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More bleachers are being constructed in Kenan Stadium. Hopefully, the project will be completed for the first home game-against South Carolina.

Three's a crowd

Enrollment increase creates unexpected housing crunch

By MARTHA WAGGONER Staff Writer

Increased freshman enrollment has put an unexpected strain on the already overburdened University housing system this fall, forcing 1,072 freshmen to share dorm rooms with more than one roomate.

The number of students living in temporary on-campus housing has increased seven-fold since 1976. In addition to the freshmen living in triple or quadruple roommate situations, 25 freshmen and 53 upperclassmen have been placed temporarily in dormitory study rooms.

Although the exact number of students living in temporary housing changes daily, the overcrowding will continue at least throughout the fall semester and possibly into January, James B. Condie, director of housing said. The 1,072 freshmen in temporary housing last week were crowded into 346 rooms, of which 140 housed males and 206 housed females.

Every residence hall on campus has forced triples except Craige, which houses only juniors, seniors and graduate students, Phyllis Graham, associate director for housing contracts said. All students living in tripled or quadrupled rooms will be given a 20 percent rent rebate for the period of time they remain in the temporary housing, she said.

The freshmen living in study rooms will have first priority for permanent housing, Condie said. Upperclassmen living in study rooms will receive second priority and freshmen sharing rooms with more than one roomate will be the last to be placed in permanent housing, he said.

The overcrowding should improve in years to come, Condie said. "The admissions office has a lot to do," he said.

This year's overcrowding occurred when 3,511 freshmen enrolled in a class predicted to be only 3,200. Predictions of the size of the freshmen class are based on historical trends, said Richard Cashwell, director of undergraduate admissions. Until this year, the number of students actually enrolling after being accepted at the University had been declining since

But the number of N.C. students deciding to enroll at Carolina increased by 4 percent this year. Cashwell said economic tactors have made statesupported universities more attractive than the more-expensive private schools.

"Also, maybe we are beginning to see a switch to a liberal arts educations rather than a technical or engineering one," Cashwell said. "Nationally, the number of applicants is going down, but in North Carolina, the number of high school graduates is increasing, and that, of course, is what we look at. The number of applicants is increasing from these."

Dormitory overcrowding may be relieved in the future by fine tuning the admissions process to exercise more control over the number of freshmen and junior transfers who are allowed to enroll at the University, Donald Boulton, vice chancellor for student affairs, said.

One new policy under consideration would be a rolling admissions system whereby a set number of acceptances would be sent out and then no more



Togetherness ... the first lesson some freshmen learn ... housing crunch creates some 'close' friends

would be offered unless there was a corresponding cancellation, Boulton said. The rolling admissions policy is already used at the UNC School of

The system could have some problems. however. Boulton said. "If four people send in cancellations on the same day then the admissions office will send out four acceptances on that day," he said. "For students this is not a very good answer because their acceptance could arrive so late-just a few days. maybe, before registration begins."

The housing crunch may be partially

relieved by University-backed apartments proposed to be built behind Kroger Plaza on Franklin Street, Boulton said. The apartments could be completed within 18 months of final approval of the project, he said.

The apartments would be limited to upperclassmen, Boulton said. Between 740 and 960 students would be housed in suites of four individual bedrooms sharing a central living area, kitchen and bathroom. The rent for the apartments would be comparable to the rent at other apartment complexes in the Chapel Hill area. Boulton said.

Curriculum studied

Report recommends change

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By MARK MURRELL

General College officials will begin meeting with faculty and student groups this fall to solicit opinion on proposed curriculum changes that would toughen course requirements for the 1981

The changes, which also would lengthen the time needed to fulfill General College requirements, were proposed this summer by the Committee to Review the Undergraduate Curriculum, a special student and faculty panel appointed in April 1978 by Samuel R. Williamson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"There will be some hard questions asked," Williamson said of the proposals, which are contained in a report submitted to him in June by the committee. English Professor Weldon Thornton is

chairman of the committee. If the report's recommendations are adopted, the change will mark only the third time in this century that General College requirements have been altered.

In 1955, English and foreign language requirements were reduced to two semesters each, with a year of required math remaining.

The next change, which resulted from the Merzbacher report in 1969, cut requirements further by providing a foreign language-math option. The Thornton report recommends an increase in General

College requirements and a more specific and detailed program.

the proposal would mean an 18-course General College package. Thornton's committee recommended that four of the courses be taken in the junior and senior years. The report said "present requirements are too fragmented and

For students unable to place out of any of the requirements,

divisional categories are too broad." The committee's report said more course sequences and interdisciplinary courses should be

"It's simplifying life for the students," Williamson said. "It's to let them know why they're taking what they're taking."

The report divides the curriculum into the broad categories of basic skills and perspectives.

Basic skills include a two-course sequence in composition, a two-course sequence in mathematical science, and a foursemester sequence of a foreign language (or an intensive fivehour course for each of two semesters).

The perspectives are divided into four categories: • The Scientific-three natural science courses: two in

• The Western/Non-Western Cultural-two courses in Western culture and one in non-Western culture. • The Aesthetic—three courses in literature and the fine arts.

The Humanistic—two courses "to provide knowledge of the

Samuel R. Williamson

Parking predicament different, not better

By PAM HILDEBRAN

The parking situation at the University isn't getting better-just more confusing. The 500-space Carolina Union parking lot was scheduled to be fenced off in July to make way for construction of the new \$23 million central library.

Delays in accepting bids and making final plans have pushed the date to early October, Gordon Rutherford, director of facilities and planning for the University,

"We are scheduled to receive bids on the 30th of August, and the Union lot will probably be shut down around the first of October," Rutherford said. "We might have been delayed a month or two, but for a project that big, that's not bad at

Construction of the new Carolina Union addition began on schedule, and the paved lot beside the Union has been

removed to make room for the new

The library construction delay will not affect ticketing of cars in the Union lot. "We will allow S-2 holders plus N-3 holders to park in the Union lot until it is closed, and enforcement will be the same," Traffic Office supervisor Carolyn Faylor said.

must park in the S-2 lots near N.C. Memorial Hospital. N-3 holders must park in the remaining N-3 lots. Taylor said there will be no shortage of

N-3 spaces because the construction was anticipated. N-3 parking lots were remapped last spring, and fewer permits were issued, she said.

In addition to the Union lot losses, approximately 75 spaces will be lost when the dirt lot beside the Ackland Art

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N. Ferebee Taylor

sequence, one with a lab, and one behavioral science course.

two of which must be sequential.

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Strayhorn heads committee

Search underway for Taylor successor

By PAM HILDEBRAN Staff Writer

The UNC Board of Trustees appointed Friday its new chairman, Ralph N. Strayhorn, to head the search for a successor to Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor, who announced his resignation last week for health

Taylor, who suffered a heart attack June 7, submitted his resignation on the advice of his doctor. The resignation is effective Jan. 31, or as soon thereafter as a successor is chosen.

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Taylor told the trustees during a closed session that state law requires the board of trustees to establish a selection committee composed of representatives of trustees, faculty, student body and alumni. The board of trustees, following receipt of the report of the selection committee, is to recommend at least two names for consideration by the UNC president in designating a nominee for the chancellorship for approval by the Board of Governors.

Strayhorn will create the committee within the next three weeks, Taylor said. Board of trustees Assistant Secretary Sarah Virginia Dunlap will assist Strayhorn in the task.

UNC President William C. Friday said that notice will be published nationally concerning the way in

which the chancellor is appointed and telling how to send in nominations. "We'll send faculty members the memo first because they're the ones most closely concerned," Friday said. Friday said he assumed between 450 and 475 names

will be proposed. The nominees will be narrowed down to seven or nine names before interviews are conducted, he said. After the committee submits two or more nominations to Friday, he will choose one name to present to the UNC Board of Governors for final

"I have received eight letters of nomination already," Taylor said. All eight are from North Carolina, including several UNC faculty members, he said.

Friday said factors to be considered will include the nominees' age, educational achievement, work history. health and family status. Affirmative Action requirements ensure that minorities and women will have knowledge of the vacancy.

Nominations will close around mid-October or early November. The nominees' names will not be made public except for the nominee who is actually

appointed chancellor, Friday said.

Friday also said that some type of "public day" will be held where anyone may state his views or give support to a particular nominee.

Taylor will not leave the University campus after his successor is chosen. He plans to teach corporate law in the School of Law in the fall of 1980. He was a visiting professor in the Law School in the spring of 1968 and was named professor of law in 1973.

In commenting on Taylor's resignation, Friday said Taylor has served the University with uncommon devotion during his tenure as chancellor.

"His intelligent leadership has brought about many positive program developments and his campus expansion program has successfully met many real needs of the University," Friday said. Taylor was appointed chancellor Feb. 1, 1972. He

earlier had served as vice president for administration on President Friday's staff in the former Consolidated University of North Carolina

A native of Oxford, N.C., Taylor is a 1942 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of UNC and graduated Cum Laude from Harvard Law School in 1949. He was a Rhodes Scholar at Balliol College, Oxford University, England, receiving his B.A. in 1951 and his M.A. in 1955. He received an honorary LL.D. degree from Duke University in May, 1977.

Construction signals end of Press Building conflict

BY ANNE-MARIE DOWNEY Staff Writer

Construction of the controversial UNC Press Building has begun at its Boundary Street site in Chapel Hill's historic district, apparently marking the end of nearly a year of conflict between the University and the town's historic district commission over the building.

The state General Assembly decided the matter after the commission refused in two votes to grant the University a certificate of appropriateness for the building. Legislators passed a law May 25 exempting the University and all state property from historic district commission rulings, and the University began taking bids for construction the same day. The original bill proposed by Sen. Henson Barnes

of Goldsboro did not exempt state property, but the legislation was amended at the request of the N.C. Department of Administration. Rather than face a difficult fight over the bill, which was introduced near the end of the legislative session, legislators approved the bill with the amendment included, Barnes said.

Although the University was not in direct contact with him during the discussions of the amendment, Barnes said University officials kept a close watch on the procedures by attending the sessions during which the bill was discussed.

"Obviously, they (University officials) were concerned about the situation," said Rep. Trish Hunt' of Chapel Hill, who chaired the House judiciary committee that considered the bill after the Senate passed the amended version. "Obviously, they had been concerned about it for some time."

While ground has been broken for the new building, disapproval and resentment toward the University's action remains among many Chapel Hill officials who say the University should have abided by the commission's decision.

Joe Herzenberg, chairman of the Chapel Hill Historic District Commission, said that by overruling the local government, the University has alienated many Chapel Hill officials and residents.

A court battle was averted when the commission agreed to reconsider the project after the building's proposed design was revised. But the commission refused to approve the construction once again in March, this time by a 5-4 vote. Despite some later skirmishes over procedural

matters, it appeared the commission's ruling would stick. But the bill passed in May swept away the remaining obstacles to construction of the building. John Temple, vice chancellor for business and finance, said the University chose to go to the General Assembly because "We felt we had to pursue what was in the best interest of the University."

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After the lot is fenced off, S-2 holders

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