

# Celebrate Our Diversity

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There is a severe problem afflicting the students of UNC. Many have noticed, while still others remain clueless. For some, it is based on their upbringing, while for others, it is based on a contemptuous hatred, but for all, it is based on ignorance. Racism and prejudice do indeed exist on the UNC campus, despite jubilant proclamations by communal leaders and university officials on the said open-mindedness of the surrounding community. It is there...most people just don't want to talk about it.

For many years, a Campus Y organization known as SARR (Students for the Advancement of Race Relations), has been attempting to ameliorate race relations on campus. This year these attempts culminated in RACE RELATIONS WEEK, April 7-13. Through Race Relations Week, SARR hoped to generate appreciation throughout the

campus for the multitude of diverse cultures who are often disregarded. Through a campaign centered around education, the week consisted of numerous workshops, training sessions, movie presentations, speakers, forums, and a multicultural food fair. On the night of April 10, there was a Youth United Fashion and Talent Show, as well as a Sigma Nu-Alpha Phi Alpha party in recognition of Race Relations Week; the entire event culminated in a Unity Concert on April 18, featuring the Clefs, the Harmonyx, the BSM Gospel Choir and others.

Years of oppression have resulted in a dual racism that has accompanied mankind into modernity. The aim of Race Relations Week was not to ask those to forget who they are and where they came from, but rather to declare, "This is who I am — proud and strong. Come learn about my people so that I may learn about yours, and together maybe we can continue into the future side by side, as brothers and sisters."

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