

## Dunn To Chair Univ's International Council

By Michelle Sutton

As of July 1, Dr. Diana R. Dunn, vice provost of Penn State Harrisburg became the first female to chair the University's International Council for the 1988-89 academic year.



Dunn was appointed by Penn State University Provost William C. Richardson after serving as chairperson to the council's Cooperative Programs Advisory Committee.

The International Council consists of approximately 20 members who represent the commonwealth campuses, academic units at University Park, and support services.

The council's main concern lies within "...making improvements in the procedures that relate to international students," said Dunn.

"It conducts a lot of studies and provides advice on a wide-range of matters to the provost of the university as a result of the findings."

The council is divided into three advisory sub-committees. They are the Education Abroad Advisory, International Student Advisory, and the International Cooperative Programs Advisory.

The Education Abroad Advisory committee deals with educational opportunities open to university students in many other countries.

Dunn said this past year more than 400 students went abroad.

The International Student Advisory committee helps to make things available and very organized for the more than 2,000 new international students university-wide. Undergraduate and graduate students occupy seats on this committee.

The third committee, International Cooperative Programs Advisory, is working on the question of whether Penn State should have campuses abroad, like many other universities and colleges around the United States.

Dunn predicts Penn State to increasingly be recognized by virtually everyone as a world university in coming years.

"We will see more students here from elsewhere and we'll be sending more students from Penn State to many, many parts of the world."

When asked how she sees the International Council affecting Penn State Harrisburg, she answered, "The council will influence Penn State Harrisburg and the Harrisburg area indirectly. . .through its success or failure, to help bring Penn State into an international stance, intellectually and culturally."

## Studying in the United States

By Lisa Ridley

Studying in a foreign country is something few of us consider.

Sam Kabiye likes America. He came to Penn State Harrisburg because he liked the name.

Kabiye lived in Namibia, a developing South African colony.

The United Nations brought Western culture into Kabiye's colony.

"This made the United Nations responsible for finding scholarships," Kabiye said. "I was granted a scholarship."

Kabiye spent the first part of his 11 months in the United States in

Washington, D.C.

From there, he transferred into the public policy program here at Penn State Harrisburg.

"I didn't really know about [University Park.] To me, this is the same as [University Park,]" Kabiye said. "If the quality of education is the same; it doesn't make any difference to me."

Eveth and Janice O'Meally emigrated from Jamaica to live near their father.

The O'Meally sisters have been in America for three years.

They started their education at the Community College of Philadelphia and are now majoring in business administration.

They said that a Jamaican education is not too different from an American education.

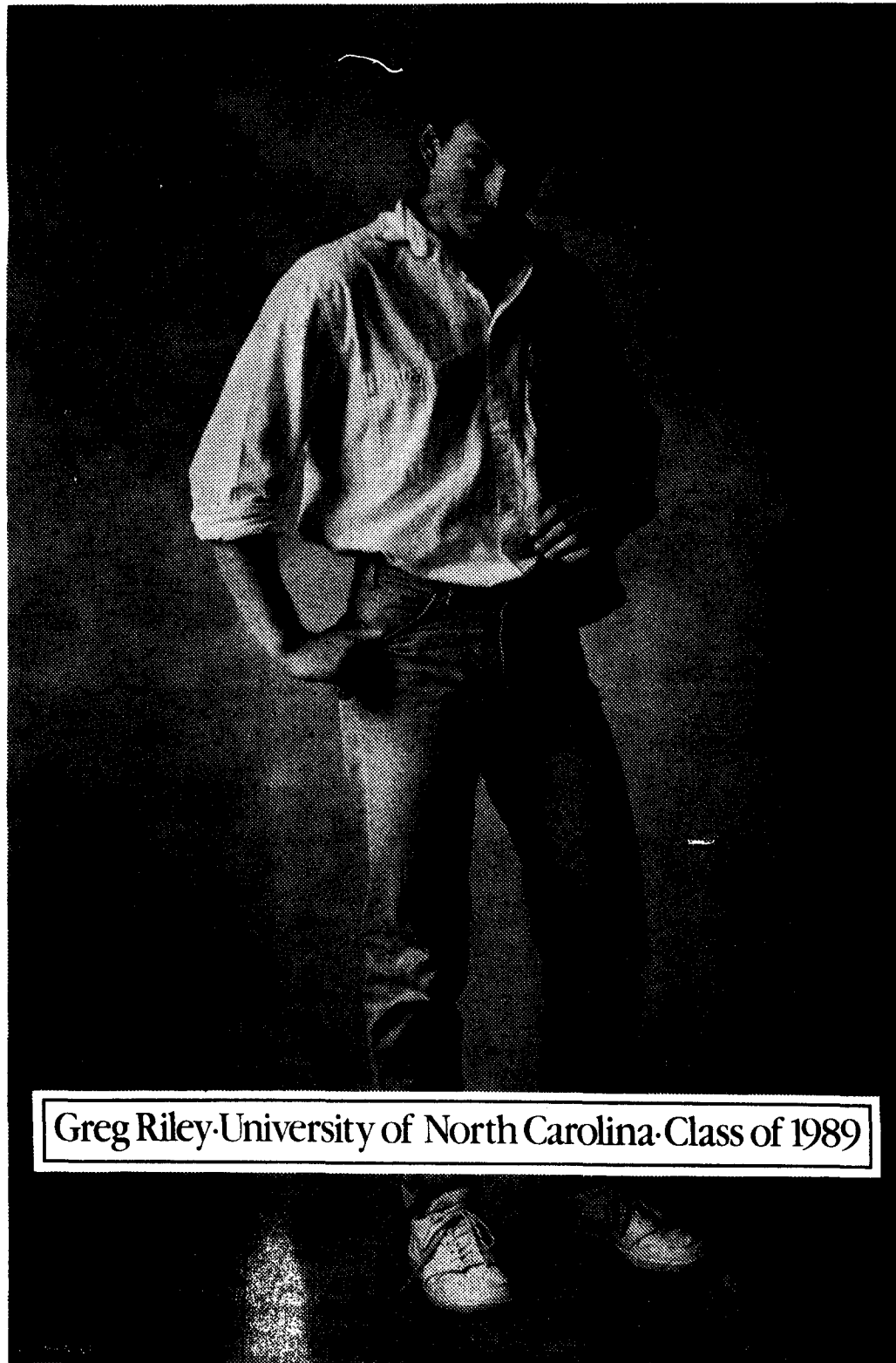
"American education is more free," said Janice. "You're pressured in Jamaica."

She said an American education offers more choices; in Jamaica there are only a few colleges from which to choose.

To learn more about life in the United States as seen through the eyes of foreign students, contact Joan Swetz, international adviser, in W-117.

Swetz also has information on study abroad programs in various countries.

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