

CHRISTINA HARDISON cleans a screen for a screen printing activity at the **FISH MARKET STUDENT GALLERY** during First Friday. Photo by Josh Bielick.

artsy weekends

STUDENTS EXPLORE WHAT RALEIGH ARTISTS HAVE TO OFFER

On the first Friday of every month, local art galleries, studios, alternative art venues and museums stay open late for Raleighites to enjoy local art.

The event is a free, self-guided tour of Raleigh's art scene and runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Additionally, many restaurants and bars offer First Friday specials and live music, and sometimes Hargett Street is closed for street vendors.

The College of Design hosts a free, student-run gallery called The Fish Market at 133 Fayetteville St. that displays student work, from photography to fashion design.

The Contemporary Art Museum, located at 409 W. Martin St., opened in April 2011. CAM Raleigh is a collaboration between the College of Design CAM Initiative and the Contemporary Art Foundation, a private

organization. The two organizations formed the partnership to build the public CAM Raleigh. Students can explore CAM Raleigh on the web at camraleigh.org.

EXPLORE RALEIGH

The University's proximity to the downtown area grants students access to explore the expansive opportunities of the state capital, as well as the Research Triangle, which includes Durham and Chapel Hill.

Raleigh is a hub for recreational activities. Students can visit the North Carolina museums of art, natural sciences and history, try food at more than 1,100 restaurants and hear music at numerous concert venues and arts festivals.

The Carolina Hurricanes hockey team offers multiple college nights with reduced-price tickets

