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Something for everyone — involvement at the University

UNC cultivates a bevy of University-recognized organizations, activities, honor societies and campus publications to suit virtually every interest. Here's a brief description of some of them:

- **The Association of International Students** helps foreign students to become acquainted with American culture and the University through various activities, such as the Campus Friends program. The AIS also aims to increase international understanding. The AIS is located in the International Center in the Student Union.

- **The Black Student Movement** is composed of a central committee and several sub-committees with particular goals. The sub-committees include cultural, academic and special projects committees as well as The Black Ink, the official newspaper and voice for the opinions of the BSM about issues that affect minorities on campus; the Freshman Class Committee, which sponsors the BSM's Freshman Class Talent show, among other activities; the Ebony Readers, a dramatic group that performs works by black authors; the Opeyo Dancers; and the BSM Gospel Choir. The BSM office is in Suite A of the Student Union.

- **Campus Y**, located in the Y

Building on campus, offers students opportunities to develop public service efforts among the campus community by coordinating volunteer work, raising funds for charities, working for change through political lobbying, sponsoring educational programs and promoting awareness of social and political issues. Y projects include the Big Buddy Program, in which UNC students volunteer to become a companion for a young child; Campus-Community Link, which pairs a UNC student with a homebound elderly member of the community; and Y-Outreach, which works toward solving local social problems. The Y also sponsors tutoring programs for area schools. The Y supports a Dinner Discussion Group, Freshman Camp, People Acting Against Racism and the Women's Forum.

- **Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association** sponsors dances, programs, "Gay Awareness Week," and an outreach program to provide educational and social services to the student community. CGLA also publishes a newsletter, LAMBDA, twice each semester. The membership list is confidential. The CGLA office is on the second floor of the Student Union.

- **Carolina Symposium** is a biennial event which offers the campus a multi-disciplinary look

at today's social and cultural issues in a series of lectures, films and exhibits. The Symposium office is in the Student Union.

- **Carolina Union Activities Board**, located in the Student Union, operates through several committees to provide entertainment and education to students through movies, speakers, concerts, seminars and workshops. The president and board members are selected in the spring through open interviews and committee members are chosen in the fall. Committees include Film, Human Relations, Performing Arts, Publicity and Public Relations.

- **Chimera**, the UNC Fantasy and Science Fiction Club, is a social organization for UNC students who like playing, writing or reading science fiction and fantasy. Chimera sponsors an annual convention in January, the Chimera Con.

- **The Clef Hangers** is an a capella men's singing group that performs a variety of musical styles. The group is made up of 12-14 men who perform two to three concerts on campus each year. The Clefs also have annual tours of the East Coast.

- **Nihongo o Hanasu Kai** welcomes anyone who desires practice speaking Japanese. The group provides those studying Japanese with a chance to practice the language in an informal structure with other students and native Japanese.

- **North Carolina Student Legislature** involves students in

the legislative process of government through a mock general assembly. The individual school branches of the NCSL write and vote on bills, which are then presented to state political leaders. The NCSL holds an Annual Session in March, when all the delegates from the state present bills to the branches of different universities around the state. The NCSL office is located in the Student Union.

- **The Radio, Television, and Motion Pictures Student Association** allows RTVMP majors to meet others in the field, including students and faculty. The organization sponsors guest speakers and other activities.

- **Rape and Assault Prevention Escort** is a service that was established six years ago to guard the safety of women walking across campus at night. Women can call the service's operator, who then dispatches an escort to meet her. Escorts are selected by their Resident Assistants.

- **The Residence Hall Association** serves as a liaison between students and University Housing, voicing the concerns of dormitory residents to University officials. RHA also helps to fund and plan all-campus events and makes policy decisions concerning students. The RHA president is elected in the spring, the same time as the student body president, and other appointed positions are available. The RHA office is located in the Student Union.

- **Sociedad Hispania Carolinense**

sponsors events designed to increase awareness of Hispanic life and culture. The organization's office is Dey Hall 014-A.

- **Student Congress**, the legislative branch of Student Government, decides how to divide student funds among University-recognized organizations and passes legislation concerning the campus. Members are elected from campus districts each year. Student Congress is located in Suite C of the Student Union.

- **Student Government, Executive Branch** includes the offices of president, vice president and executive committee members. This body researches various issues, such as drinking on campus and parking problems. Students can become involved with the executive branch by filling out an application in Suite C of the Student Union.

- **Student Government, Judicial Branch**, part of the University Honor System, comprises the Office of the Student Attorney General and the Undergraduate Honor Court, which hears the cases of student honor code violators. Applications for the staff and court are also available in Suite C.

- **The UNC Anti-Apartheid Support Group and Action Against Apartheid** are activist student groups designed to educate students about the injustices being committed in South Africa. The groups regularly hold protests and constructed shanties on campus last year to simulate the conditions facing blacks under the apartheid system of government.

- **The UNC Loreleis** is an a capella singing group of 12 women that performs two concerts at UNC each year, and also sings for local civic and alumni groups.

Theaters

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Two theaters out of town may be of special interest to students. The Carolina Theater, located in downtown Durham, is famous for its showing of current art films, including "Man Facing Southeast" and "Prick Up Your Ears." Opened in 1926 as a public auditorium, the theater is now a historic landmark, said manager Stephen Barefoot. Alcoholic beverages are served at the theater.

The Rialto Theater, 1600 Glenwood Avenue, is the oldest independent single-screen operation in Raleigh. The theater shows classics, independent and foreign films, and no film stays for longer than one week, said owner Roy Harp.

The Rialto often shows a double feature of movies by the same director or with the same themes, and sometimes the theater plays an entire film festival of one director's work. The Rialto opened in 1939, and Harp has owned it since 1980.

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