

# Admissions applications up by 21 percent for fall

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The number of UNC entrance applications for the fall semester has risen dramatically, and an admissions official said the increase allowed the University to be more selective in choosing from the applicants.

Tony Strickland, UNC associate director of admissions, attributed the 21 percent rise to the efforts of the admissions staff and to the fall publication of a book praising the school.

Strickland said the average SAT score in the group entering the fall of 1986, term was between 1080 and

1090. That compared to the 1070 average for last year, he said, and to the 1050 average for the fall of 1984 group. The average SAT score for out-of-state students was in the low 1300s, he said.

"Overall, our acceptance rate is about 37 percent," Strickland said. "We've taken 16 percent of the out-of-state applicants and about 60 percent of the in-state. You won't find too many schools that can afford to accept only 60 percent of their in-state applicants."

Minority applications have increased only slightly, Strickland said. Black applicants accounted for

only about 850 of the 13,618 applications received as of last week. There were 798 minority applications last year, he said.

Strickland said the University relaxes its entrance requirements for minorities in order to conform with goals of the UNC system. The system has a goal of 10.6 percent minority enrollment for fall of 1986, he said.

"We basically try to get as many as have a reasonable chance of making it," Strickland said. "The SATs are different, but there's not that much difference in demonstrated academic ability."

Strickland said "The Public Ivys" by Richard Moll was probably responsible for the increase of out-of-state applications. The book tells of eight public universities at which a student can receive an education comparable to those had in Ivy League schools.

The rise in applications from North Carolina residents was due to the admissions staff, specifically of the admissions office's Carolina Contact Program, Strickland said. In two days, 300 potential students were shown around the campus by UNC student volunteers. Those that par-

ticipated told their friends at home of their experiences, Strickland said, and the result has been a greater popularity for the University.

"The program has counteracted the image of big, state diploma mill in showing off Carolina's reputation," he said.

Strickland said the success of the basketball team had little to do with the number of applications received.

"Someone did a study on that several years ago and found a slight correlation, but I doubt if it has any real effect," he said. "The team wins so often that it's hard to tell."

## Room changes can be made

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For students who are not satisfied with their residence situation, there is hope. University Housing provides a means of room changes for those who find themselves having serious problems in their dormitory situations.

According to Jan Weaver of University Housing, the procedure for room changes is outlined in the housing booklet.

"There are two options," Weaver said. "One is a direct room swap in the dormitory. The other is to go to the area director's office and pick up a form called the 'Room/Area Change Application Form.'"

The form allows the student to move not only from one room to another room, but also from one residence area to another.

According to the Housing Contract Book for Undergraduates, "Hallways and Highrises," room change rules for the 1986-1987 aca-

demic year are "after receiving an assignment, a change will not be made without just cause."

"Room changes will be considered beginning two weeks after the day the halls open. These changes are usually limited to direct room swaps, and all concerned parties must agree to the change. Room changes may not be made without the area director's approval. Students not satisfied with their room (hall) assignment may apply to their Area Director for a hall change on or after Aug. 25, 1986, and request to be placed on a waiting list for that hall," according to the Housing Contract Book.

The Housing Contract Book continues to state that after the "Room/Area Change Application Form" has been completed "the Housing Department will conduct a drawing Sept. 8, 1986, to determine the position on the waiting list, and will begin using the waiting list after all in-area problems and crowding have been relieved."

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