

Expenses reduce value

Increased student aid available

More student financial aid funds will be available this year, but the increasing cost-of-living and rising University expenses mean not all students' needs will be met.

"This is the first time in the 10 years I have been here that the Student Aid Office has not been able to meet the needs of our students," Student Aid Director William Geer said last week.

Despite increased federal appropriations, a new state allocation for minority recruitment and an anonymous donation of \$100,000, Student Aid's revenues are expected to fall about \$700,000 short of demand. This, said Geer, will mean a cutback of 10 to 20 per cent in aid for certain individual cases.

While those who filed for assistance by the March 1975 deadline will receive the full amount their financial statement showed was needed, those applying by June 1 will receive only 90 per cent of their request, and those applying during the summer, 80 per cent, Geer said.

An exception will be made for students who undergo financial crises before school begins, he added.

According to Aid Office estimates, total costs for an in-state student attending UNC for one year on a tight budget have risen to \$2,645—\$250 higher than last year. For an out-of-

state student, costs have increased to \$4,125—\$400 higher than in 1974-75.

Besides the \$100 a year out-of-state tuition hike and rising living expenses, students will be paying \$15 more this year for mandatory infirmary fees and

costs.

Federal appropriation, which cover work-study, National Direct Student Loans and Supplementary Education Opportunity Grants, have risen from \$1.99 million last year to \$2.15 million this year.

Geer also said he expects UNC students to receive more than \$1 million from the federal Basic Educational Opportunity Grant fund, a program begun two years ago that supplies funds directly to students who qualify as "most needy."

In addition, the state appropriated \$72,000 this year for the recruitment of minority students to help fulfill the commitment of the university system's desegregation plan to increase minority presence.

Local sources have also been generous in giving student aid. Recently, an anonymous donor gave \$100,000 to the University for assistance to disadvantaged students.

The University contributes its share of financial aid mainly through Student Stores profits. Geer said last year the stores generated approximately \$200,000 for undergraduate aid, \$50,000 for graduate fellowships and \$25,000 for athletic grants.

Besides loans and grants by the Student Aid Office, aid funds are also

approximately \$60 more for dormitory room rentals.

"There's always a cliché that your federal funds were cut," Geer said, discussing the aid shortfall. "But that's not true here... the principal reason is the rise in room rent and non-University



William Geer, director of financial aid at UNC

available through numerous graduate assistantships, lab appointments, fellowships and scholarships awarded by various departments and foundations on the basis of achievement.

Meanwhile, more UNC students than ever before are working their way through school, Geer said, including 1,000 students on the federal work-study assistance program and more than 9,000 working at various jobs in town.

While this year's figures are still unavailable, the Aid Office last year allocated \$6,820,752 to 4,056 students—including over 1,050 graduate students.

"Graduate and professional students are very important," Geer said. "They are feeling the costs-of-living increases more seriously than most other students."

More than recycling, ECOS seeks growth into other services

To many students, ECOS simply represents a truck which periodically collects newspapers for recycling from the large green boxes around the campus. However, recycling is only one of the organization's many activities and services.

ECOS, Inc., a non-profit organization centered in Chapel Hill, is dedicated to studying and publicizing environmental problems, according to its newsletter.

The name was chosen because of its similarity to the Greek work "oikos", meaning household, and to words relating to the environment such as ecology and ecosystem.

Aside from the recycling activities, the group has also lobbied against nuclear power plant development and certain dam and highway projects while supporting mass transportation and conservation. These activities have led to numerous studies, publications and even lawsuits.

ECOS was organized in Chapel Hill six years ago and has since expanded to a statewide organization with five chapters and approximately 300 members. The newest chapter is now being organized at St. Andrews College in Lenoir.

The state headquarters of ECOS is located in a cluttered office on Henderson Street above Hector's restaurant.

ECOS treasurer Larry Tuttle said that in the coming year the group plans to concentrate its activities in the fields of nuclear power and transportation problems, as well as its recycling projects.

Tuttle said he hopes ECOS will publish a study of mass transportation later this fall. "We don't feel the state of North Carolina should continue to build highways like it is," he said.

Instead, Tuttle said he would like to see the state re-evaluate its plans and place greater emphasis on mass transportation. "Mass transportation would serve more people with less damage to the environment," said Tuttle.

Tuttle also said ECOS plans to continue its opposition to the Carolina Power and Light nuclear power plant currently being built near Raleigh. The group has taken legal action to intervene and halt construction of the plant.

Despite its growth, ECOS continues to face financial problems. The organization is funded by membership which cost from \$5 to \$10 each, outside contributions and the sale of its booklet on sex education and birth control entitled *Elephants and Butterflies... and Contraceptives*.

Tuttle said the current financial state of ECOS is "not grim but not rosy either."

Testing center gives career guidance to those who need direction

Like the traveler who can't find his way, a student sometimes need a little direction. And that's exactly what the UNC Career Guidance Center is offering.

"I think that we are useful for people who know where they are going but not how to get there, and for people who don't know where they are going and need help in finding a direction," June Alcott, a counselor at the Career Guidance and Testing Center, said last week.

The Guidance and Testing Center, staffed by professional counselors, offers information and testing to help students with individual academic and career problems.

Students can make appointments to talk with these counselors by calling 933-2175 or stopping by the center in Nash Hall.

In addition to counseling, the Guidance and Testing Center maintains an educational and occupational library. The library contains information on employment outlooks, graduate schools, medical and law schools, particular needs of

women and minority groups and other information about career opportunities.

Alcott added that the center is one of the best places on campus to find career information for women.

The center also provides testing to help students determine where their skills lie. These tests are free to UNC students.

The Guidance and Testing Center keeps a testing calendar, showing when applications are due for tests such as the Law School Aptitude test and when such exams are scheduled. Another test list shows during which year in college these career tests should be taken.

Alcott reminds all students planning to take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) that the postmark deadline for registration for the fall exam is August 29 and that the registration must include a photograph of the applicant.

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