

Union committees serve students, run by students

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The Carolina Union is more than a big building where a menagerie of activities, ranging from ballet to billiards, takes place.

It is an organization for the students of UNC which is run by UNC students.

Decisions which concern almost every aspect of the Union are made by the Union Activities Board. The Activities Board is headquartered in the second floor of the Union.

The board, consisting of 11 committees, the committee chairpersons, two permanent staff members and the Union president, continually is involved in coordinating programs that will benefit the University.

The 11 committees which make up the Activities Board are headed by chairpersons who are chosen each year by the Union president-elect.

Lucia Halpern, Union president for the 1983-84 academic year, currently is involved in reviewing prospective committee heads.

The last day of interviews for these positions is Wednesday.

"Committee chairmen have to be sensitive to the needs of students. They have to be able to get along with people and basically know the purpose of the Union," Halpern said.

The approximately 20 members of each committee are chosen by these chairpersons.

"Being on a committee gives you the chance to decide what actually happens in the University community," Halpern said.

The 11 committees — film, forum, gallery, human relations, performing arts, public relations, publicity, recreation, social, special projects and videotape — are all volunteer, as are the other positions in the Union.

The Special Projects Committee is in charge of such events as the University Birthday Party and the special interest

classes that currently are being conducted.

Halpern said she hopes to establish the position of special interest coordinator next year, in order to allow the rest of the committee to devote their time to social, political and state issues.

The newly formed Recreation Committee conducts such activities as this year's Jim Fixx Run and is in charge of the bowling and billiards program.

The Performing Arts Committee brings in dance troupes. Broadway tours and even performed their own cabaret show last year.

The Gallery Committee, as the name implies, is responsible for the art and photography shows in the upstairs and downstairs galleries.

The video lunch breaks are sponsored by the Videotape Committee.

The Film Committee, which is responsible for UNC being one of only a few schools to have a free film program, starts selecting next year's films now. The Forum Committee also selects its programs a year in advance.

One of the most unique committees of the Union deals with human relations.

In the past, the Human Relations Committee has brought lectures on physical abuse in relationships and gay awareness to UNC.

"Human Relations is unusual in the respect that few schools have anything comparable," said 1982-83 chairperson Jessie Kome. "We look for things that students are genuinely interested in learning more about," Kome said.

No program is accepted by the Union until five major aspects are evaluated by the Activities Board.

A program suggestion must be brought before the board and presented as a workable idea. Then the board decides whether students are interested in the area the program deals with.

If that test is passed, then the board asks whether students will attend the program. The cost of the program then is determined.



Lucia Halpern

Being actively involved on the board is a full-year commitment. At the end of the year, the incoming board plans activities for the following year, as the outgoing board is finishing their activities.

The week before classes begin, a retreat for the new board is conducted by Archie Copeland, associate director of the Union, and Nancy Bolish, Union program advisor. The only two permanent staff members, they are primarily responsible for working with the Activities Board and the Union Board of Directors.

"Nothing is ever the same in the Union," said Bolish, who has been program advisor for five years. "I work with chairpeople and committees to plan and produce the programs but the students actually do the work. I help them instead of the other way around."

"The Union is a learning lab," Bolish said. "It's a practical way to see your ideas carried out. The Union motivates people to work and develop an unbelievable variety of skills. It's not a facsimile of the real world — it is the real world."

Copeland, who first worked with the Union as a graduate assistant in 1961, has seen it grow to be the massive organization it is now.

"The Student Union was housed in Graham Memorial Hall until 1969 and was quite different than it is today," Copeland said.

Orientation plans in the works

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The Orientation Commission is hard at work months in advance on next fall's Orientation program.

Orientation '83 is underway and has already begun to develop a program which will help new students adapt to life at UNC, said Orientation Commission Chairperson Debra Wulfhorst.

Not only will the Orientation Commission cater to incoming freshmen, but to junior transfers and graduate students as well, Wulfhorst said.

The thirteen-member student commission is responsible for planning Pre-Orientation, Orientation and Tar Heel Days as well as distributing information packets. The commission is composed of a chairperson and 12 coordinators who handle separate areas of orientation.

The commission has been meeting weekly to discuss the details of what is in store for incoming students, Wulfhorst said.

Applications for pre-orientation and orientation counselors and operations staff are available in the area directors' offices or in Steele Building and must be turned in by Wednesday.

Pre-orientation counselors are responsible for a group of about seven incoming minority students in a program designed specifically for minority students. The 1983 Pre-Orientation is scheduled for Aug. 19 and 20.

During Orientation, orientation counselors are responsible for helping students get acquainted with the academic, social and physical characteristics of the University. Orientation will begin Aug. 21 this year and will again last for a week.

In 1983, freshman OCs will be required to plan at least one event to familiarize students with life on Franklin Street, Wulfhorst said. OCs will continue to conduct the typical tour of campus that new students receive, she said.

A new alcohol awareness program has been added to the list of requirements, Wulfhorst said.

Each of the 11 areas will deal with this in different ways, she said. Some areas will throw Breathalyzer parties or have police

seminars in an effort to make UNC students more aware of the alcohol situation on campus and in Chapel Hill.

Major Projects Coordinator Beth Thomas said that three all-campus events are scheduled for freshman orientation.

An Anything Goes Contest will be held on Ehringhaus field on the Wednesday of Orientation week, Thomas said. Areas will be competing in events such as tug-of-war contests and pizza eating competitions.

Several on-campus organizations will have booths set up to familiarize students with extracurricular activities at UNC, Thomas said. A freshman convocation will also be held.

"The freshman convocation, which will be more serious than last year's, will definitely be followed by a recent popular film," Thomas said.

An academic project which has yet to be determined will be a major part of Orientation.

"The junior transfers at Orientation are really concerned with the academic aspect of UNC, and we have consequently decided to place the most emphasis of the (junior transfer) Orientation program on this," said Junior Transfer Programs Coordinator Ben Freeman.

Drop-add seminars and course information will be given to junior transfers, Freeman said.

Ten graduate orientation counselors will be headed by coordinator Emily Coyne.

"We are attempting to get more graduates in Orientation by providing a more informative graduate guide handbook," Coyne said.

Graduate Orientation will consist of events such as a pig pickin', cook-out and dance, minority graduate student function, a Chapel Hill and campus bus tour and a convocation and slide show.

The Orientation Commission currently is debating whether to use Orientation funds to provide alcohol in restrictive quantities at area functions, Wulfhorst said. A decision will be made at the commission's meeting Wednesday.

The cost of Orientation '83 will depend on how many freshmen the University accepts this fall, Wulfhorst said.

BSM

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held illegal closed meetings and had forced the resignation of treasurer Anthony Hughes. Watson also was accused of operating a petty cash fund in violation of CGC treasury laws.

"I expect membership to increase next year," Banks said. "We are going to work on it very hard. I don't anticipate having as many internal problems as last year."

Watson responded to the charges in an inquiry at a Feb. 28 meeting of the BSM. The inquiry, along with recent BSM-sponsored events such as Ebony Evening, points to a brighter future for the organization, Bland said.

"The new slate of officers won't have to worry about having clouds over their heads," he said. "I think we ended on an up note."

game

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right down to the buzzer, holding on to beat Wake Forest 71-70 in the opening round, and coming back in the final two minutes of overtime to defeat North Carolina 91-84.

"Even if they don't holler 'N.C. State,'" guard Sidney Lowe who scored 18 points and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player said, "they'll still have to give us respect."

SCA

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100 percent cotton dress with long sleeves. "When they used to get in the way, they used to tie knots in them so they wouldn't drag on the ground," she said.

There are no real restrictions on the time period a member may choose for his persona.

"The upper limit is about 1600," the seneschal said. "That's to keep it as medieval as possible and to keep the gun powder out."

She described SCA as a very courteous organization.

"You get treated pretty much as you act," she said. "It brings in all the elements of courtesy that I really wish the twentieth century had sometimes."

To become a knight, for example, one does not just learn to fight well. The rules of chivalry are stressed. One must always be courteous and learn to do things like dance and play chess.

"It embodies what knights were supposed to be," Roberts said.

The SCA divides the United States into a number of "kingdoms." Chapel Hill is part of the kingdom of Atlanta, which encompasses an area the width of the Atlantic states from southern Maryland to South Carolina.

Kingdoms are ruled by a king and queen. In order to become king, one must fight in a "crown tourney." The winner of the tourney is named crown prince. He must fight for the lady who would be his queen.

"Six months later he's crowned king and holds the next crown tourney," the seneschal said.

Kingdoms are divided into "baronies," which in turn are divided into "cantons." Chapel Hill is the canton Kapellenberg and is in the barony of Windmastes Hill along with Durham, Raleigh and Fayetteville, Bryan said.

People join the SCA for different reasons. Roberts said she enjoys the sport of fighting.

"I really love the equality of the sport," she said. "This is the only sport I know of where men and women compete against each other with the same rules."

Bryan said, "Some people focus mainly on arts and crafts." She is interested in the historical aspect of SCA.

People react to SCA in different ways.

"It depends on the person," the seneschal said. "I'd say one extreme is people look down on it. We have fun, but we aren't scholars."

Bryan said some people think the idea is silly and that the group is overly romantic.

Not everything is authentic, she said. "We don't have plague. We do have toilets. But it's a learning experience."

"One has to keep it in perspective," the seneschal said. "I have to remember that I'm in the twentieth century and I'm a student at the University and that's who I am. It's a hobby and as long as you keep it that way, it's fine."

OWASA

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said he would ask a Superior Court judge to review Thursday's ruling as soon as it was written up.

The need for an expanded water supply in southern Orange County is not a new issue. The idea for a reservoir on Cane Creek was first proposed in the late 1960s, while the University still owned the water utilities.

The average need for water in the OWASA service area is now about 6 million gallons per day, which University Lake supplies, although it was designed in 1932 to provide only about half that amount. That means the difference during dry periods must come from alternate sources, such as purchasing water from Durham or Hillsborough. Water demand forecasts have concluded that residents of the OWASA service area will need more than 11 million gallons per day by the year 2020.

CCCA members do not dispute the need for water, but they say the disruption to the Cane Creek community and environment would be unnecessary because of the existence of alternative water sources, such as Jordan Lake or an expanded University Lake.

However, OWASA officials have maintained all along that a reservoir on Cane Creek would be the least expensive solution to the county's water problems, as well as the safest in terms of water quality.

OWASA's position was supported by the environmental impact statement, although the document also agreed with the CCCA that there would be unavoidable negative impact on the environment and surrounding community.

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