

UNC groups offer bevy of activity choices

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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 International Week, which is held every year during the spring semester. The AIS also aims to increase international understanding. The AIS is located in Suite A of the Student Union.

■ **The Black Student Movement** is composed of a central committee and several sub-committees with particular goals. The sub-committee activ-

ities include cultural, academic and special projects 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 community 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. Campus Y projects include the Big Buddy Program, in which UNC students volunteer to become a companion for a young child; Student-Elderly Exchange, which pairs a UNC student with a homebound elderly member of the community; and Habitat for Humanity. In the second week of November the Campus Y sponsors Human Rights Week, in which it coordinates community and campus efforts for human rights around the world. The Campus Y also sponsors tutoring programs for area schools. The Campus Y supports a Dinner Discussion Group, Freshman Camp, Students for the Advancement of Race Relations 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 in Suite D 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. Each symposium has a specific theme such as the environment or current issues

in education. The Symposium office is in Room 216A of 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 cappella men's singing group that performs a variety of musical styles. The group is made up of 12 to 14 men who perform two to three major concerts on campus and numerous other concerts on and off campus each year. The Clefs also have a spring and a fall tour of the East Coast.

■ **Nihongo o Hanasu Kai** welcomes anyone who desires practice in 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 Suite A of 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.

■ **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 Suite B of the Student Union.

■ **Sociedad Hispania Carolinesa** sponsors events designed to increase intellectual and cultural awareness of Hispanic life. The organization is centered in Dey Hall in the Department of Romance Languages Office.

■ **Students Averting Frightening Encounters (SAFE) 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.

■ **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 on campus to increase awareness of the conditions facing blacks under the apartheid system of government.

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

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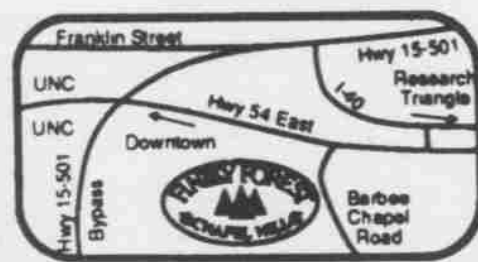
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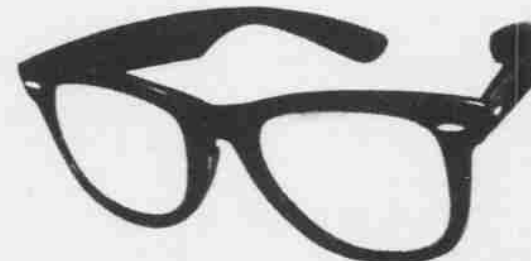
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