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Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee streaked to a second-place finish in the mayors' division of the Soap Box Derby held in Chapel Hill Sunday. Fred Chambley, mayor pro tem of Carrboro, was next-to-last in the two-man race. (Staff Photo by Alice Boyle)

This is the last issue of The Tar Heel for the first summer session. Publication will resume July 13. Good luck on exams.

C.O. Cathey steps down to return to teaching. Donald A. Boulton takes over Saturday as the new dean of student affairs. See stories pages 6 and 7.

## Admission sex bias ending

by Anne Lafferty  
Staff Writer

Equal opportunity for women has finally reached admissions to UNC-CH. This year, for the first time in the University's history, a woman applicant had just as much chance as a man of being accepted.

Consequently, 40 percent of the class of 1976 is comprised of women, up 7 percent from last year's figure.

"For admission, standards are equal for men and women," explained Dr. Lillian Lehman, University registrar.

The policy involves not so much equalizing numbers as equalizing competitiveness. Fewer women apply to the University than men; thus, fewer will be admitted.

Equal standards has meant "tightening up severely on the men who apply to the University," said Assistant Director of Admissions Tony Strickland.

Since more women are being admitted to the freshman class, there is less room for men.

A similar situation has occurred with women junior transfer applicants. With more freshman women, the University is accepting fewer women students in the upper classes.

The new policy will not turn UNC-CH into a women's school, said Lehman.

People are worried that UNC will become a women's campus, but "this is a fallacy," she continued.

Not only do fewer women apply to UNC, but women's SAT scores are not significantly higher than men's, contrary to the popular notion, she said. Both considerations will limit admissions of women, probably to about 40 percent of each freshman class.

There were 3,790 female applicants to the class of 1976 and 1,150 were admitted. Of the 5,637 men who applied, 1,750 were admitted. In each case, approximately 30 percent of the applicants will be entering the University.

As Strickland put it, for the first time, "it is as likely to find a woman lowest in the class as it is to find a man." In previous years, the quotas on women resulted in their being better students, as a group, than men.

## Wiring in Joyner termed 'hazardous'

by Winston Cavin  
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The electrical wiring problems that forced the closing of Joyner dormitory last week were caused by deterioration that "could have happened in a day," Assistant Director of Residence Life Russell Perry said Monday.

The building was closed and the 112 women occupants moved because some of the electrical insulation melted.

Perry said the deterioration did not appear to be dangerous during any regular inspection of the building. Joyner was, however, scheduled for rewiring this fall.

Perry explained how the University officials learned of the problem early last week. "Joyner is a junction for steam heating and electrical systems for 4 dorms Joyner, Alexander, Connor and Winston," he said.

"We noticed the difficulty 2 weeks ago when circuit breakers for the third floor became overloaded," he said.

The superintendent of maintenance and alterations for the UNC Physical Plant, Paul Medlin, discovered the heat in the basement (about 250 degrees) had melted some of the insulation on the wiring. "Three wires had become bonded together," Perry said. "It put the third floor on one circuit instead of three, and that caused the overloading."

Perry said the University officials thought the building would have to be rewired immediately. Frank Slaydon of the State Property Control Office in Raleigh saw the building Monday and agreed the building should be closed until wiring could be replaced. The final decision was made Tuesday afternoon.

Perry said the women were told of the situation in house meetings Tuesday night. They were warned to use only as much electricity as was absolutely necessary. The women began moving out last Wednesday.

He said they were surprised to hear the news but were cooperative.

The women were transferred to Parker, Connor and Craige dorms.

A moving van and some Physical Plant workmen moved the students' belongings, although some chose to move themselves. The University is transferring the phone listings free and has notified the post office of the address changes. Almost all of the new phones have been connected.

The electrical problems were apparently not the result of negligence, Perry and Medlin agreed. An engineering firm surveyed all campus housing wiring in the spring of 1971.

In all, eight University dorms have been rewired recently or are earmarked for rewiring this summer: Alderman, McIver, Kenan, Old Spencer, Carr, Whitehead, Old East and Old West.

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Dennis Wuycik (center) and John O'Donnell (right) took part in Coach Dean Smith's Carolina Basketball School, which ended Sunday after three weeks. Participants were given pointers by Carolina players and coaches. (Photo by Hass L. Blad)