

Funding increase 'too slow'

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Computer science department Chairman John McCharen said this is the first year the department has had serious problems with overcrowding.

The department needs more faculty members, McCharen said.

The computer science department was budgeted for a \$400,000 increase this year, but Ill. Gov. James Thompson cut the increase from NIU's budget, Norris said.

"The funding has been increasing too slowly," Norris said.

"In an effort to accomodate as many students as possible, I think we have extended our resources surely to their limit," he said.

The overcrowding is not a result of high enrollment, but of concentration by the student body on a few select departments, Durfee said.

The answer to NIU's overcrowding problem is more faculty members, more teaching assistants and expanded computer facilities, Norris said, "It's taken us four or five years to get into this position. It's going to take us four or five years to get out," he said.

"The university is currently studying its whole admissions policy," Durfee said.