

Enrollment down 3.1%

In spite of snow, ice, freezing temperatures and slush, most students made it back to the University to register for winter term, according to the Registrar's Office.

Winter term enrollment was down 3.1 percent by Friday afternoon (compared to enrollment at the same time last winter term), and fees paid were down 2.6 percent.

"Given the weather problem and the drop in enrollment for fall, that is an expected drop," says Registrar Wanda Johnson.

She says the University won't be sure of enrollment until Friday, the last day to register, but she says her office was kept busy Monday by students registering.

A total of 15,217 students

registered last week, compared to 15,699 students during the first week last winter term. Registration always declines from fall to winter term, Johnson says.

Fall term enrollment ended up 4.2 percent below that of a year ago, and Johnson predicts winter enrollment will drop by nearly that amount.

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Clinic's caseload grows

New service aids elderly

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Older adults with psychological problems — memory loss, depression or other ailments — may find help at the University's new Geropsychology Clinic.

The name may sound a little complicated, but the services are simple.

The Geropsychological Ser-

vices Program aids older adults with problems that most often occur among people 55 or older. Ten clinical graduate students, three master's degree candidates and a teaching assistant make up the staff. Peter Lewinsohn, a psychology Ph.D., is director of the clinic.

Modeled after a similar program already established in Seattle, the University's program is one of three on the West Coast.

"Our caseload is in the process of growing," says Carolyn Myrick, an undergraduate psychology student and the program's teaching assistant.

"We began, last September, to contact agencies," Myrick says. "Right now our caseload is about six or seven (people)."

Most of the problems handled by the clinic are "short term," Myrick says, usually needing no more than four to eight weeks counseling. Short-term treatment is the most viable because people need to know there is an end in sight, she says.

Older clients often are reluctant to come forth on their own, Myrick says.

"Problems are very typical — I don't think people realize how common their problems are."

Relatives usually are the first to notice problems, Myrick says, and memory loss is one of the first things noticed. "Sometimes grandma can't remember her grandkids' names."

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The clinic screens and tests the clients and then makes recommendations to the client. The course of action is up to the individual client. If medical help is necessary, the clinic will recommend a certain treatment or refer the client to an agency or individual that may be better equipped to handle a specific problem.

Memory loss isn't the only problem among older adults, Myrick says. Depression, insomnia and even physical ailments may be revealed in the screening process.

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Fees charged by the clinic are on a sliding scale, based on each individual's ability to pay.

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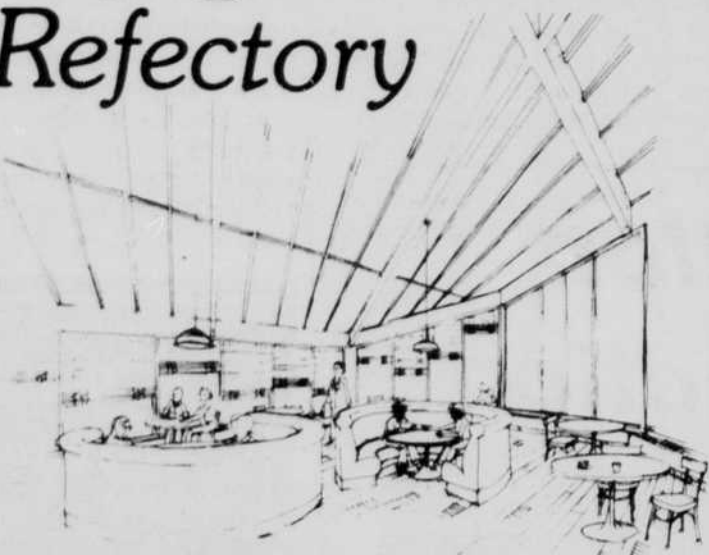
ment, Keller said. "That, in my mind, is a significant accomplishment and a reason to be proud."

Keller said it's going to take "a lot of work" to accomplish those goals and added that, at some point this year, the issue of council pay must be addressed. At present, city councilors work 20-plus hours a week with no compensation, he said.

Three of the present councilors — Gretchen Miller, Eric Haws and Bill Hamel — have announced they will not seek re-election when their terms end this year, he said.

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