campenella's Cafe and Art Gallery, 416 W. Franklin St.

"It's not your typical coffee shop. You can actually sit down in our living room," Campenella said. "I've put a lot of work and love into this place."

■ Kurama Sushi & Noodle Cafe, 105 N. Columbia St.

At the center of Kurama sits a motorized, rotating sushi buffet called a kaiten sushi that manager Izumi Koito says is the single most distinguishing facet of the restaurant.

"You see some in California and New York, but we're the only place (here) with a kaiten sushi," Koito said.

■ Lucy's, 114 Henderson St.

After opening June 1, co-owner Bruce Mason said he hopes to attract "every single person in Chapel Hill" to his cajun-style restaurant. The restaurant will host the Thursday night broadcasts of UNC football coach John Bunting's show.

"It's a beautiful place with one damn good-looking owner," Mason said.

WIRELESS
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Franklin Street. "You could be sitting in Ye Olde Waffle Shop and be connected to the Internet," Moore said.

Moore said she thinks the entire campus could be wireless within five years.

Wireless technology has already been utilized in some classes, such as Chemistry 11 and some freshman English classes. When all undergraduates own laptops in two years, more classes will use the technology, Moore said.

More than 20 percent of this year's freshmen purchased wireless cards.

The price of the CCI laptops should remain constant despite the installation of wireless cards because of other technological changes to the computers, Moore said. One such change is the elimination of disk drives in favor of high-capacity memory keys, which hold more than five times the information of a regular diskette.

Moore said the wireless technology is cost effective for the University. For example, the low cost of an access box installed in a classroom compared to the price of desktops with Ethernet ports will allow

■ Red Wok, 418 W. Franklin St.

By the looks of the Chinese restaurant's exterior, Chapel Hill resident Creighton Humphreys says one wouldn't know what to expect. But he said he can't get enough of the Red Wok, which opened its doors to the public in April.

"You can only eat about a third of what they put on the plate," said Humphreys.

■ Valentino's, 100 W. Franklin St.

Dining Room Captain David Anthony Crusco described Valentino's, the upscale family-owned and operated Italian restaurant, as "something built and set-up like a restaurant you would see in New York."

"We serve authentic Italian dishes that have been around for thousands of years," Crusco said.

Opening Soon

■ Expressions, 137 E. Franklin St.

Stacked, unopened boxes and a handwritten "opening soon" poster are all that constitute Expressions, a variety store that manager Droo Skidmore said will try to "accommodate the abnormal" of Chapel Hill.

"We've got all kinds of weird stuff like

UNC to give more financial aid to students to offset the cost of the CCI laptops. "It's going to save the University a lot of money while actually providing better access," Moore said. "Wireless is happening big time."

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swords, gag gifts, smoking accessories and incense," Skidmore said.

■ Lido's Oyster and Wine Bar, 137 E. Franklin St.

Lido's could not be reached for comment.

■ Sukura Japanese Express, 110 N. Columbia St.

Sukura, a hibachi-style Japanese fast-food restaurant, is slated to open for business later this week. Owner and manager Pat Thirakoun said he purchased the location in hopes of offering students a new eatery downtown.

"There's lots of sandwich and pizza places, but there's no hibachi," Thirakoun said.

■ The Laughing Turtle, 142 E. Franklin St.

■ Wedgies, 200 W. Franklin St.

Neither The Laughing Turtle nor Wedgies could be reached for comment.

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TICKETS
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many students to experience the risers," Chaney said.

The CAA also is developing plans to add risers to the other end of the basketball court, but Chaney said this idea is still developing.

CAA members also plan to conduct a distribution for the Florida State University and East Carolina University football games. Students can go to the Smith Center and pick up randomly selected tickets over a three-day period.

Although new distribution policy is the biggest news members of the CAA have to announce, they also have plans for a homecoming concert. Chaney said the bluegrass-based jam band String Cheese Incident is "95 percent confirmed" to play a show at Memorial Hall on Nov. 7.

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MASTER PLAN
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"We rezoned ... quite a bit of University property," she said. "The floor area cap is gone."

"At the same time, I think the council was appreciative of the fact that the University was willing to make some compromises, particularly within the Mason Farm neighborhood."

The Development Plan brings several issues to the forefront, including housing, transportation and stormwater management.

Waldorf said it is important to address the issue of transportation for safety reasons both on the campus and in the town.

"We're going to have to focus on making provisions for safe pedestrian access and use all over campus because we are concerned about that too, even on the interior of the campus," she said.

"We don't want anybody to be hit by a car."

Town Manager Cal Horton said he

expects the planning board will hear comments from residents as well as the University.

"The important thing is that the work receives the attention it requires, and I'm sure the planning board will take the time it needs to make sure it has the information it needs," Horton said.

Chancellor James Moeser, who sat on the town-gown committee, said the process has had a few bumps in the road so far and hopes town officials will give the Development Plan their stamp of approval.

"The nightmare scenario would be if they voted down the development plan," he said.

Runberg said after the hearing is completed, UNC must present the final draft to the town council.

Presently, that date is set for Sept. 19 and, should things move on schedule, the plan could be sealed by early October.

"We hope to get final approval of the plan from them without any adverse stipulations."

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