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## And stay up!

Construction workers install new windows as they strive to complete the renovations on Grimes Residence Hall.

## Minority applications rise at major N.C. universities

By JEFFREY ECKARD

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Admissions officers at UNC and other state institutions are reporting an increase in minority applications for 1988-89, reversing a downward trend in minority admissions that affected the schools in the early 1980s.

UNC received approximately 1,200 minority applications in 1988, a 20 percent increase, while the total number of applications increased by 14 percent, said Anthony Strickland, associate director of undergraduate admissions.

UNC received 994 applications from black students in 1987, but only 332 of those students enrolled. Admissions officers are optimistic that the University could enroll 400 blacks this fall.

"The bottom line is the enrollment in August and then graduation four years from now," Strickland said.

The rise in minority applications can be attributed in part to increased efforts by the University to recruit black students, said Herbert Davis, associate director of undergraduate

admissions.

Davis, who heads Project Uplift, a program aimed at recruiting minority students through campus orientation, said such programs play an important part in recruiting black students.

"Project Uplift gives 600 or more black high school students an opportunity to be Carolina students for a few days. The students gain exposure to our academic environment and also see the opportunities available to them here," Davis said.

Minority recruitment efforts seek students who exhibit leadership, academic ability and are highly recommended, Davis said. "We don't pick a certain number for the SAT or grades or level of achievement. We look at the total picture created by the individual and accept all students on that basis," he said.

Universities across the state have reported similar gains.

Duke University had 675 black applicants, the second largest number in the university's history. While they

dipped from 1987's record high of 691 applications, John Branion, head of minority admissions, said the quality of those accepted is extremely high.

"We couldn't be more pleased. We have worked hard in the past few years to recruit quality black students, and we have succeeded without jeopardizing standards," Branion said.

Like Duke, Wake Forest University's minority applications declined slightly in 1988. Blacks make up only 3 percent of the student body, but Ernest Wade, director of minority affairs, said Wake Forest could enroll nearly twice the number of blacks as last year. This would increase the number of black students from 25 to 48.

N.C. State University received 1,033 applications from blacks in 1988, of which 660 were accepted. Admissions officers said that reflected a 4.2 percent increase over 1987's figures and projected that 470 to 500 new black students would enroll in the fall.

## UNC student sentenced for plea bargain in assault

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UNC rising junior Frederick Williams Harrison pleaded no contest Monday to a charge of assault on a female, which was plea-bargained down from second-degree rape. Harrison was sentenced to two years in prison suspended under supervised probation for two years, a fine of \$200 and 25 hours of community service in Orange County Superior Court.

Once he completes the service and pays the fine, Harrison's probation may be unsupervised.

Barry Winston, Harrison's lawyer, would not comment except to say the matter may go to civil court.

A UNC junior pressed charges against Harrison and Bradley Douglas Bowers, another student, after an

incident in the early morning hours of Aug. 20, 1987. The woman, who was admittedly drunk at the time, said she was walking home by the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house. She went inside with the men, where she said Harrison had sexual intercourse with her twice and Bowers once.

A probable cause hearing in November decided there was enough evidence to bring Harrison to trial but not Bowers.

District Attorney Carl Fox said Tuesday that after discussions with the woman, he had no choice but to resolve the case without going to trial, and the woman agreed to the plea bargain agreement.

The maximum sentence for assault on a female is two years in prison. The maximum sentence for second-

degree rape is a prison term of 40 years.

Harrison had no comment Monday night on his sentencing.

## Fordham reminisces about chancellorship

By SUSAN HOLDSCLAW

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Chancellor Christopher Fordham sees a bright future for UNC as he prepares to step down after eight years of leading the University.

Although he is trying to finish up some projects before he leaves on June 30, he took a few moments out of his day recently to reflect on his years at Carolina.

Fordham has seen a lot of changes since he assumed the chancellor's position, but he looks forward to "happy things," he said. Time has brought a growth in UNC's popularity as an educational institution, increased private fund-raising and research capabilities, and improvements in the quality of education and the achievements of UNC's faculty, he said.

When asked what he would like to be remembered most for his years at UNC, Fordham replied that the faculty deserved all the credit. While he was chancellor, the faculty initiated a "renaissance in its relation with the public schools," he said. He was excited by the teacher training and fellowship programs the faculty had established with the public schools.

But his days in the chancellor's office have not always been so rosy. The most difficult conflict he had to face was divestment, he said.

"It was difficult to be placed between the trustees and the students," he said. "The trustees worked it out, I think, fairly satisfactorily."

One of Fordham's primary con-

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