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## Honor groups pick students with talent

To many students at UNC, the Orders of the Grail, Golden Fleece, and Valkyries carry a mysterious quality.

These groups are no mystery, however. Their members are selected for outstanding qualities in scholarship, leadership, and character as well as for their participation in University activities.

The Order of the Golden Fleece is the oldest of these honor societies. It was established in 1904, and counts many distinguished alumni among its members.

Other organizations honoring outstanding participants in the University community are the Order of the Old Well, and the Orders of the Grail and Valkyries.

The Fleece is a selected coed group of campus leaders as is the Order of the Old Well. The Valkyries honor outstanding women, and the Order of the Grail honors men. Their members have been chosen over the years for scholarly achievement, personal integrity and contributions to the University community.

Ann Martinelli, president of the Fleece, said that the Fleece wants nominations for new members that others believe fulfill the Fleece criteria.

"We usually induct 25 people each spring," Martinelli said. "Only five or six juniors are usually chosen but it depends on the nominations."

"There are different criteria for each category. Faculty, alumni, and members of the University community are eligible for honorary membership in the Fleece," she said. "Our members are not always those who are the best know faces on campus. They are often the silent contributors to an organization."

Former members of the Fleece include former UNC Chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor, star basketball player Phil Ford and CBS newsman Charles Kuralt. They became members as students at UNC. Kuralt will deliver the 1980 Order of the Golden Fleece Leadership Lecture to be held sometime before the order's spring tapping ceremony, Martinelli said.

The Valkyries and the Grail also have many distinguished alumni including former North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Susie Sharpe.

Jeanette Heyward, president of the Valkyries, said they welcome junior and senior nominations, as well

as nominations for female faculty members for honorary memberships.

Although the Grail and Valkyries are a joint organization, Heyward said that they function separately.

Each order has activities that they concentrate on during the year. The Fleece is establishing an Upward Bound Scholarship Program for minority high school students. Members go to area high schools to talk to students who may not be considering further education following high school. The scholarship will provide a year's tuition and fees to one freshman each year.

The Grail and Valkyries activities are varied.

Currently, the Valkyries are establishing an annual award for an outstanding woman faculty member. The award, named for former UNC Dean of Women Kathryn Carmichael, will be based on Valkyrie criteria for character.

Each organization inducts new members each spring. They currently are accepting nominations for new members. Nomination forms are available at the Carolina Union desk. The forms are due back by Feb. 29.

## Slides feature land of Celts

Richard DeMarco, organizer of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, will present a slide lecture, "In Search of the Celtic Tradition" at 8 p.m. in the Carrboro Art School.

The slide show is of the 1979 Arts Journey from Ireland to Malta and includes a preview of the 1980 journey. Admission is free.

DeMarco, of the DeMarco Gallery in Edinburgh and founder of the Traverse Theatre, will also be in Greenlaw lounge at noon today to meet informally with anybody interested in Celtic culture.

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