

Students can get active with Union planning board

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Walking through the Carolina Student Union, it becomes apparent that there is something for everyone.

But without the Carolina Union Activities Board (CUAB), students wouldn't be able to check out the latest exhibit in the art gallery, watch science fiction films in the Union auditorium or listen to bands at the Cabaret. This "behind the scenes" organization is crucial to Union activities. And the CUAB is in search of new members.

The purpose of the CUAB is to provide programming for students, using the student activities fees allotted to the board, said CUAB president Tracy Taft, a senior international studies/anthropology major. "We try to spend the activity fees

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in a way that will be educational and enjoyable and will benefit the college community," Taft said.

The board consists of 11 subcommittees and two ad-hoc committees. The funds are divided among the committees, which gives each the means to contribute to Union activities.

Union committees include Cabaret, performing arts, forum, film, special projects, publicity, sports and recreation, public relations, gallery, human relations, social, college bowl and the performing arts outreach committee.

In the past the CUAB forum committee has been responsible for bringing in such well-known speak-

ers as Dr. Ruth, Kurt Vonnegut and Joe Theismann. The forum committee is currently working to get the Mexican author Carlos Fuentes to speak in Chapel Hill.

The film committee has brought numerous films to the Union, including last winter's chiller "Fatal Attraction." Coming soon are such timeless favorites as "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" and "2001: A Space Odyssey."

The human relations committee is responsible for bringing to the Union such people as Bernice Sandler, who will discuss "Sexual Harassment and Student Life."

On Sept. 30 the performing arts committee will have a wind symphony perform in front of the South Building.

The gallery committee is responsible for the past showings of photos from El Salvador; "Vincent," the play about Vincent Van Gogh; and the upcoming exhibit by Lila Katzen, a New York sculptor.

"Everything that you see that has Carolina Union on the bottom of it, the activities board has thought up, approved, and made real," said gallery committee chairwoman Merry Meadows, a junior psychology major.

No experience is necessary to be a member of the CUAB, according to Taft. The board just wants "great people with great ideas," she said.

"I'm inviting freshmen to grad students to come out and be on the CUAB committees," said public relations committee chairwoman Teresa Frazier, a sophomore French/international studies major. "As we say in our posters, 'Give Us Your Gusto,' because the Union is always needing a lot of energy and new ideas and different talents, and that is what we are seeking."

The opportunity to get involved with the Union is available without

necessarily making an enormous time commitment to the CUAB, Meadows said. "Anyone can work for the Union because we program for all of the students, so we want a good representative body here doing the programming," she said.

New members would only be required to have fun, get involved and have a say in what the CUAB is bringing to campus, Taft added.

Applications for the CUAB are available at the desk of the Union, and some committees have informal interviews. For further information, the CUAB is located in room 200 of the Union or call 962-1157.

Outreach program joins students, inmates

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Several of the inmates at the Orange County Correctional Center have few visitors; some are from out of town, and others have been ignored or forgotten by their families, said John Day, a senior economics major from Rocky Mount and co-chairperson of the Campus Y Yokefellows group.

This minimum security prison involves a fairly set schedule, and the inmates have little chance to involve themselves with people outside the prison environment, he added.

Also, many of the inmates are fairly young men and really would like to talk to someone close to their own age, said Ken Barker, Chaplain for the Orange County Prison unit.

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All of the above are reasons why Campus Y has its own group involved in the Yokefellows program.

Elton Trueblood, a noted Quaker theologian, initiated the program in the 1950s.

"He saw there was a lot of Bible study and preaching in the prison and wanted another program, one that involved genuine Christian caring, friendship and fellowship, not evangelizing," Barker said.

Although many church groups became involved with the international program, Campus Y's students added something special, Barker said.

The UNC Yokefellows spent an hour with inmates last week when the Campus Y program resumed action, said Heather Harriss, a junior English major from Durham and co-chairperson of the Campus Y Yokefellows group.

"We sat with the inmates, giving them a break in their set schedule, talking to them about their prison sentences and the prison system, as well as college life and sports," she said.

"The inmates seem to appreciate the students, who are young, energetic and represent a life that many of them have missed out on," Harriss added. "They really enjoy talking about sports and would love to have some UNC athletes become involved in the Yokefellows program."

All the inmates are looking for is friendship, support and maybe some advice on the outside world, Day said.

The program also benefits the students who are involved in it, Harriss said. "It just makes you feel really good, and it is so much fun."

As a new Yokefellows member, Harriss admitted that at first, she was a little nervous and scared about talking to the inmates. However, she said once she got there, it was easy to relax and enjoy herself.

Barker said Harriss's reaction was common. "It's normal for anybody to be scared or anxious when they step into a prison yard for the first time," he said.

Students who are interested in the Yokefellows program should realize that the Orange County Correctional Center is a minimum security unit, Barker said. No threats or incidents or threats of violence have ever been connected with the Yokefellows program.

The center is the inmates' last step in the prison system, Harriss said, and students need not be afraid. They should keep the relationship on a first name basis with the inmates, but it's not a good idea to give out personal information like phone numbers, she added.

Last week, the Campus Y group had about 18 students mingle with approximately 40 inmates. But the group would like to see more students involved, Harriss said.

The group meets every Tuesday in the Union at 7 p.m. and spends one hour at the prison from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Day said. Anyone who is interested is welcome to come on any Tuesday night.

The group also invites interested students to come by the Campus Y or to attend their organizational meeting tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Room 218 of the Union.

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is unlikely, "largely because the state has provided a great deal of support."

"That has to be looked at as a matter of degree. That's always a relative issue," he said.

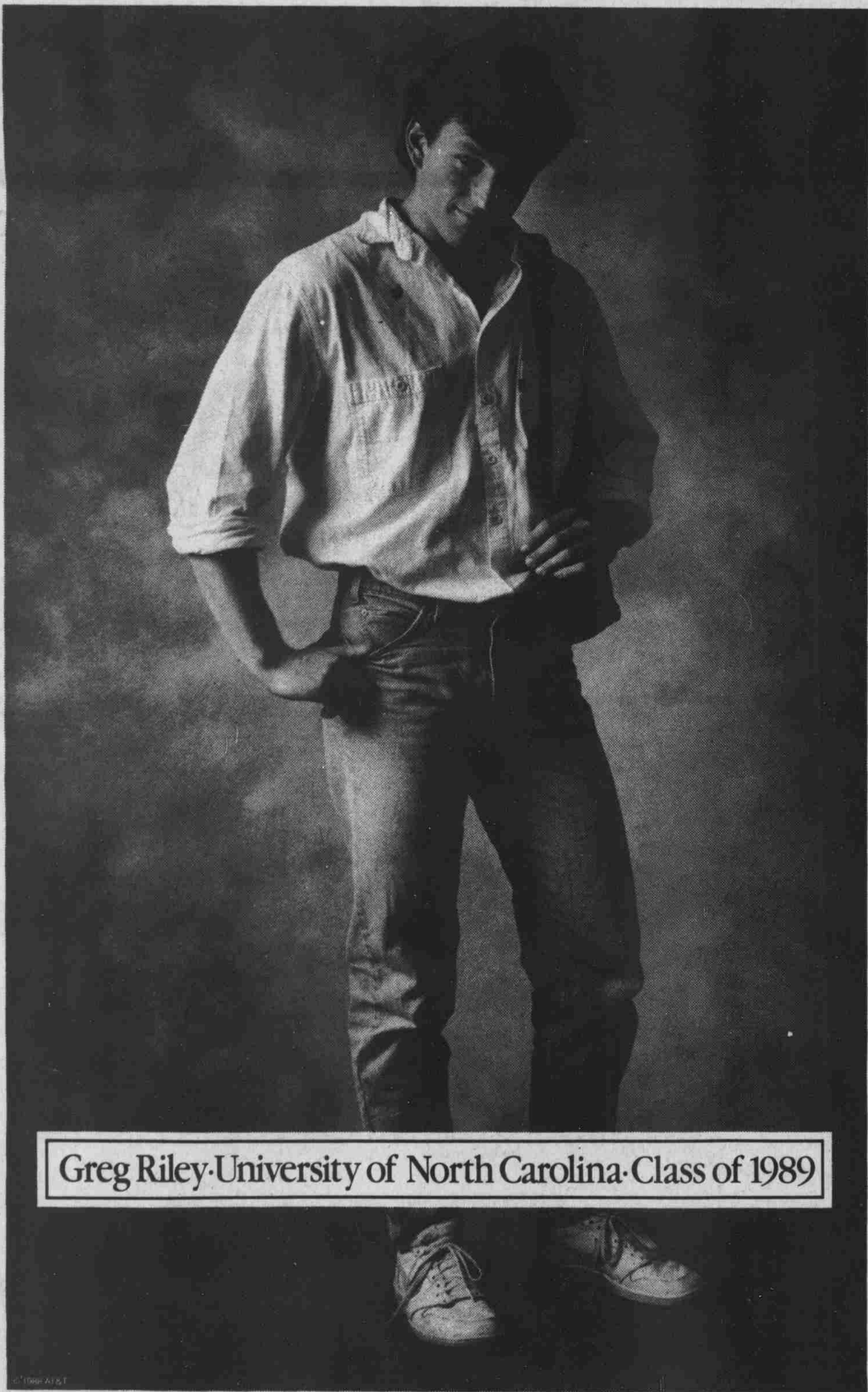
A tuition increase would probably not have a large effect on the number of applications UNC's Office of Undergraduate Admissions receives each year, Anthony Strickland, assistant director of undergraduate admissions, said.

"It probably would not cut down applications substantially," he said. "It would still mean that we are a bargain on comparatively-ranked institutions."

Since UNC's admissions process is need-blind, Strickland said a higher tuition would not affect applicants' chances of acceptance.

"A high capacity to pay has never been a factor. It would have no effect there," he said.

"I don't want a lot of hype. I just want something I can count on."

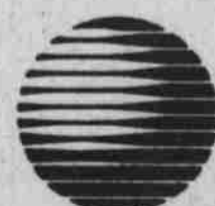


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