

UNC complies with HEW desegregation requirements

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After almost a year of negotiations, legal battles and a threatened cutoff of all federal funds, the 16-campus UNC system has begun to comply with stricter federal desegregation requirements. The UNC Board of Governors voted 19-3 on May 12 to comply with U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare criteria for acceptable desegregation. The governors had faced a possible cutoff of as much as \$89 million annually in federal funds.

HEW Secretary Joseph Califano took action to cut off the funds in March, after the deadline for UNC to comply with the new criteria had passed.

UNC has budgeted \$4.1 million of its 1978-1979 budget to step up recruitment of black students, faculty and staff. The board also has created 15 new degree programs and set aside \$9.9 million for construction at the system's five predominantly black campuses.

The new desegregation criteria UNC must meet are threefold:

- Eliminate the dual system of black

and white schools. U.S. District Judge John Pratt, in his 1977 court ruling that directed HEW to implement the new criteria, said the UNC system of separate black and white schools harbored vestiges of racial segregation.

- Increase the number of incoming black freshmen to at least the same percentage of black high school students graduating from traditionally white high schools.

The judge also said UNC officials should encourage more whites to attend traditionally black public universities.

• Desegregate faculties, staffs and administrative boards of all 16 campuses. An HEW study of the UNC system shows "significant segregation still characterizes the distribution of faculty within the UNC system."

The study says faculty members at black institutions have lower academic credentials than at white schools, and black institutions generally have weak academic programs.

The controversy between HEW and UNC arose in July 1977 when Pratt ruled the UNC system — along with public university systems in five other southern states — still retain traces of segregation. He ordered HEW to eliminate those traces. The ruling required UNC to submit a new desegregation plan to replace the previous plan approved by HEW in 1974.

The University submitted a plan, but HEW rejected it in February 1978 on the grounds that it did not go far enough towards eliminating segregation. Negotiators for UNC and HEW were unable to iron out the differences between the two adversaries by a March 20 deadline.

On March 22, Califano announced that HEW would begin immediate deferral of funding requests to UNC until the dispute was resolved. UNC could have lost part or all of \$89 million it receives annually in federal monies.

The Board of Governors, unwilling to prolong the struggle, voted in May to

acquiesce to the HEW criteria rather than fight the funding cutoff in court. UNC submitted a new desegregation plan containing many of the elements HEW wanted but UNC earlier had refused to include.

Under the terms of the new agreement, UNC immediately began attempts at desegregation. The first steps in the plan are a series of reports and studies of the UNC system to be completed this year.

The first such document is the annual report UNC is required to make to HEW on desegregation in the system. The 1978 report, sent to HEW Aug. 15, was the first filed under the new plan.

The report said "substantial progress has already been made towards the new desegregation goals." HEW officials are studying the report now.

Attached to the report was a study of the physical status of the black campuses, which HEW had said were inferior to facilities on white campuses.

Other steps UNC has take or will take this year include:

- Increasing the allocation for special grants and other programs designed to attract black students from \$985,000 to \$4.1 million. To attract white students to traditionally black schools, 15 new baccalaureate degrees have been added to the curricula at the black schools.

- A report to be filed with HEW in early 1979 on black and white enrollments in the 16 schools.



Joseph Califano

• A study on unnecessary program duplication in nearby black and white schools. The most rigorously protested of the HEW criteria, the duplication requirement provides that if the same academic program exists at geographically adjacent black and white schools, the program at the white school will be eliminated in an effort to beef up the black school. The duplication study will be completed in November.

• A progress report of the status of affirmative action programs to recruit additional black faculty and staff filed Aug. 1 with HEW.

The reports, statistical studies and recommendations are to be reviewed by the Board of Governors before being filed with HEW.

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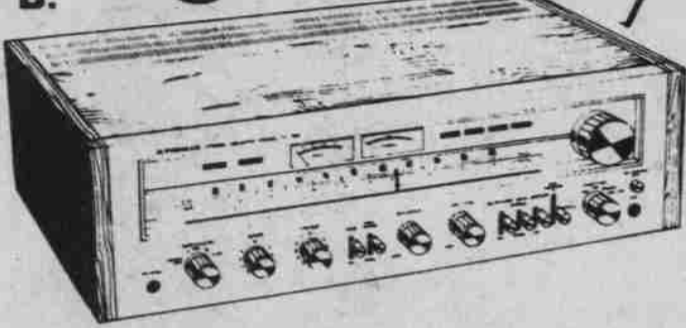
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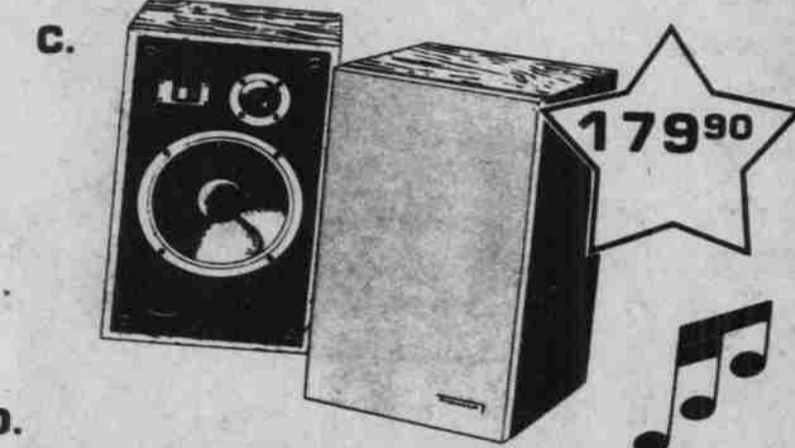
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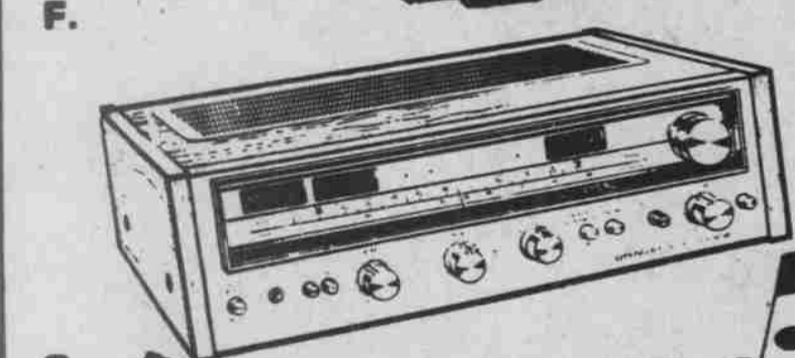


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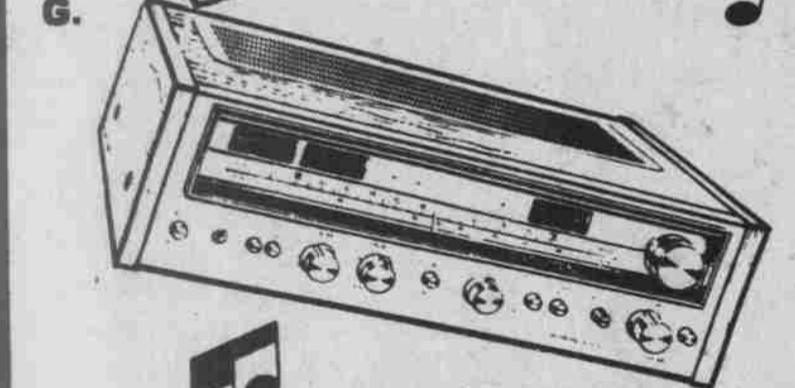
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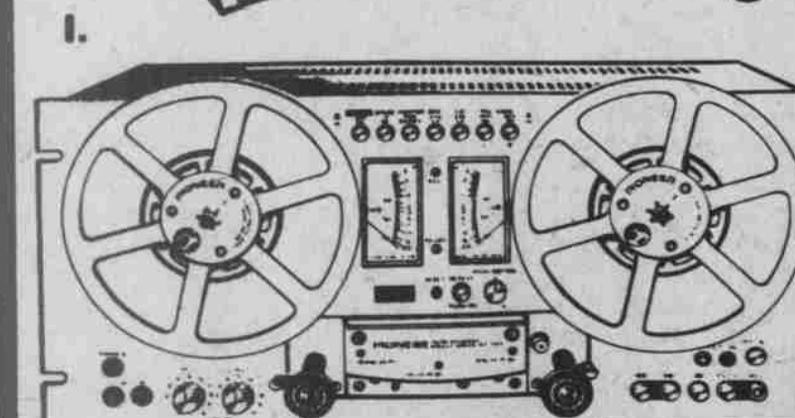
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Out-of-state students can save by filing

By RICHARD BARRON
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Students with out-of-state status can expect to pay \$1,710 a year more than North Carolina residents at UNC.

But even though his parents may live in Georgia, it is possible to establish in-state status and cut tuition cost.

Because many students were having difficulty getting information on

residency classification, the Student Consumer Action Union formed the Residency Counseling Service in January 1977 to help students determine whether they may obtain in-state residency.

The RCS is made up of student volunteers who have been through the residence classification process.

According to RCS, to obtain in-state status, an applicant must prove to the University: 1) that he has lived in North

Carolina for the past 12 months, and 2) that those 12 months constituted establishment of a legal residence, rather than a mere temporary residence.

Only when the student can prove that North Carolina, not his parents' home, is his legal residence, can he be granted an in-state classification.

Thus, it becomes the responsibility of the student to petition the University and produce the necessary evidence to permit the change in resident status.

Students seeking in-state residency first should fill out a residency application which can be obtained for any University admissions office (undergraduate, medical or law).

After filling out the application, the student should return it to the appropriate admissions office.

The admissions officer then will make an initial determination of the residence status of the applicant.

Applicants denied in-state status may appeal the verdict to the Residence Status Committee.

Finally, if the applicant still isn't granted in-state residency, he may institute proceedings in the North Carolina branch of federal court.

Several area attorneys accept residency cases and can be consulted if the applicant feels the need for a lawyer's services. According to the RCS, some of these lawyers provide free consultation sessions.

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