

## Housing shortage hits critical stage



Many students have returned to Carolina and found that their double room has turned into a triple. The problem of dorm overcrowding is not a new one at the University. This photo was taken in Everett two years ago.

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For the fourth consecutive year, there is a critical housing shortage on the UNC campus. However, this year it is the worst ever according to Russ Perry, assistant director for operations in the Housing Department.

For the past few months housing personnel have been directing their efforts to find a bed for everyone required to stay in University housing and for other students who cannot afford an apartment off campus.

The result is an incredible number of overcrowded rooms and an even greater number of unhappy students.

The present tight housing situation is a result of many factors.

Delayed federal funding, larger freshman and junior transfer classes with more female students, more continuing students keeping their dorm rooms and apartment construction slowdowns caused a pinch on housing in Chapel Hill and Carrboro.

Dr. Lillian Lehman, UNC registrar, said however, "The category that has to have a living is over-enrolled, not the University over all."

UNC is "right at its enrollment budget," she said. The number is down from expectations for this year, but is close to the 20,000 student limit, so the figure will level off, Lehman predicted.

Last spring, President Nixon froze all money to be distributed as student grants. Thirty percent of UNC students depend on these grants to pay school expenses, said Richard G. Cashwell, director of undergraduate admissions.

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money was released in late spring. The University did not want to be heartless, he said, and accepted these students when they applied.

Meanwhile, a greater number of freshman and transfer applicants decided to attend UNC.

A formula is used to determine the percentage of students who will actually come to UNC after being accepted. A larger number than desired is accepted, so enrollment projections can be met.

If enrolled students at UNC are two percent under the established enrollment level, UNC must return money to the State. If two percent more students are admitted, UNC receives no extra money to hire more teachers to handle the load.

In recent years, this formula has not proven too accurate. UNC's popularity has increased, and more students select UNC, creating an over-sized freshman and junior transfer class.

More facilities are coed this year to handle the increased number of female students, that is, 40 percent of the freshman class, said James O. Cansler, associate dean of Student Affairs.

Now the male housing situation is tighter than that for females. Spaces were made for women from men's spaces, but weren't replaced elsewhere in equal numbers.

Male applications were down by 10 percent from last year, Dean Cansler added.

A larger number of continuing students kept their dorm rooms this past spring, said Elizabeth Nall of the Housing Department.

2500 new apartments were also expected this fall, Perry said, but only 1200 to 1300 units will be finished by the first day of classes. Heavy spring rains and unfinished interior work delayed the opening of several complexes.

Other complexes should open around the first of the year, report realtors.

Housing figures were not in until late May or early June, to warn of a housing squeeze, said Nall. Housing knew after spring sign-up that there would be a slight problem, but not what blossomed during the summer.

The department took steps to ease the crunch once they realized the full situation.

Letters were sent to advise 420 junior transfers University housing would not be available to them this fall. Continuing students owing a balance on their room rent were contacted to learn if they would want their rooms. Chapel Hill residents who had rented a room in the past were asked if they would be willing to rent again.

Housing officials borrowed 100 mattresses from Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh to utilize all available bed frames at UNC, Perry said. Although 407 were planned last spring, 549 rooms will be tripled, he said.

Thirty spaces were found for undergraduates in Craige graduate dorm and 96 spaces were created by moving an extra bed into Residence Advisors (RA) rooms wherever possible.

Barracks were set up in Stacy basement for 12 males. Typing rooms in Morrison and Ehringhaus dorms yielded 19 more spaces, Perry said.

Bit by bit, spaces opened up for students, within both the University and the community. The Housing Department created a total of 716 spaces on campus.

Spaces for 302 junior transfers were found, contrary to earlier figures that no spaces would be open.

Only three freshmen needed rooms last time he heard, said Perry, all the University is required to supply. An additional 105 applications remain to be filled, if Housing can find spaces for them. Typing rooms and RA rooms are the last spaces available.

About 3,300 freshmen were admitted, but Perry speculated that probably 100 of these will not show up before classes.

About 200 people will leave University housing the first two weeks of school, he remarked. They could be dissatisfied with UNC's classes or size, get married, go into service or decide school isn't what they want yet. He believes this should ease the overcrowded situation some.

Incompatible roommates will be the first transferred to other rooms, Perry said, but RA rooms will be the first to uncrowd as spaces become available.

Donald A. Boulton, dean of Student Affairs, said his first concern is to find beds for students who do not have a place to stay near the University. Financial need students on financial aid and those living too far from UNC to commute will receive top priorities for University spaces.

Financial aid grants are based on UNC dorm rates, Dean Boulton said, and if a student has to live off campus, his grant may not cover the additional expense.

Many undergraduates decide to stay overcrowded first semester in fear of getting a bad roommate, Boulton added. Last year, all unwanted roommates were out of overcrowded rooms within two months.

Nall lamented that many upperclassmen received extra roommates, despite earlier promises their rooms would not be overcrowded. "It was something we had to do," she explained.

### Wednesday last day

## Registration: hurry up, wait

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It's registration time again. Get your white card (or is it a pink card — wait, maybe it's the envelope you threw out last week) and head on down to Woollen Gym — or is that Carmichael? Wait, maybe it's the Student Union.

Registration at Carolina can confuse anyone, but it really isn't that difficult.

Official registration runs August 27 to 29 and begins at 7 a.m. all three days. According to Raymond E. Strong, director of records and registration, freshmen and transfer students should go to Wollen Gym on these days to meet with their advisors and receive class schedules.

Pre-registered students (those who attended the University during the last spring or summer semester and registered

for the fall semester at that time) should pick up their schedules in the Student Union.

Students who are not satisfied with their schedules can go through drop-add. Pre-registered students can drop-add on Wednesday, August 29. Freshmen and transfers drop-add on the following Thursday, Friday and Tuesday.

Freshmen wishing to go through drop-add should first acquire a computer

card for the course they wish to add and then get a signed drop-add form from their advisor. Pre-registered students should drop and add courses within the individual departments.

The pass-fail system broadens the field of courses a student may attempt, since it relieves the pressure of grades. Courses taken pass-fail do not affect the quality point average of the student, unless he fails the course.

Any course may be taken pass-fail except:

- ▷ English I and 2
- ▷ Foreign Language or Mathematical Sciences requirement
- ▷ General College Divisional Electives
- ▷ Major courses and courses specifically related to the major
- ▷ Courses taken to validate credit for preceding courses
- ▷ Summer courses

Pass-fail selection should be declared in the Dean's office by the end of the second full week of classes. No change can be made in pass-fail selection after this date.

A maximum of 24 semester hours of pass-fail credit may count toward graduation, including such credit from other schools. Fifteen hours of letter-grade credit are required to qualify for entry on the Dean's List.

A separate form must be filled out for each course and the form should include the correct course number, section number and instructor's name. Pass-fail forms may be obtained from general college advisors or departmental advisors.

## Parking hassles remain, but more cars expected

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Parking in Chapel Hill will again be difficult this year, said UNC traffic officials. A change has been made, however, for students not wanting to park on campus.

"T" stickers will not be required this year, said William D. Locke, administrative officer of the Traffic Department. In previous years, he said, students who owned or operated a motor vehicle in or around Chapel Hill were required to pay \$2.50 for a "T" sticker to register their cars in the UNC Traffic Office.

These "hunting licenses" enabled a student to park on campus only when zoning was not in effect, that is, between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. Monday through Friday and on holidays and weekends after 1 p.m., except on football weekends.

Students within "a 30-minute walking distance of South Building" could not buy stickers to park on campus during hours, and had to buy "T" stickers already knowing parking would be very limited.

Alonzo Squires, former director of traffic, explained the benefit of "T" stickers. Many license numbers are not reliable to identify a car involved in an accident or violation. The stickers provide a quicker and more efficient method to identify a violator or accident victim.

Only those students who want to park on campus need register their car and buy a sticker this year.

Hopefully, this will cut down on the number of cars on campus, said Locke.

Officials hoped to initiate a new parking and bus system this January, but plans were delayed. The stickers for fall were printed with this new system in mind, and read "expires December 31, 1973."

Squires said this is not true, and the stickers will be honored until August 31, 1974.

UNC will register about 14,000 to 15,000 cars this year, Locke said, but only about 8,000 spaces are available. By eliminating "T" stickers, 2,500 to 3,000 students will not have campus parking privileges.

He added that many faculty families register two cars, but only one is legally allowed on campus at a time.

"I guess we're in the neighborhood of 4,000 parking spaces short," Locke said.

The University has always had the legal right to charge \$2.50 for a sticker, Locke said, but in efforts to reduce the traffic on

campus, "T" stickers were eliminated.

The Traffic Department is distributing a pamphlet and map this year entitled, "Regulations Governing Motor Vehicles: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill," a condensation of its detailed traffic statement.

Last year, the 16 campuses of the University of North Carolina were authorized to take full charge of traffic control on their campuses. This pamphlet lists those changes in effect from September, 1973, through August, 1974.

In its opening statement, the pamphlet says, "The fundamental principle applies that the University is not required to provide any persons with a parking space, and the parking permits issued do not guarantee the holder a place to park at any time."

The only change is dropping the requirement for "T" stickers.

Unmarried freshmen and underclassmen with less than a 2.0 grade point average are forbidden to operate cars in or around Chapel Hill.

Students from Chapel Hill who live with their families are allowed to commute from home, but cannot park on campus during zoning hours. Student lots are not zoned from 3 p.m. to 7 a.m.

All married students and veterans are eligible for campus parking. Handicapped students may receive special parking privileges if recommended by a UNC Infirmary doctor.

Registration and buying permits begins with the academic year, reports the pamphlet. Commuting permits (C) cost \$7.50 for 12 months, on-campus residents' permits (G,H,J) cost \$10.00. Motor Scooter permits sell for \$5.00, and bicycle stickers, \$5.00.

Bicycle stickers are not required, said Locke, but help in finding a bicycle, if stolen.

Temporary permits are available for "unusual situations." A maximum seven-day permit for \$1.00 will be sold for any other situation.

After three violations, the pamphlet states, a student's campus parking privileges may be suspended at the discretion of the Dean of Student Affairs.

This three-ticket limit is only a guideline, said G.G. Warren, outgoing director of security services. "Our experience has been that very few people accrue more than three or four violations." The rule is not, and should not be inflexible, he added.

The pamphlet also lists rules and regulations governing motor scooters and cycles, bicycles, speed limits, penalties, citation and towing appeal procedures and campus visitors.

## Voter signup deadline scheduled for October

Voter registration will be conducted in the Chapel Hill Municipal Building on North Columbia Street Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration will also be conducted in the Carrboro Town Hall, on Main Street, Carrboro, September 29 and October 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There is also registration daily on weekdays in the County Court House in Hillsboro. The hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be no absentee voting in any city elections or in the liquor referendum in North Carolina in 1973.

In the November elections for town government, Chapel Hill residents will vote to fill the mayor's and four aldermen's positions. Two seats on the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board will also be filled in the elections.

The deadline to register to vote in this year's local elections and the North Carolina liquor-by-the-drink referendum will be October 8 for the November 6 election.

According to North Carolina election law, voters must consider themselves residents of the county in which they register. Being a student does not forbid such a person from considering himself a resident of the county in which he attends schools.

The N.C. election law states as a requirement for registration, 30 days of residence in the county where registration is desired.

The North Carolina Supreme Court has ruled that a dormitory room can be a permanent residence if the student considers it his residence.



Parking problems linger at Carolina too