

New Campus Y Officers To Promote Activism

By ALLISON FORD
Staff Writer

The newly elected executive committee of the Campus Y for 2000-01 said they hoped to increase the visibility of the organization on campus next year.

Campus Y, the largest student group on campus with more than 800 members, held elections Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"I want everyone to know what the Campus Y is and what we do," said Bridgette Enloe, newly elected co-president.

The Campus Y holds elections every year for a new executive committee. Each position is filled by both a male and a female candidate.

Current Co-president Vik Gongidi announced the new officers at Tuesday night's Campus Y elections forum for student body president candidates.

Enloe, a junior from Asheboro, said she wanted to expand and network more within the community and the University. "I want to extend into the community," she said.

Enloe said she also wanted to increase student awareness.

"I want more students to get involved in social activism," she said. "The Campus Y is an educational source on issues that need attention."

The Campus Y tackles issues like hunger, homelessness and literacy and offers programs such as Freshman Camp and Big Buddy.

Rudy Kleysteuber is the other newly elected co-president.

"Rudy and I are really looking forward to making the Y more successful,"

Enloe said.

The other new executive committee positions include two co-treasurers, Jennifer Howard and Raj Panjabi, and Minister of Information Lindsay Moran.

Howard, a freshman from Graham, said her main goal for next year was to increase publicity within the University.

The executive committee overlooks the 18 committees within the Campus Y. "With so many committees it's easy to get lost," Howard said.

"I really want to encourage communication."

Even with elections finished, the executive committee is not complete.

There are several appointed positions that have not been filled yet, said Former Minister of Information Adina Dubin.

Anyone who is a member of the Campus Y can apply for the executive committee. Dubin said the basic goal of the Campus Y was to make the world a better place.

The Campus Y is a community service and social justice organization. "Our mission statement is 'the pursuit of social justice through the cultivation of pluralism,'" Enloe said.

Members of the Campus Y strive to achieve their mission with current projects, including a Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center task force and working with the UNC Housekeepers Association, Dubin said.

The Campus Y has also been involved with issues in the past such as the campaign against Nike Corp.

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Congress Gears Up for Budget Vote

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Student Congress is preparing to vote next weekend on a finalized budget package for next year based on 30 hours of number crunching during last weekend's finance committee hearings.

In what was essentially round one of next year's budget-making process, more than 80 student organizations spent three days arguing before the finance committee of Student Congress to get a piece of next year's financial pie.

Student groups seeking funding from Student Congress presented budget proposals totaling about \$343,000 in requests, but only \$195,520 from student fees is available for student groups.

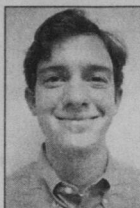
"There are a lot of new groups," said Congress Speaker Mark Kleinschmidt. "That is one of the reasons it can be very

difficult. It can be really intimidating."

A Feb. 15 elections referendum asks students to decide whether to pay \$3 more in student fees to increase the financial pool for student organizations because of the growing number of groups.

This year, the committee contended with fiscal constraints coming from the addition of about 15 new groups.

A few of the new groups that came seeking money this year were medical



Student Body Treasurer Ryan Schlitt said Congress did not usually fund travel expenses.

organizations and journals seeking funding after administrative shifts left them dry.

Committee members cited the number of publications seeking funding as a new development this year. The problem, members say, is the expense the publications often entail and budget requests that cannot always be matched.

"We want to promote that kind of activity because it enhances the academic climate," Kleinschmidt said. "But every time we fund a magazine, we're not funding another group's meetings."

Kleinschmidt said he did not see any resolution for the allocation process any time soon. "I think that's a good struggle for finance, because each year, the finance committee can evaluate the needs as they develop," he said.

Almost all of this year's groups faced budget cuts that could affect their ability to pay for speakers, registration and con-

ference costs.

Student Body Treasurer Ryan Schlitt, who oversees the accounts of student organizations, said the finance committee did not often fund groups for travel to conferences.

"Travel and lodging is not usually funded in terms of students going to conferences unless the students are representing the University," Schlitt said.

"We try to emphasize having events at UNC so all the students have access to them."

Liz Gardner, finance committee vice chairman, said it was normal to expect cuts. "We've never cut a group to where it cannot operate. We didn't zero out any of the funding. We had to fund at a reduced rate."

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Students Sit-In for Licensing Change

By EUGENE WHEELER
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More than 20 students continued a sit-in today at the University of Pennsylvania president's office, protesting the school's affiliation with corporations that allow sweatshops.

The 13 students who started the protest Monday demanded that the University withdraw from the Fair Labor Association and join the Workers' Rights Consortium.

Led by Miriam Joffe-Block, member of United Students Against Sweatshops, the students claimed the FLA supported companies that used sweatshops.

The students contested that unlike the FLA, the WRC advocated ensuring higher wages along with full disclosure

of working conditions and locations.

Joffe-Block said the original 13 students occupying the small lobby of the President Judith Rodin's office had grown to a group of 20 that planned to stay overnight Tuesday.

Joffe-Block said the group met with Rodin on Tuesday morning but that no progress was made.

"The issue can't wait anymore," she said. "We've been raising it for a year now."

But Joffe-Block remained optimistic about the cause. "It won't take too much longer before they give in to our demands," she said.

She said the group took plenty of food with them for the sit-in and had brought additional supplies. "We're prepared to be here for a while," she said.

But Sam Brown, executive director of the FLA, defended the association. He said the group took both human rights and the rights of corporations into consideration. "There are a number of corporate members on the board, and there's an equal number of human rights organizations on the board," he said.

Brown said the organization, which was formed in June, was still in its fledgling stages. "I think we ought to have a little time to get in place, but some of the critics don't think so," he said.

Protests against sweatshops has been an issue at UNC as well. In April, 1999, students held a three-day sit-in in South Building to call for full disclosure of the University's licensing contracts.

Todd Pugatch, a student member of the UNC Licensing Labor Code

Advisory Committee, a task force that helps the chancellor determine the UNC's licensing policy, disagreed.

"I don't buy that argument at all," he said. "This organization has had plenty of time to get its act straight and it hasn't done so."

But UNC-CH's LLAC Chairman Rut Tufts said the FLA had the potential to cause change because it aimed to bring the major players to the table to work out solutions.

Tufts said UNC's FLA commitment would expire in June, and it had not ruled out potentially joining the WRC.

"There's some good points in the WRC program."

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noon - There will be a Teach for America information session for those interested in teaching in the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center. The public is welcome.

4 p.m. - An information session for the APPLES Entrepreneurship Program will be held in Union 211. The public is welcome.

4 p.m. - A Conversation Partners Program information session will be held in Union 210.

American partners who have been matched with international students are invited to attend this session, which will

give guidelines and answer questions about the program.

For more information, contact Diana Levy at 962-5661.

5 p.m. - The Black Student Movement will hold a student elections candidate forum in 100 Hamilton Hall. The public is invited to attend and make more informed choices about the candidates.

5:30 p.m. - The Newman Catholic Student Center invites interested students and members of the community to join them for dinner before a trip to the Student Union for bowling. The public is welcome.

For more information, call Paula McNamara at 915-4795.

Thursday

noon - Students United for a Responsible Global Environment will be collecting donations of food, clothing and medical supplies for Iraqi citizens currently under United Nations sanctions. The public is invited to bring donations.

5:30 p.m. - The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold its general body meeting in Union 210.

Those interested in joining are welcome to attend.

7:30 p.m. - Celebrate Valentine's Day early in the Union Cabaret with poetry, spoken word and live jazz

performed by the Ebony Readers Onyx Theatre.

The public is welcome.

Friday

7 p.m. - The Residence Hall Association will hold their annual "Death by Chocolate" in Carmichael Ballroom.

RHA will provide double chocolate cakes, pies, brownies and a wide assortment of cookies.

Participants will also have the opportunity to create cards to give to patients in the Children's Hospital on Valentine's Day.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the free food and make cards.

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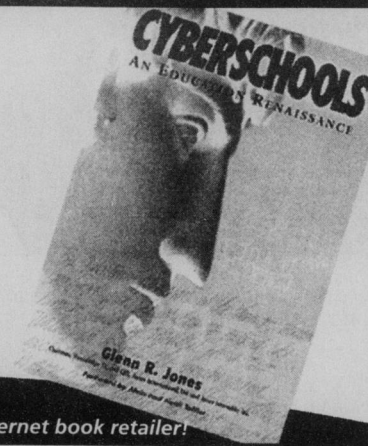
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