

# Minority numbers peak in '89

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A record number of black students have applied to the University for the fall of 1989, according to Vice Chancellor Harold Wallace.

A total of 1,330 minority applications have been received, up from last year's 1,230 applications, Wallace said.

Approximately 400 black students will be entering this year's freshmen class according to safest projections, he said.

"This is well in excess of 10 percent of the entering freshmen class," Wallace said.

This number remains constant with the number of enrolled blacks for the fall of 1988, he said.

Despite a nationwide decrease in college-bound black students in the '80s, N.C. universities have kept their numbers steady, he said.

"From what I understood a couple of years ago, there was an average nationwide drop-off of about 13 percent from 1980 to 1985," he said.

"Our lowest figures have been down in the 300s in the early 1980s," he said.

UNC and schools like N.C. State, N.C. Central and Duke University share the goal to help increase the number of college-bound blacks overall, rather than to get only the best students to apply and enroll, Wallace said.

"It's going to require a little bit of extra effort to keep increasing these

numbers," he said.

Wallace attributed the increase in part to the change in educational climate since the close of the Reagan administration.

"There was so much negative talk about the availability of financial aid in Washington that students were discouraged from applying to universities," he said. "It wasn't supportive or positive."

University students, faculty and alumni have been able to coordinate their efforts in recent years to bring more students to visit the campus, Wallace said.

"We have also been able to involve students' families and commu-

nity leaders more than in the past," he said. "This can make a big difference."

Herb Davis, associate director of admissions, said the increase in applicants is due in large part to the increased recruiting efforts of enrolled students at UNC.

Tarheel Target, one of the UNC recruiting programs mentioned by Davis, enlists enrolled black students to talk at high schools at home over fall break, and possibly follow up on those who decide they want to come to the University.

"I think when students are happy at UNC, they tell a lot of others to try to come here," Davis said. "We see a lot of that."

## Campus Police Roundup

• A book bag was stolen Tuesday from Davis Library. The bag and its contents are valued at \$163.

• A fire alarm went off in Swing Building Monday when carpenters were using a power saw. Dust and/or fumes set off the alarm.

• Burnt popcorn set off an alarm in the south wing of UNC Memorial Hospital Monday.

• Michael John Addison, 18, of 824 Tinkerbell Road, was arrested and charged with a DWI at 1:30 a.m. Sunday when police observed his erratic driving and when he failed a sobriety test.

• Broken chunks of concrete blocks were thrown across a fence into the area of the Tin Can Sun-

day. The windshield of a state-owned truck was smashed.

• Police cited Douglas Reid Dusenberry, 22, of 500 Pittsboro St., for being drunk and disruptive at 3:30 a.m. Saturday after he allegedly threw some traffic barricades across Pittsboro Street near the Carolina Inn.

• A juvenile attending diving school and living at Ehringhaus was caught Saturday cutting a locked bicycle from a rack. Police learned of the crime from a telephone tip, and the case was handled according to protocol for dealing with a juvenile offender.

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