

SCHOOLS HALT ENROLLMENT

Tallahassee, Fla. (CPS) — The Florida Board of Regents has decided to freeze enrollment at nine state universities because of anticipated budget shortfalls.

Beginning next year, admission to the universities will be limited to the same number of students as this year. Currently, about 183,000 students attend the schools.

In addition, the board agreed to delay work on a 10th university scheduled for 1995-96 and has suspended mandatory summer school for students.

The move comes after increased enrollment, less money from the state government and indications that a \$582 million shortfall in the state's current budget will cause even more cuts to the state university system.

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to stop," says Michael Armstrong, the state system's director of planning. "We are going to stop taking new students until the legislature starts funding us."

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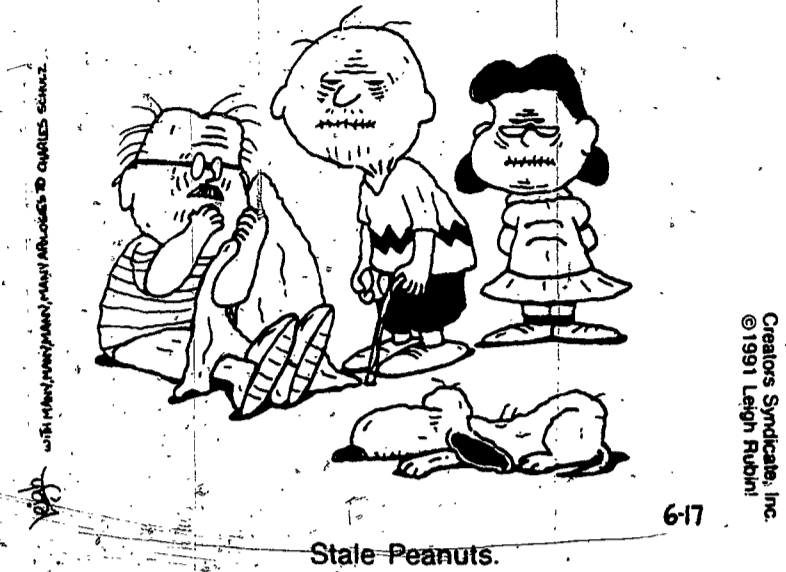
Armstrong said Florida already ranks 49th nationally in the number of degrees granted in relationship to its population and that with 825 new residents moving into the state every day, coupled with an expected 50 percent increase in the number of high school graduates by 1995, the freeze is going to hurt.

Still, he said, the universities in the system understand why the board took action Sept. 19.

Future students weren't the only ones affected. The board also voted to waive a requirement that every student take a total of nine hours in the summertime during the span of his or her academic career. Some schools are eliminating summer courses, which will make it more difficult for many students to get the classes they need to graduate.

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Students Tell Abroad Tales

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Many SLU students spent last semester or all of last year abroad. Here are some of their reactions to their experiences.

Susan Holt ('92)--Denmark and Washington: "It is a chance to live in a new place, and learn all about it."

Paige Rizzo ('92)--Semester at Sea and Washington: "I learned more in one semester than in my whole life. I wanted a program where I could get an overview of the world, and I would still do it without a credit. Without a doubt it was the best experience I've had in my life."

Marc Kremer ('92)--India: "The people were very hospitable and very warm."

Michelle Kremer ('92)--Israel: "The Israelis are like a sabre, a cactus fruit, which is hard on the outside, but soft on the inside."

Peter Becker ('92)--France: "The people are cold and detached at first, but once you know them, they become very good friends and are very sincere."

Matt Brown ('92)--Kenya: "I found it gave me a chance to look back upon a section of the world I was used to looking out from. Many people think that you can lose your identity travelling abroad. I think it gives you a better sense of it because you have something to compare it to."

Dave Flam ('92)--France: "Living in a French family gave me a comprehensive understanding of the country's culture and way of life. I consider myself a much more rounded person now than I was a year ago."

Natasha Johnston ('92)--London: "The most exciting thing about it was being exposed to so much culture after being stifled by Canton for two and a half years."

Katie Ames ('92)--London: "It was a great feeling to all of a sudden realize that I was on the top of a red double-decker bus, travelling down the streets of one of the world's greatest cities...and that I knew my way around."

Mimi Emery ('92)--Florence: "Living with an Italian family beats eating in Dana dining hall."

Chris Clapp ('92) and Doug Woodbury ('92)--Vienna: "Eating Pizza rolls from Sergi's will never compare to the schnitzel and kasekrainers that we engulfed in Wien."

Julia Ballentine ('92) and Hilary Auchincloss ('92)--Florence: "Up in Fiesole munching calzones, looking down on the Florentine vista, we felt the warmth of a new culture we had been immersed in."

Colleen De Baise ('92)--London: "Being in England made me not only aware of another culture, but also appreciative of my own."

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