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Governor Robert P. Casey designated Penn State Harrisburg as the Pennsylvania State Data Center with the signing of an executive order. The governor's action expanded the State Data Center's responsibility to include economic statistics.

Executive order, number 1988-8, signed July 13, was prompted by the State Data Center's recent selection by the U.S. Census Bureau as a Business and Industry Data Center, one of 15 such centers in the nation.

"State agencies wishing to obtain demographic and economic data related to services shall do so through the Pennsylvania State Data Center," read the order.

Gov. Casey also urged local government units, planning commissions, businesses, academic institutions and others seeking demographic and economic data to utilize the Center.

"This designation by the governor is important because it provides official recognition of the State Data Center's important contributions to economic development planning in the commonwealth," said Dr. Ruth Leventhal, provost and dean.

"This recognition will make more people aware of the Center and its valuable services to state and local government, government agencies, businesses, research institutions, and other users," she said.

Robert W. Surridge, director of the Center and associate director of Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs, called the governor's action an important step forward for the Center.

"Currently, the Center is handling more than 7,000 requests for information annually. That number has constantly risen since the Center was established in 1981. I look forward to more people and organizations becoming aware of and utilizing our services."

The State Data Center maintains local, state and national data on business and construction activity, retail and wholesale trade, transportation, farming, manufacturing and the service industry. It also has information on housing characteristics and demographic trends.

Services provided by the center include inquiry handling, statistical reports and printouts, computer data files, analytical support, and training and information. The Center also acts as a library for Census Bureau reports, microfiche and reference maps, state and local government reports, and PSDC reports.

The governor's executive order pointed out the need for coordination in the dissemination and use of demographic and economic information.

"Many administrative, economic development, research and planning activities in Pennsylvania require ready access to a reliable source of demographic and economic reports and related services, as noted in the order," said Surridge.

Gov. Casey also added that the federal and state governments had entered into agreements with Penn State Harrisburg to maintain the Center.

PSDC is located in room 301 of the Olmsted Building.

## Graphics Exhibit In Gallery Lounge

A collection of works by computer graphics artist Ruane Miller will be on display in the Gallery Lounge until Sept. 23. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Miller, an assistant professor of computer graphics art and design at Trenton State College in New Jersey, will exhibit works created on a computer, recorded on slide film and scanned into a JetGraphix scanner and ink printer.

"My involvement with the computer as an artistic tool is recent," said Miller, whose previous media have included oils, silk screen and gouache.

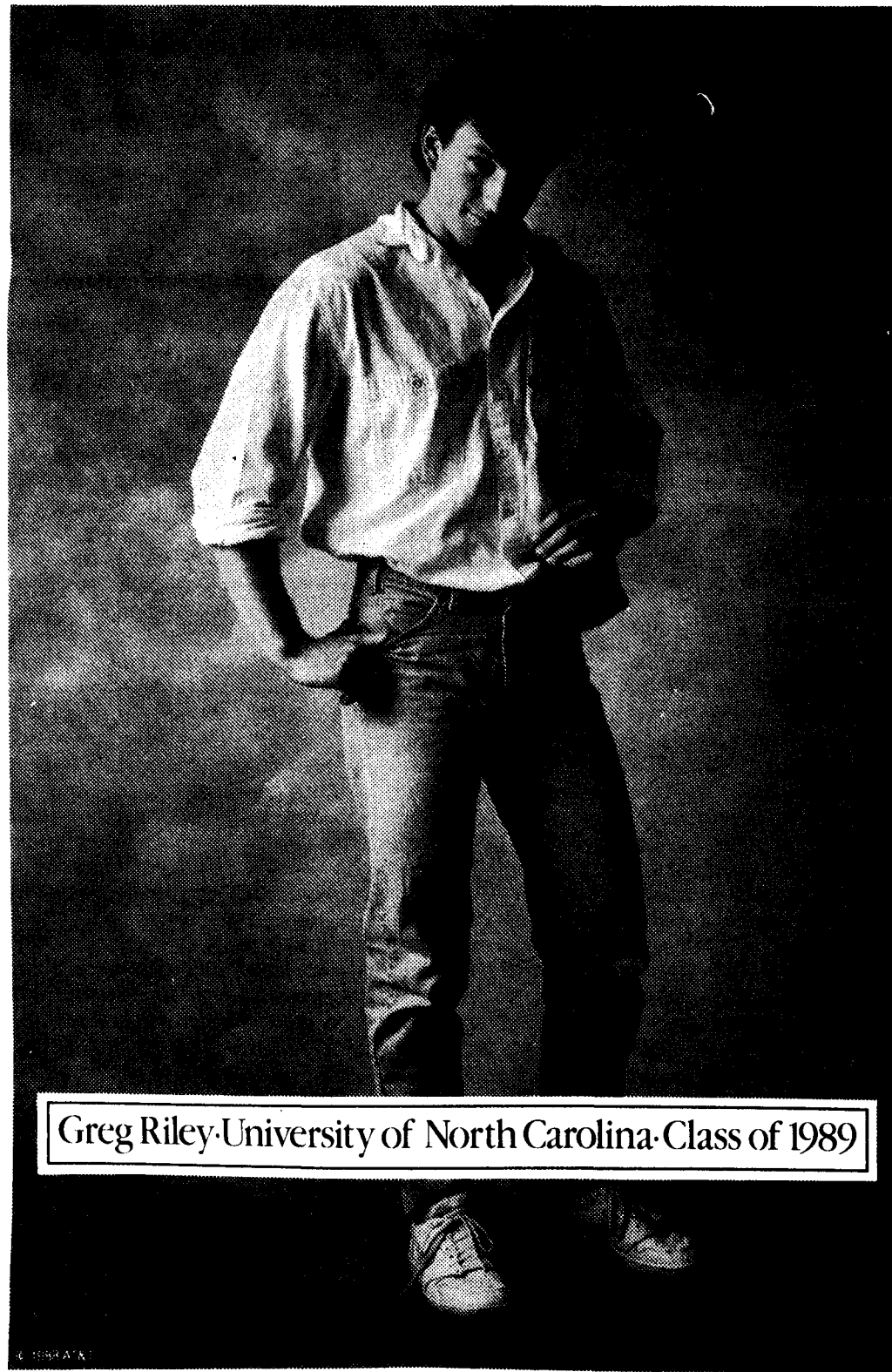
"Painting with light, creating kinetic images and programming imagery are media techniques much different from those of more traditional training as a 'paper and canvas' artist," she said. "I have simply added the computer to my artist's toolbox," she added.

Miller's work appears in the print collections of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and San Francisco Museum of

Art, in addition to private collections throughout the United States and Europe. She has exhibited across the country and has lectured on computer graphics at colleges and universities in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Miller holds a bachelor's and master's degree in fine arts from Tyler School of Art, Temple University. She is currently a candidate in the master of fine arts degree program at Rochester Institute of Technology in the computer graphics design program.

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