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Rescue operations tested here

Four area hospitals held a cooperative disaster drill to test their preparedness in case of an actual large-scale emergency on Saturday, July 21.

Beginning that morning at 9, a simulated disaster was staged at the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department with rescue workers acting as though a grandstand had collapsed.

More than 50 volunteer "victims" were taken to area hospitals including Duke, Watts, N.C. Memorial and the veteran hospitals in Durham.

Dr. William Radcliffe, associate professor of radiology and chairman of the disaster committee at The North Carolina Memorial Hospital said it was the first time a disaster drill of this magnitude had been conducted involving hospitals and public safety staffs of both Orange and Durham counties.

"What we did is jump in and get our feet wet to see where we're weak as far as disaster planning is concerned," said Ted Badger, disaster plan coordinator at Duke Hospital.

"Often it takes a major disaster to put a comprehensive plan such as the one we're working on into gear," he said. "We want to be ready for the emergency before it happens."

Observers were on hand afterwards to tell rescue workers and hospital personnel how the situation was handled and what problems must be overcome in order to develop effective emergency procedures. A joint critique was held on Monday afternoon at the VA hospital, with N.C. Memorial holding another critique on Tuesday.

In addition to the four hospitals, agencies cooperating in the drill included the rescue squads in Durham and Orange counties, the Chapel Hill Funeral Home, the Scarborough-Hargett Funeral Home, the Chapel Hill and Durham police departments, the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department, the campus police of UNC and Duke, and the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Poll: Nixon acts 'wrong'

Most Americans feel President Nixon's refusal to testify before the Senate Watergate Committee is wrong according to the most recent Harris Poll.

When asked "Do you think President Nixon was more right or more wrong to refuse to testify personally before the U.S. Senate Watergate Committee?" the public responded in the following manner: 51 per cent felt he had been more wrong, 37 per cent said he was more right, and 12 per cent were not sure.

The credibility of the Ervin Committee remains high. Sixty-two per cent of those polled felt the committee had been doing an excellent or good job, 29 per cent felt the job was only fair or poor.



Life is rough when the world is tall. This little cutie found that out for herself when she discovered the Old Well drinking fountain too high for her short body to reach. But an assist from a friend made it all right.

No dorm rooms left

Transfers without housing

by Janet Langston
Staff Writer

More than 400 junior transfers recently received notice that no University housing is available for them this fall.

Several factors created an unexpected "crunch" on dorm spaces, said sources in the Student Affairs department.

More returning students signed up for dorm rooms next year than expected said Elizabeth Noll from the Housing Department. She cited over-enrollment and a larger freshman and junior transfer class than originally expected as other reasons for the squeeze.

Glenda Slack, a junior transfer from Greensboro, termed the situation utter disaster.

It seems so late to tell us," Mrs. Slack said. "The money was sent in three months ago. If we'd known a little sooner, we could have done something."

A lot of "iffy" factors cause uncertainty each year in accepting students, said Richard G. Cashwell, director of Undergraduate Admissions. Not all students who are accepted will attend UNC.

Federal funding for financial aid was not finalized until May, Cashwell said. 30 per cent of UNC students depended on the aid to pay college expenses and were not sure of their return until the money came in. The enrollment projection was previously 100 freshmen men short, so students were taken from the waiting list. If enrollment projections are not met, Cashwell said, UNC must send the over-budgeted funds back to the state.

"We make what we feel is the right decision at the time. If we're over, we're over," reasoned Cashwell.

Meanwhile, the Housing Office dispensed sympathy, maps, suggestions and information on real estate agencies, according to Noll. She said absolutely no dorm spaces are available to male transfers, but earlier had a little flexibility for transfer women students.

A student crisis also arose with apartments, Noll said. Construction on many complexes scheduled to open before school has been delayed.

More rooms were tripled than originally planned, said James O. Cansler, assistant dean of Student Affairs. 600 rooms are tripled for this fall, 250 with upperclassmen who had received assurances this would not be done.

"We have tripled all the space we have and used every bed we have," Cansler remarked.

Once they recognized the tight situation ahead it was too late to buy more furniture, Cansler said. The University has to make bids, a "process that takes weeks," he added.

A letter was sent to all continuing students who have paid the balance of their room rent, Noll said, to determine if the students actually wanted rooms, and if not, to open more dorm spaces.

Robert Kepner, former director of Residence Life, will devote time to provide services to off campus students.

Kepner will prepare an inventory of all housing in the area, Cansler said, and will assist displaced students in finding roommates with whom to share apartments and rents.

Ruby Peele, a psychology major transferring from UNC-G, found an apartment, "but it's too expensive!" She then learned she was closed out of her courses.

"I talked to Admissions about my chances for next

UNC deans view N.C. doctor crisis

by Linda Livengood
News Editor

"Many small towns and rural communities in our state are without adequate medical facilities or medical personnel ... we have a serious maldistribution of our medical capabilities," Dr. Christopher C. Fordham III, Dean of the UNC Medical School, told a joint meeting of the State Senate and House Health Committees Wednesday morning.

The joint meeting of the health committees was held to discuss the problems of providing health care for the citizens of North Carolina.

An increasing population, increasing medical capability, and a growing awareness on the part of the American people have created an enormous increase in the demand for medical services, Fordham said.

Dr. Wallace R. Wooles, dean of the one-year medical school at ECU, also

spoke to the committees. ECU has been trying to expand their medical school into a four year school with the hope that rural eastern North Carolina could have better medical care.

While both Fordham and Wooles agreed that there was a problem in health care for rural North Carolina, they seemed to disagree on the solution.

Dr. Fordham spoke first and prefaced his remarks with the explanation (that) "North Carolina continues to be a highly rural state. North Carolina has a higher population concentration in towns with under 2,500 persons than any other state in the union."

"When population density is overlaid with physician-population ratio, it is easily discerned that the physicians are disproportionately distributed into the cities," Dr. Fordham said.

The map also shows the impact of medical schools on the distribution of practicing physicians. According to Dr.

Fordham, "The map demonstrated what has been shown statistically; that is, when the distribution is corrected for the urbanization factor, medical schools have little or no effect upon the distribution of physicians into nearby counties."

Dr. Fordham listed some improvements that may alleviate the shortage of physicians in the state and highly rural areas.

"There has been remarkable expansion of the medical school in Chapel Hill, private schools in this state and medical schools throughout the country ... in response to the increasing demand for medical services," Dr. Fordham said.

According to Dr. Fordham, a major and innovative collaborative effort between the medical school, health schools and regional hospitals is underway.

This effort involves the development of five regional Area Health Education Centers. "The concept is that physicians, hospital trustees and administrators and other citizens at the regional centers assume the responsibility, with the collaboration of the University, for the development of appropriate health training programs at the regional centers," Dr. Fordham said.

Speaking after Dr. Fordham, Dr. Wooles said he felt that the location of a physician's school of medical training had a great effect on the area in which he would practice.

The map and explanations presented by Dr. Fordham tend to show that the area medical school has negligible effect on the distribution of practicing physicians and stressed the development of internship and residency programs as a means of attracting physicians to rural areas.

Residency forms ready

Students wishing to have their residency status changed and who have already applied for reclassification must now reapply on a new form recently adopted by the UNC Board of Governors.

The new long forms will be mailed to those who have applied on the old form, according to Richard Cashwell, Director of Undergraduate Admissions.

Cashwell suggests that any student who thinks he should be reclassified as an in-state resident should go to the admissions office of his respective school and read the guidelines for reclassification.

His new application will be reviewed and judged by an admissions officer. Cashwell was unable to say when the rulings would start since the new forms have not yet arrived. He expects to be "swamped" with applications.

Blue Cross offers new student insurance plan

by Seth Effron
Staff Writer

The University has made arrangements with North Carolina Blue Cross and Blue Shield to offer a new student health insurance plan.

The plan is comprehensive hospital insurance paying the cost of the hospital room up to the prevailing semi-private rates for a period up to 70 days, full cost of in-patient services, in-patient physicians fees, out-patient charges for accident or medical emergency and 80% of diagnostic charges.

"In addition the plan includes a major medical coverage up to a maximum of \$10,000.00," according to a letter sent out to students and their parents. The letter was signed by Student Body President Ford Runge and Frederic Schroeder, associate dean of Student Affairs for Student Life.

The plan is being offered at three rates; individual, two person (student and spouse or child) and family.

The new insurance plan consolidates the three plans that the University recently offered. In the past there was a separate plan for single students, international students and married students. The international and married students coverage was handled by Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Pilot Life Insurance Company covered the single students.

Under the new plan, insurance will still be required for international students, but it will be under the same plan as offered all other students.

Dean James Cansler, who is a member of the committee that

selected the plan said, "We felt there was a need for better coverage than the old program provided. It was a matter of upgrading the protection students could be provided with."

The new plan includes maternity care on all adults with benefits paid the same as any other illness, routine nursery charges paid in full and abortion coverage.

The cost for this increased coverage will be substantial for the individual student.

A charge of \$36.00 semi-annually will be levied on individuals as compared with \$15.00 annually on the old Pilot policy. The rate for two persons will be \$44.63 a quarter and for a family, \$63.19 a quarter.

Last year, there were not two different rates offered to married students. The old Blue Cross and Blue Shield policy provided coverage for "subscriber, spouse and all unmarried children under 19 years of age providing the children live with the subscriber." Legally adopted children and foster children were covered as in the certificate of insurance. The cost of this old policy was \$58.65.

Under the new policy married students have two options under which to choose. Married students can choose to take out the policy at the two person rate, with coverage for just a student, husband, wife or child.

If a married student has a larger family, the family rate will cover the student plus the entire family.

For further information about the new student insurance policy contact the Office of Student Affairs, 01 Steele Building.



A helping hand

How can I save you? How can I keep the night from falling so hard for when it touches you, it hangs like a shroud from swirls and hollows of your face? Let me mend the brokenness; let me love you. (Staff photo by George Brown)