

# New Union president

## Phillips wants student involvement

by Sharon Brown  
Feature Writer

"I'm into people," says Gary Phillips, newly selected president of the Student Union. "That's why I like this job so much. The Student Union is not nearly so much for glory or politics. In fact there is lots of hard work."

Phillips was chosen for the position by passing a screening of this year's selection committee, which included this year's Union President Deborah Dillard and

Student Body President Richard Epps. He and other candidates then faced intensive reviews by the Student Union Board of Directors.

"I never thought I'd get it, but I knew I could do the job," asserted Phillips.

Phillips, the first sophomore to serve as Union president, feels that exposure and enthusiasm are worth more than years of experience.

His main hopes for the Student Union next year center on more student input. Phillips doesn't feel there is enough

publicity or contact with students. He hopes to find ways to involve them.

More tournaments of all kinds, "kinky" things that are crazy, and creativity are pushed by Phillips.

He wants his committee chairmen to consider these points. Interviews will be held next week. Phillips will choose people who are "enthusiastic and creative, who have some expertise for the committee, and who are hard workers."

The structure of the Student Union will remain the same, but the committees will now have some new altered areas of interest.

For example, the Special Projects committee will be working mainly on publicity.

Phillips would like for it to be a flexible committee, with much input. He wants them to promote student reaction and involvement from outside.

"We got a bad image this year, or at least last semester," he pointed out. "It was mainly misunderstandings, I think. Some of our concerts cancelled, some of our speakers cancelled."

The Union did bring diverse and interesting attractions to UNC however (Polish Mime Ballet, which sold out, and Earl Scruggs Review), and Phillips said this semester the Union will sponsor a circus, panels (on prison reform and other topics), great concerts, and good small-name concerts. Good small-name concerts include Blue Grass groups and

jazz groups like the St. Louis Jazz Quartet. He wants good ones that aren't as expensive as the big name concerts on which the Union usually suffers a loss.

"We're given a budget and plan some things this way," he explained. "Some things that cost us money we offer to students free, then there are the losses on the paid concerts, and then there are the profits on some."

Phillips is presently working into the position of president and will be official president beginning in September.

Formerly a member of the Current Affairs committee, he became chairman of that committee, and enjoyed the work so much that he decided to continue in the Student Union activities.

"I'm from Green Creek, N.C. . . . that's near Pea Ridge," laughed Phillips as he offered another Girl Scout cookie and took one himself. Actually Green Creek is near Asheville.

He is an international studies/English double major. He is very interested in American Indian culture, especially Indian spirituality.

"I have some very good Indian friends. I admire their respect for all life and have learned some valid and good things from them," he stated.

Phillips says he is impulsive and when he wants to do something he does it.

"If I didn't enjoy what I was doing, I wouldn't be here."

## Retrospective exhibition honors artist-teacher Ness

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An exhibition of Kenneth Ness paintings opens Sunday at the Ackland Art Center.

The retrospective exhibition will honor the UNC artist on his seventieth year and his retirement as Professor of Art. An opening day reception will be held from 3-5 p.m.

More than 100 of his major works—tempera, oil, and watercolor paintings—are included in the Ness exhibition. Some of the oils painted in the 30's are rather "loose" and were avant garde for that decade. The show represents only a portion of the artist's prodigious output.

"My work has always been exploratory and experimental, never arriving at any conclusive or final kind of modernist art," Prof. Ness explains. "Everything is a finding and only incidental to a pattern. There is no point of stopping or leaving

off for me."

In one large painting, "Half a Loaf," Ness used "funny paper" primary colors. He produced the canvas over 20 years ago and it is historically one of the recognized pop art representations.

Prof. Ness' distinguished career spans over 40 years marked with numerous awards and honors as a participant in international, national, and regional exhibitions and one-man shows. He joined the UNC art faculty 32 years ago at the invitation of John V. Allcott, then head of the Department of Art. He was the Carnegie Resident Artist here for two years, and then made a full professor in 1949.

Kenneth Ness came to maturity in the early 30's when American art was absorbing the powerful and diverse influences of the new modernism flooding in from Europe.

The exhibition will remain at the Ackland through March 25.

## Union Interviews

Interviews for the positions of Carolina Union Committee Chairpeople will be held from Monday to Friday next week.

Anyone interested in applying should pick up application forms from the Carolina Union Information Desk.

The Committees and their areas of responsibility are as follows:

Social—Deep Jonah, Pit parties.

Special Projects—Publicity, input, student exchanges.

Recreation—Quiz Bowl, tournaments,

casinos.

Music—Small concerts and musical events.

Current Affairs—Panels, workshops.

Forum—Big name speakers.

Gallery—Art displays, possibly craft bazaars.

Drama—Sponsors plays in Chapel Hill and the area.

The qualities needed of a Committee chairperson are expertise in the chosen area, versatility, and the will to work.

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