

Campus Y enters 125th year of service; programs raise issues, provide volunteers

By WAYNE GRIMSLEY
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"We, the undersigned," it began, "desiring to promote Christian sympathy and brotherhood, and to advance the moral and religious welfare of the students..."

The organization that adopted this preamble 125 years ago sponsors committees ranging from Big Buddy to Students Taking Action for Nuclear Disarmament.

The Campus Y has changed dramatically since the first Young Men's Christian Association at UNC.

"We're no longer narrowly concerned with spiritual needs," Associate Director George Gamble said. "... (Campus Y) recognizes the atheist, whom we welcome equally."

Gamble said the Campus Y did not consider the spiritual side of an issue.

"We call... (an issue) a moral realm," he said. "It's not exclusively a religious issue but a human issue."

Campus Y Co-presidents Kim Reynolds and Roger Orstad wrote that the organization was dedicated to developing a sense of caring and serving in numerous ways.

Big Buddy, the largest committee, matches Y volunteers with children in the community. Co-chairwoman Allene Smith, a senior from Wilmington, said school counselors selected an underprivileged "little buddy."

"They have some special need for an older person," she said. "They need a role model."

Campus Y volunteers aid juvenile delinquents at the Dillon School.

"The kids are not in prison but are locked up," said Dillon Chairwoman Lynda Webb, a senior from Wilson. "They have no family. They don't have anybody." She said volunteers would provide friendship.

The Umstead Committee plans to meet with psychiatric patients at the John Umstead Hospital at Butner. Kim Barrett, committee chairwoman and a senior from Red Springs, said volunteers would help patients with art, cooking and sports.

"Some (volunteers) came in with a naive approach," she said, "and left with understanding."

The Campus Y includes other committees that address local problems.

The Nursing Home Committee provides volunteers for a retirement center. The Volunteer Action Center has helped with Special Olympics and community agencies. Y-Outreach sent volunteers to provide services to the Hillsborough Prison Unit. The Tutoring Committee recruits students to tutor students in the junior-high and high schools.

Campus Y also contains several committees dealing with international issues, a function the founding fathers of 1860 probably never dreamed of.

Human Rights Week, scheduled for November, seeks to address diverse issues such as homosexual rights and the Philippines.

"We'll be focusing on the 10th anniversary of the Helsinki Accords and Jews in the Soviet Union," said chairman David Schnorrenberg, a senior from

Birmingham, Ala.

People Against Racism deals with local and international racial issues.

"We'll first explore the relationships between each other here," said chairman Larry Liss, a junior from Charlotte. "Then we'll take it to global issues... so we understand more about what apartheid is."

Other social-issue committees include Students Taking Action for Nuclear Disarmament, which Gamble said taught about nuclear arms issues, and Students Against the Death Penalty, which held a vigil protesting the execution of Velma Barfield last year. The Hunger Responsibility Committee will try to raise money for world hunger.

The Global Issues Committee sponsors talks on world issues. Gamble said they would deal with East and West Germany and the Middle East.

Gamble said the Campus Y did not endorse issues. "It endorses a committee to promote dialogue on issues," he said. "We try to create a debate... (by) making one point explicit... so contrary points would come out."

"If an anti-abortion group wanted to join," he said, "... (we'd ask), 'Is that view consistent with our view of caring?'... I'd doubt it."

Gamble said conservative groups had participated in Human Rights week. "We stress inclusiveness rather than exclusiveness," he said.

"We want students to get more out of their college years than a degree," Gamble said. "We want them informed about the world they live in."

RHA fights dormancy with campus activities

By MARYMELDA HALL
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If you've ever attended — or even heard about — Springfest, you know the importance of the Residence Hall Association.

But RHA does more than provide the music.

"The area of RHA that students see most is that of programming," RHA President Tim Cobb said, "because events like Rocking Autumn and Springfest get a lot of publicity."

RHA also focuses on housing policy, Cobb said. When the department of University Housing plans to change a policy, they see how RHA reacts. Sometimes the RHA Governing Board can influence policy, Cobb said, and sometimes it can't.

"One of my jobs as RHA president is to develop a working relationship with the director of University Housing," he said. "One of the hardest things to do is to get an administrator 40 or 45 years old to talk on a parallel basis — not a horizontal one."

The Governing Board partly consists of Cobb and his appointed Executive Staff: Tracy Hamrick, executive assistant; Ken Johnson, director of marketing and publicity; Jon Baker, program board chairman; and Keith Whitaker, treasurer. The remaining board members are the governors of the 10 residence areas: Jack Zemp (Hinton James), Maria Kenney (Olde Campus), Eric Quinn (Mangum), Allen Gletz (STOW), Courtney Sanders (Granville), John Fanney (Morrison), H.F. Watts Jr. (Scott), Davis Venable (Morehead), Jamie Eubanks (Ehringhaus) and Jeff Ward (Henderson).

Involvement in RHA begins at the area level, with students serving as hall senators in dorm government.

Area residents elect governors during annual campuswide elections. Their duties include programming in their areas and keeping in contact with the area directors. This year, they also acted as area coordinators during Orientation.

"I think planning campus activities and supporting those activities is the most important aspect of RHA," Ward said. "And not just with words, but by getting stuff done."

RHA aids programming on a smaller scale by making a television and videocassette recorder available for area use. Cobb said he believed this service was partly responsible for the recent magnitude of Movie Night in the dorms.

The Programming Board, composed of the academic and social lieutenant governors of all the areas, coordinates RHA programming.

"The Programming Board is less formal than the Governing Board but just as important," Cobb said. "People can come and sound off about ideas and perhaps critique things they've done in the past."

RHA is trying to expand its programming, Cobb said. Granville Towers has been invited to join the other residence areas in petitioning the board for funding for events.

"We also plan to work on things with the Carolina Athletic Association," Cobb said. "We want to help build enthusiasm for building floats and other Homecoming activities."

Financial aid payment schedule

The financial aid check disbursement schedule for those students applying on time (by last March):

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Girlfriend doesn't like his type straight up

By STEVE AUSTIN
Syndicated Columnist

Welcome back to the grind, Tar Heels!

Dear Steven: Classes begin next week, and already I'm catching a load of grief from my girlfriend. We've been living together for six months and are both juniors at the same university. With any luck, we'll set our schedules to give us as much free time as possible together. I'll do my part by doing most of my at-home work early in the morning. It's a habit I picked up last year. I like getting up at 4 a.m. because it's quiet and I can really concentrate, especially on my writing. My girlfriend, however, tends to be romantic when she wakes up and is not too thrilled about the idea of competing with a typewriter for my attention. I can't say I blame her, but what am I supposed to do? Any suggestions on how to avoid the upcoming conflict?

— Not a Fighter

Dear Not: I had to deal with a similar problem when I began this column three years ago. My wife didn't appreciate my typewriter acting as her alarm clock. So I made a compromise: At the most, two or three mornings a week of beginning my work at the crack of dawn. Since you'll need each other's support even more once classes crank up, I suggest making a compromise or similar arrangement of your own before the shouting begins. Who knows? Some loving for breakfast may improve your GPA's. Good luck, and thanks for writing.

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