

Bored? UNC has everything!

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Involvement in campus organizations is a way of life for many students at the University. With sports, Student Government, the Carolina Union and more than 200 official organizations, UNC can often be confusing to new students wanting to get involved. Once campus groups and their functions become more familiar, however, deciding which ones to join can be simple.

Since UNC organizations must be officially recognized by the University, they are open for all students to join. These groups acquire funds from the University and from their own fund-raising activities, and they are allowed to use campus facilities.

In keeping with the Carolina tradition of excellence in sports, both attending and participating in athletic events play important roles in many students' lives. Everyone knows about Tar Heel national championships in basketball, lacrosse and women's soccer. What many students don't realize is that they may try out for varsity and junior varsity teams, as well as participate in a wide variety of club and intramural sports.

Sports clubs raise their own funds and compete against clubs at other colleges and universities. Among the clubs are teams in crew, ice hockey, scuba and rugby. Intramural sports are also open to all students, pitting residence halls, fraternities, sororities and other organizations against each other in many sports.

Student Government offers various ways for students to get involved in University functions. SG is divided into three branches: the executive branch, which includes the student body president and his committees; the judicial branch, which works with the Undergraduate Court to enforce the Honor Code; and the Campus Governing Council, the legislative arm of Student Government.

Because a number of positions are available, Student Government is encouraging students to join, freshmen, junior transfers and other new students might be more willing to become a part of the organization than old students might, said Melanie Wilson, executive assistant to Student Body President Mike Vandenberg. "But if any upperclassmen come by Suite C, we're not going to turn them down," she said. Applications for freshmen and transfers are available now, and during the first week of classes, Student Government will try to have a table set up in front of the Union with applications for all students, she added.

The Union itself is a source of many

areas of involvement. The Union Activities Board enables students to become involved with activities such as drama, music, recreation, art, lectures and workshops. More than 10 different committees function under the board. Interested students should visit the activities office in room 200 of the Union.

Another campus organization which offers student involvement is the Campus Y. The Y sponsors faculty discussions, Freshman Camp, the Hunger Action Committee, religious forums and other committees and workshops.

Campus publications are important at Carolina, offering many different positions and areas for student work. Other

areas for student involvement include Minorities in Mass Media and the UNC-CH Media Board.

With religion an important part in the lives of many students, the Chaplains' Association oversees organizations of many faiths. Included in the association are Campus Crusade for Christ, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and the Student International Meditation Society.

Service groups offer a way for students to help improve life at Carolina. Alpha Phi Omega, the Orientation Commission, the Student Consumer Action Union and Student Legal Services all have offices in the Union.

University clubs provide a myriad of activities for every student

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Whether you are interested in fine arts, fraternities or folklore, there's almost sure to be an organization for you at Carolina.

Opportunities for student involvement in campus groups are almost unlimited. There are more than 200 University-recognized organizations, including fraternities, sororities, clubs, academic groups, honorary societies, fine arts and an assortment of organizations which don't fall into any other category.

Many academic departments have their own organizations. Business majors have the Association of Business Students and the MBA Student Association. Professional school organizations include dental, medical, pharmaceutical and law associations. Other academic organizations include the Computer Science Association, Student Nurses' Association, Recreation Society, Women in Law, Alpha Chi Sigma and Kappa Epsilon.

Honorary societies select members on the basis of academic excellence. Phi Beta Kappa recognizes outstanding upperclass students, while Phi Eta Sigma is the freshman honor society. Other honoraries include Order of the Bell Tower, Order of the Old Well and Society of Janus. In addition, several academic departments have honorary and scholastic societies, such as Beta Alpha Psi for accounting and Phi Lambda Sigma for pharmacy.

Fraternities and sororities are the campus social organizations, comprising about 20 percent of the student body. Stu-

dents have 28 fraternities and 15 sororities to choose from and can join during rush in the first weeks of the semester.

For students whose abilities and interests are centered on performing, there are several fine arts and performance groups at Carolina. Among these are the Cief Hangers, the Ballroom Dance Club and the Readers' Theatre.

Other organizations catering to students include the Association for Women Students, the Black Student Movement, the North Carolina Student Legislature, the Model United Nations Club and the Folklore Society. These are but a few examples of this type of organization.

One club few UNC students may have heard of is the UNC Juggler's Association. Stephen Pagane, president of the group, said he and a few other students interested in juggling started the Juggler's Association with local citizens who were skilled in juggling.

"After we started the club, we began inviting other students to join," Pagane said. "On average, we had about 50 people coming to the meetings last year. Juggling is a sport that takes a lot of practice, but there is a good deal of variety in the different things you can juggle." Pagane said the group plans to put up posters notifying students when and where this year's meetings will be.

Students can find all University-recognized organizations listed in *The Undergraduate Bulletin* or in the department of student life in Steele Building.



Her first test

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