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Drop-out rate for blacks rises

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Fewer black students are entering UNC, and those who do enter are more likely to drop out than those who enrolled four years ago, according to statistics from UNC's Office of Institutional Research.

And the number of black students at UNC probably won't increase soon, despite the University's aggressive minority recruitment policy, University officials said.

"I think it might get worse before it gets better," said Harold G. Wallace, vice chancellor for University affairs. "You're looking at a number of years before you can turn that around."

Black enrollment at UNC declined

from 10 percent to 8.5 percent from 1983 to 1986, according to a report prepared by UNC's Affirmative Action Office in November 1986.

Statistics from UNC's Office of Institutional Research indicate that black students are less likely to graduate than white students. While one out of five white students drop out by their fourth year of study, half of all blacks drop out by their fourth year at UNC.

And for blacks, the drop-out trend is becoming stronger: The proportion of blacks who drop out by their fourth year at UNC has increased by 9 percent over the last four years.

The high drop-out rate for blacks at UNC explains why fewer of them enroll here, explained Hayden B.

Renwick, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"The (black) students who do enroll here and don't experience success are the main reason we have low enrollment — they're going back into the community, and they're not painting a good picture of Carolina," Renwick said.

Many black students at UNC are the first members of their families ever to go to college, he said. When they arrive here, they feel strange, he said.

"They've never been in a place like this before," Renwick said. "They don't feel comfortable. So they do badly."

Donald Boulton, vice chancellor and dean of Student Affairs, agreed.

"People go where they're comfortable," he said. "There's a cultural comfort zone."

"Think of all the things you had to go through to come here, and the adjustment." But the problem of getting used to UNC is the same for whites as well as blacks, Boulton said.

"It's not a racial problem," he said. "People try to make it a racial problem. It's a human problem. Black students are no different from white students."

Renwick said administrators should pay more attention to ensuring that black students complete their education after entering UNC.

"The best way to enhance enrollment is to increase the retention level

Student Retention Rates at UNC

	Percent enrolled	Percent graduated	Percent dropped out
Entered 1978:			
blacks	11	49	40
whites	18	59	23
Entered 1982:			
blacks	18	33	49
whites	20	59	21

Retention rates are for students four years after entering UNC.
Source: UNC Office of Institutional Research

of students," he said. "Then they go back into the community and say, 'Hey, I've graduated.'"

Nevertheless, UNC has one of the highest retention rates of black students in the nation, according to Herbert L. Davis, assistant director of the Undergraduate Admissions

Office. "I'd be willing to compare our retention rate with any one around," Davis said. "We're not worried as much about the numbers as the ability of the individual student to

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Late rally by Duke falls short

By JAMES SUROWIECKI
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If there is such a thing as a moral victory, the Duke Blue Devils earned one Thursday. After trailing by as many as 26 early in the second half, the Blue Devils put together a stunning rally before falling just short to the UNC Tar Heels, 77-71.

Duke played an abysmal first half while the Tar Heels were making reality of all their press clippings. UNC shot 56.3 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes while the Blue Devils found the basket their most difficult opponent as they hit just 38.5 percent from the floor.

"We came out a little bit nervous, a little bit timid," Danny Ferry said. "They came out like men, we came out like boys."

It was the men who were frolicking in the first half, though, as the boys staidly looked on. Kenny Smith was devastating, hitting six of seven shots, including 3-of-4 from three-point range, and Jeff Lebo had nine points on 4-of-5 shooting. The Blue Devils, meanwhile, turned the ball over 12 times and didn't get their first points until a John Smith basket 3:54 into the game.

Things weren't very different in the first two minutes after intermission. After a quick baseline jumper by Alaa Abdelnaby, who had 10 second-half points, opened the scoring, the Tar Heels reeled off ten straight points, capped by a Kenny Smith three-point bomb. That made the score 53-27. Blowout was in the air.

The Blue Devils apparently weren't breathing that ether, though, as they rebounded with a 28-8 run that sliced the UNC lead to 61-55 after Kevin Strickland hit a three-pointer from the right corner. Ferry, who struggled from the field but still finished with 17 points and five assists, had seven points in that run and one marvelous dish to Robert Brickey for a reverse layup.

The key to the spurt, though, was Duke's work off the defensive boards, as the Blue Devils out-rebounded UNC 19-14 in the second half. "They limited us to one shot,

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UNC's Jeff Lebo and Duke's Quin Snyder engage in a little shoving match in UNC's 77-71 victory

DTH/Dan Charlson

Panel faults President's Iran policy

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON, D.C. President Reagan "did not seem to be aware" of the full consequences of his arms-to-Iran policy or of the unprofessional way it was implemented by the National Security Council staff, the Tower Commission said Thursday. Its report faulted both the president and his closest aides.

The president's handpicked investigators bluntly challenged Reagan's often stated explanation for his policy, saying that almost from the outset the Iran initiative became "a series of arms-for-hostages deals."

As such, "they could not help but create an incentive for further hostage taking," threaten to upset the military balance of the Iran-Iraq war and "reward a regime that clearly supported terrorism and hostage taking."

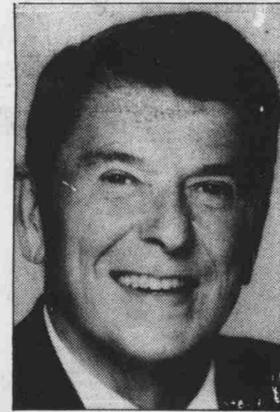
An hour after receiving the report for the first time, the president introduced the panel to a news conference and announced he would make a nationally televised speech next week.

"I will do whatever is necessary to enact the proper reforms and to meet the challenges ahead," Reagan said.

The president refused to answer reporters' questions about the future of embattled White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan before leaving the room. But he did repeat that he has worked to make sure the facts of the Iran-Contra controversy become known to the public, and in that the Tower Commission agreed.

Former Sen. John Tower, the commission chairman, told a news conference. "The president made mistakes." But, he said the president was "poorly advised and poorly served" by many of his aides.

The panel concluded that, "if but one of the major mistakes we examined had been avoided, the



Ronald Reagan

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nation's history would bear one less scar, one less embarrassment, one less opportunity for opponents to reverse the principles this nation seeks to preserve and advance in the world."

The panel said Reagan was apparently motivated, according to notes and diary entries, by a strong and compassionate desire to see the American hostages released from captivity in Lebanon.

Even so, the report said, "This sad history is powerful evidence of why the United States should never have become involved in the arms transfers."

The commission spread the blame around to the president and many of the most senior officials in his administration.

■ Reagan was portrayed as being unaware of the way in which his policy was carried out, and "at no

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Old East, West RHA condemns task force dissolution

By LAURA PEARLMAN
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In response to the abolishment of a student-faculty task force to recommend uses for Old East and Old West residence halls, the Residence Hall Association voted Thursday to condemn the action and urge that the task force be allowed to complete its duties.

The services of the task force, which was formed last year, will no longer be needed, Wayne Kuncl, the director of University Housing, told two Residence Hall Association representatives Wednesday.

In response to Kuncl's abolishment

of the task force, RHA representatives approved a resolution stating their opposition to the move, and encouraging administrators to allow the task force to continue.

The task force was formed because of student concern about a University Housing proposal to convert the dormitories to office space.

Last semester, Kuncl told the task force that there was no need to meet again until spring, after architects had looked over the plans for Old East and Old West, Jones said.

"Then I was informed Wednesday by Kuncl that the task force would not meet any more," Jones said.

"Last fall, we asked for and were given the assurance that this group would be called together again."

Kuncl now wants to turn the issue over to an as yet non-existent Housing Advisory Council, Jones said. Kuncl could not be reached for comment Thursday night.

Now, instead of converting Old East and Old West into offices, the University Housing proposes to use them as living areas for outstanding seniors, Jones said.

"I would suggest that the old committee is being pushed aside

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Speakers protest apartheid

By TOM CAMP
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Protesting against apartheid should be a priority for students at UNC, a professor of history told students who gathered around the Pit Thursday to listen to speakers at a rally sponsored by the UNC Anti-Apartheid Support Group.

The rally was held to raise support to persuade the Board of Trustees to vote in favor of divestment at their meeting today.

If the board votes in favor of divestment at its 10:30 a.m. meeting Friday, it can recommend to the Endowment Board that the University divest totally

from companies doing business in South Africa.

"The world's greatest freedom struggle is happening right now in South Africa," Leon Fink, professor of history, said to a crowd of about 75 people in the Pit. "Those who resist divestment are only bringing on further bloodshed."

Opposition to the South African white regime in the 1980s can be compared to the civil rights movement of the 1960s, Fink said. "In the 60's, protesters used boycotts to cut off the ties of businesses that continued to segregate," he said. "Divestment is the boycott of the anti-

apartheid movement."

The only way to change the University's stance on divestment is to apply consistent pressure, he said.

"The issue of divestment isn't just up to the Trustees," Fink said. "It's up to us to speak up for the millions of black Africans whose voices have been silenced."

The anti-apartheid protesters have a vision for UNC, said group member Cindy Hahamovitch. "It is a vision of a UNC in which the workers who keep this University running are not treated as the servants and maids of a big

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What good is art if it hurts your head? — Paul McCartney