

Professional schools get tough

by Alan Avera
Staff Writer

It's getting harder every year to be accepted at one of UNC's professional schools, but admissions officers say they are now making greater use of non-academic factors when choosing medical and dental students.

"Most people think that if they don't have a 3.0 average there is no way they can get into medical school," says Dr. William R. Straughn, admissions director for UNC's medical school. "This is not necessarily the case. We consider many other factors."

He did say, however, that the mean grade point average for students accepted in medical school is 3.5 and that competition is

increasing every year.

Although the average for UNC's dental students is slightly lower, 3.2, dental school admissions director Annie Lou Wright said competition for admission to that school is equally fierce, particularly for applicants from out-of-state.

This year's first-year class of 80 dental students was chosen from a field of 950 applicants. This year's entering class of 110 medical students was chosen from 1,650 applicants.

UNC's dental school was chosen by the nation's dental school deans last year as the best in the nation.

More than half the applicants for both schools are from other states. State law, however, requires 85 per cent of those

accepted to be North Carolina residents.

Admissions directors for both schools say applications have increased steadily over the past several years, and applicants are better qualified now than several years ago.

Wright says there are now one-third more dental applications than three years ago, and Straughn says his school has also seen a steady increase in applications. He said that with the increased number of applications, many people accepted several years ago would not even be considered today.

Straughn said he considers five factors when evaluating a candidate. Grade point averages and Medical School Admissions Test scores comprise the academic portion, and 50 per cent of the evaluation.

Other factors are interviews, letters of recommendation and extra-curricular activities. "We look at improvement during the undergraduate years, consider science and non-science grades separately and consider any extenuating circumstances," Straughn said.

"We want people who are academically qualified, but we also look to see what other qualities an applicant can contribute. Many people with very high averages are not accepted."

Dental school applicants are screened using basically the same criteria, Wright said.

Much of the increase in applications can be attributed to the use of a new central application service, Wright said. Through this service, a student need only fill out one application which is sent to all schools to which she or he wants to apply.

Both medical and dental school officials say they have had significant increases in the number of women and minority students applying. Seventy per cent more women applied to medical school this year than did last year. Minority applications have increased 60 per cent since last year.

Increased competition for professional schools has brought on advantage, officials say. Fewer of those accepted drop out later. The attrition rate for the medical and dental schools is now about one or two per cent, as compared with 10 per cent several years ago.



Hedgetrimming comprises a major part of outdoor preparations for winter at UNC

Staff photo by Bill Wrenn

Interstate

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various co-plaintiffs.

At least one area governmental body has voted in favor of Alternate I-A. The Triangle J. Council of Governments, a six-county advisory body, voted 8-4 last Wednesday to support it. The two Chapel Hill representatives, Aldermen R.D. Smith and Shirley Marshall, voted against the measure after trying unsuccessfully to table it.

Before the meeting, state Transportation Director Troy Doby said the state is planning to review all possible routes, including a recently suggested southern one

through Chatham, Alamance, Randolph and Guilford counties.

The Board of Aldermen unanimously resolved to support the southern route Aug. 22.

Diehl said ECOS does not believe getting I-40 out of Orange County will solve the overall environmental problems. He said mass transit is the answer to transportation problems in the Piedmont crescent.

"We will no longer be able to plan on the assumption that petroleum supplies will permit the use of private passenger cars for all types of trips," Diehl said. "Yet, the state highway planners continue to give only token support to upgrading our bus and rail programs. In this respect, the highway planners are planning with their heads in the sand."

The Triangle J. Council decided against mass transit along with other alternatives when it voted for Alternate I-A.

INFO fills people-services gap

by Laura Toler
Staff Writer

Since its beginning on Aug. 26, the new community information referral service (INFO) has answered calls about everything from where to send donations to the Honduran relief fund to how much beer is contained in a keg.

INFO, located in the Inter-Church Council building, 207 Wilson Court, is equipped with resource files on all University and community services and local businesses. If a call to INFO at 942-8749 doesn't get you the information you need, INFO will tell you where to call.

"Our agency fills in the gap between people and other social services," INFO coordinator Frank Dodini said Monday. "Even within the University, the Union and the Locator Service are divisions of what type of information is given. In the last three weeks, 205 of our 356 calls were connected with the University."

INFO is funded by the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, the Office of Student Affairs and Student Government, the Campus Y, and the North Carolina Memorial Hospital. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday until Dodini can recruit more volunteers to answer the phones during extended hours.

Dodini, a VISTA volunteer affiliated with the town of Chapel Hill, said plans of INFO by the municipal department of human services were delayed several times last spring. At that point, the University, concerned about providing an information service for the two-thirds of its student body to be residing off campus in the fall, had the planning transferred to the Inter-Church Council.

"We hope to become more than just an information service," Dodini said. "If someone calls for something and there is no agency to handle it, we hope to channel the need into the planning structures of town government, so that community services may come to reflect the needs of the town."

Campus Calendar

Today's Activities

Register to vote 5 p.m.-9 p.m. today, Chapel Hill Municipal Building, North Columbia Street. Deadline for registration and address changes is Monday.

The Sailing Club will meet tonight, 207 Union, to discuss future regattas and weekend trips. Classes will be taught.

The Student Representation Committee of the Academic Affairs committee 3:30 p.m. today, 217 Union.

SCAU Merchants' Guild meeting 7 p.m. today, SCAU office, Suite B, Union. All interested are invited.

Alpha Epsilon Delta, Pre-Med-Pre-Dental Society, will have a meeting 7 p.m. today, 106 Berryhill Hall. Dr. Osterhout, chairman of the Duke admissions committee, and some Duke medical students will discuss the Duke medical school, especially admissions. Everyone is invited.

Speak out on amnesty! Noon, today, Phi.

Current Affairs committee presents a panel on amnesty - 7:30 p.m. today, Great Hall.

Youth for Easter Seals will have its first meeting of the year, 7:30 p.m. today, Hamilton. Everyone is invited.

Philological Club meeting, Professor Harold Shapiro, "Virginia Woolf's Texts: 'The Voyage Out.'" Today, Dey Faculty Lounge.

Bike Registration, Tuesday, Upper Quad, Old East, and Old West; Thursday, Craigie.

Undergraduate Political Science Association will meet 7:30 p.m. today, third floor lounge Hamilton. Officers and committees will be chosen. Interested students are invited.

The Carolina Readers will meet 3:30 p.m. today, 103 Bingham.

Elections Board Meeting, 9 p.m. today, Suite C, Union. This is the last meeting before the election. All members should attend.

Open House for all freshmen interested in the North Carolina Fellows Program. Come meet the Fellows and talk about the program (or anything else you want to talk about), 8-11 p.m. Thursday, 208 Pettigrew. Free refreshments, too!

Post Richard Williams will present a reading from recent work and from his book "Suburban Blues" 3 p.m. Thursday, Deep Jonah, the Carolina Union's coffee house.

Sponsored by the English department, Williams' reading is open to the public.

Dr. Fred Brooks, Chairman of the Computer Science Department, will speak on "Ethical Responsibility of Scientists and Engineers" 8 p.m. Wednesday, 4414 University Student Center at N.C. State University.

University Dance Theatre Dancers will have a required meeting 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, dance studio of the women's gym.

TKE meeting of all brothers and new members 7 p.m. Thursday, 205 Union.

COMMUNITY I will get together for supper and fellowship 6 p.m. Thursday, Presbyterian Student Center, located on Henderson Street behind Hecler's. They will discuss various options for growth as a group interested in each other and in Christ. All college persons welcome.

Dr. John Fishburne, "The Effects of Drugs on Mothers and Babies during Pregnancy and Childbirth," 7:30 p.m.

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The Accounting Club will meet 7:30 Thursday, 7-7 New Carroll. A representative from the U.S. General Accounting Office will speak on "Auditing Presidential Campaign Spending." All interested persons are invited to attend.

The Outing Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 217.

All men interested in male consciousness-raising groups are invited to a preliminary meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 310 Davis.

The John J. Parker Society of International Law will hold a regular meeting 4 p.m. Wednesday, classroom 1, law school. The fall semester speakers program will be discussed. All interested grad and undergrad students cordially invited to attend.

The Student's International Meditation Society will present an introductory lecture on Transcendental Meditation 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 103 Bingham Hall.

ECOS needs people to help prepare 1200 copies of our Environmental Bulletin for mailing. If interested, please come up to Suite B in the Union.

There will be a short meeting of the Young Republicans Club, 7 p.m. Wednesday, 215 Union. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Angel Flight will hold its first meeting for new members 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, South Lenox above the Pine Room.

The Graduate Students for Latin American Studies will hold a rally noon, Wednesday, Phi, to raise funds for the thousands of people devastated by the recent hurricane in the Honduras.

There will be an organizational meeting of the Young Americans for Freedom Thursday, 215 Union. YAF is the nation's largest conservative youth organization. Interested persons are invited to attend.

Should humans be cloned? A Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies debate, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dialectic Chambers.

SHE has a few staff positions open. People interested in lay-out and paste-up are needed. Interviews will be held 1-3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 206 Union.

Anyone who would like to be appointed to the Undergraduate Court should stop by the attorney general's office 1-5 p.m., Suite C, Union before Friday.

Conversational English class. Section 1, 4-5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 30-Dec. 4. Section 2, 3-5 p.m. Fridays, Oct. 4-Dec. 6. \$20 due at first class. Newman Center, 218 Pittsboro St. or call 929-9806.

Nominations for the Order of the Valkyries are now being accepted. Junior and senior women who have been outstanding in the University community are eligible. Women who are not students, but have been outstanding contributors to University community life, are also eligible. Nomination forms are available at Union desk and must be received no later than Oct. 18.

Transportation Commission is looking for new members. Anyone interested should contact Scott Brannon, 1-5 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, Suite C, Union.

People wanting riders, carpools, or rides can call the Rides Coordination Office, 833-5407, or come by Suite C, Union. We will try to match you up with someone to help you out.

Students interested in applying to the Division of Physical Therapy for admission into the junior class of 1975 should contact the Division of Physical Therapy prior to Tuesday. No new applicants will be considered after that date. There will be meetings of the sophomore physical therapy students 5 p.m. Oct. 21 and 22, physical therapy classroom B-107.

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