“The ‘C’ in the Name: Religion and Student Activism in the Campus Y at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1930-1990”

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This thesis explores the relationship between religion and student activism, focusing specifically on the Campus Y’s social justice projects from 1930 to 1990. It reveals that Christian student activism at UNC often reflected trends nationally while responding to crises specific to the university community. It shows secularization of the Campus Y by the late 1980s was a gradual and sometimes incomplete process that resulted in new possibilities for social justice.

Image Caption: Students pose in front of the Y Building. Image Folder PF-40126/8, Box 8, in the Campus Y of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Records #40126, University Archives, The Wilson Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.