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## SGA decides to make discount movie tickets off limits to faculty and staff

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The SGA voted on Tuesday, Jan. 15, to restrict UNC Wilmington faculty and staff from purchasing discount movie tickets from the information desk in the University Union.

The vote was the result of a roundtable discussion concerning complaints by students that the tickets were always sold out. During the discussion, many representatives were surprised to learn that faculty and staff were even allowed to buy the tickets.

SGA Representative Clifton Williams, a freshman, said he was not fully aware of the program and thought that an immediate decision to restrict the faculty and staff from buying the tickets was unfair. Williams did, however, vote in favor of the restrictions.

Because it is a student-based program, Williams said, "I thought they shouldn't be getting the tickets."

The program is funded by student fees and has been available to faculty, staff and alumni since its inception more than 10 years ago. The tickets are sold for \$4.50 each and can be used at Carmike movie



SGA acts on student complaints regarding movie ticket shortages, terminates faculty and staff access.

theaters in the Wilmington area. Carmike currently charges adults \$7 per ticket and \$4.75 for its matinee showings.

The department of Campus Activities uses \$700, which is appropriated by the SGA, to order the tickets as they are needed. Currently, students can purchase an unlimited number of tickets at one time.

Carolyn E. Farley, director of the University Union and campus activities, said

that in the past, the supply of tickets \$700 buys would normally last about a month, but now that same amount lasts for about three weeks.

There was some controversy surrounding the decision to restrict the sales during the week following the SGA decision. SGA President Katie Russell said several

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## Beach and media contribute to low self image

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The fascination society has with having the "perfect body" has increasingly become a critical issue for young people. Eating disorders and body image obsessions are rampant on college campuses across the country.

UNC Wilmington may have a greater challenge with this problem than other schools. Due to its proximity to the beach and its climate, the student body is more susceptible to the dangers of body image obsessions. The desire to look good on the beach drives students to great lengths in order to attain their ideal size and shape.

"Because of the beach culture, the particular images of the way women are supposed to look are really, really strong here...more so than, say, somewhere in the Midwest," said Yael Gold, psychologist for Student Development Services.

Another problem unique to this university is the number of students that come from higher-income families. According to Nicole



Like many other actresses, Calista Flockhart represents what many call an unrealistic ideal of feminine beauty.

Hinson, university nutritionist, coming from a higher-income family can produce perfectionist tendencies, which may be applied to

the student's perception of their own body image.

The media also plays a significant role in setting standards for what is considered beautiful. Through magazines, television and advertising, a clear and constant message is sent - fat is bad. Hinson attributes a great deal of the influence to Hollywood, referring to the "Calista Flockhart and Jennifer Aniston look."

"It's definitely a problem here, and all college campuses," Hinson said. "According to a university survey, 80 percent of female college students said they were 'terrified' of being overweight."

Gold and Hinson work together on campus to try to help those students that are overly conscious of their body image, and work to reduce this growing problem.

"We work hand-in-hand and usually refer to each other," Gold said.

Although both women customarily meet with the same patients, Gold is a licensed psychologist and has the certifications to deal

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