

Dorm Applications Up, Admissions Down

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The University Office of Admissions is receiving fewer early applications for fall term admission than it received for fall term of 1965. At the same time, the housing department reports that more persons are applying early for fall term housing.

The Office of Admissions had received 7,000 applications as of April. This is a drop of 8.4 per cent from the 7,639 figures recorded at the same time last year.

The housing department reports a jump over last year of 8.8 per cent in the number of housing applications it has received.

Through May 2, a total of 1,738 persons had applied for fall term housing; 1,597 applications had been received by May 2 of last year.

Drop Attributed to Fee

Director of Admissions Vernon L. Barkhurst attributes the drop in the volume of admission applications to the addition of a \$10 application fee. The State Board of Higher Education acted in January to require a fee from all students applying to enter state-operated schools for the first time.

"There are just as many sincere applicants this year as there were last year," Barkhurst stated in a recent interview.

He said that, because of the fee, students are not applying unless they really intend to enroll at the University.

There had been only 1,902 early admission freshmen applications turned in through April 11 of this year. Last spring 2,716 persons had requested early admission by the same time.

Housing Applications Early

Applications for fall term residents in University housing are coming in early, according to Daniel A. Williams, assistant director of housing.

"Students are applying early because they are more aware of the need to apply early," Williams stated recently.

Of the 1,738 students who have applied for University housing for next fall, 1,424 are incoming freshmen, 180 are returning upper class students, and 134 are transfer students. Last year 1,498 incoming freshmen, 38 returning upper class students, and 61 transfer students had applied for housing by May 2.

The capacity of University housing will be the same this year as it was last year. A total of 3,132 students can now be accommodated in University housing.

Permission Cards Needed

Williams reminds women students who plan to live in "no closing hour dormitories" in the fall to obtain parental permission cards from the Housing Office, Carson Hall.

Admissions Director Barkhurst observes that while the number of persons requesting early admission has declined from last year, the number of denials issued has increased. Last year 637 denials had been made as of April 11. This year 707 denials have been made.

Barkhurst attributes this 11 per cent increase to denials received by graduate students. Of

the denials made so far, 631 have been to graduate applicants.

Reason for Denials

The increase in the number of graduate applicant denials, according to Barkhurst, is due to a change in University admission policy: This is the first time that graduate students are being denied or granted admission on the basis of decisions made by their major department or professional school.

In past years the Office of Ad-

missions has determined a student's eligibility for graduate school on the basis of grade point average alone.

Many students are now being denied admittance to graduate school because of a lack of sufficient background in the area in which they intend to concentrate, according to Barkhurst.

Non-Major Category

He said that although a student is denied admission as a graduate student, he may still be

admitted to the University in an unclassified (non-major) category. A student admitted in this category can enroll in graduate courses on an instructor consent basis. Graduate courses taken by a student enrolled in the unclassified category may give a student sufficient background to enter graduate school.

Barkhurst expects a fall term enrollment of 12,976. A total of 12,228 students were enrolled fall term of 1965.



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