



SEAC member Linda Chupkowski "chain saws" members at a protest Thursday. SEAC protested the use of rainforest woods in furniture.

## SEAC protests deaths, logging in rainforests

■ Eight students "died" at a protest to represent terrorized Amazon tribes.

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Eight members of the Student Environmental Action Coalition symbolically "died" yesterday to protest the deaths of Amazon tribes people by Brazilian logging companies.

Each student represented a tribe that logging companies have terrorized for the timber on the tribes' land, said Annie Newell, SEAC spokeswoman.

"We're focusing on how tribes people are losing their land," she said. "When they try to defend their land, they usually get killed."

Dressed entirely in black and carrying cardboard tombstones, each of the eight students gave a brief explanation of the tribes people's murders. They then fell to the ground to the sound of a chainsaw.

"There are so many people who don't know what's going on," said Linda Chupkowski, the SEAC member who operated the chainsaw. "We want to inform the ignorant."

SEAC members staged the demonstration to get people to stop buying

lucrative rainforest woods such as mahogany, said Andrew Pearson, a co-coordinator of the demonstration.

The coalition is protesting the sale of mahogany because the tribes people who were killed lived in areas where mahogany is located, said Rich Bauer, a co-coordinator of the demonstration. He said the demonstration's purpose was to make consumers more aware.

"It's about consumers' responsibility and people considering the political power their money has," Bauer said. "It's about trying to get people to come to the protest and stand up."

Pearson said, "SEAC is dedicated to showing people that they have the power to affect global issues."

Lauren Attanas, co-chairwoman of SEAC, said she was pleased that such an event made people more aware about how they can save the rainforest.

"I'm really happy to reach people and let them know the implications of their daily actions," she said.

SEAC encouraged consumers to confront stores such as Ethan Allen and Haverty's Furniture because they refuse to stop selling mahogany.

Though many students stopped to listen, others laughed and jeered at the eight. A group of students on the stairs of South Building even sang, "I'm a lumber jack and I'm OK," to make fun of the SEAC members.

## Cards give students P2P route schedules

BY MELANIE FLOYD  
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Along with credit cards and drivers' licenses, next week students will have another card to add to their wallets.

The cards will contain information regarding safety and security, such as phone numbers for Point-2-Point, University Police and Student Health Service.

It will also contain a time schedule and map of the P2P route.

"Our concentration this year was the dissemination of information on how students can keep themselves safe," said Karen Schuller, safety and security coordinator of student government.

"The cards are small enough to fit in a wallet, so students should be able to

keep the cards with them at all times for reference," she said.

Student government has been busy stuffing 25,000 envelopes with cards for each student to provide another measure of security and safety.

"A lot of students have claimed they didn't know about safety services," Schuller said. "We hope the cards will eliminate the lack of information."

Many students said they didn't know where the P2P stops were. They also said they often ended up waiting because they didn't know the times it came.

"You have to go searching for a stop, and you don't know where it's at," said Kelly Newman, a freshman from Rocky Mount.

"If you had the card, you would

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KAREN SCHULLER  
Safety and security coordinator for student government

know."

Student government and P2P said more communication was needed.

"The students turn over every four years, so then we have to start over with communication. It's a continuing process," said Tim McGerty, P2P manager.

Some students said they felt they were being overwhelmed with the information.

"They give you enough papers with the information at the beginning of school, they don't need to tell us again," said Garrett Klas, a freshman from Washington. "I think it's a waste of paper."

Schuller said the project, which began in July, had grown from its original state. She said she hoped it would be a continuing project with cards issued in coming years to freshman and transfer students.

"What started out as an off-hand comment has turned out to be bigger than I imagined," Schuller said.

The cards were paid for through student safety and security fees.

## Day to serve as hurricane observance

■ A stream cleanup in will be held to mark the day Hurricane Fran hit.

BY CHRIS ANDREW  
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Students and community residents will be able to remember Hurricane Fran in a positive way Friday and Saturday.

The town of Chapel Hill will sponsor a stream cleanup project at the Chapel Hill Community Center on Estes Drive.

"To many people (Hurricane Fran) raises a lot of negative images, but I think they may forget the positive side to it," said Lisa Baaske of the Chapel Hill Department of Parks and Recreation.

Baaske said she hoped people could realize they were celebrating Fran's observance and the unity they experienced after the storm.

The project includes a variety of volunteer activities set up for times and locations throughout the two days, said

Hurricane Fran observance picnic

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Chapel Hill  
Community Center  
on Estes Drive



Last September local employees helped clean up debris from fallen trees left by Hurricane Fran. Members of the community will be able to observe the anniversary of Fran by removing litter Friday and Saturday.

Mayor Rosemary Waldorf, who suggested the project.

Waldorf said she came up with the idea for the cleanup because she liked to see the community unite.

"There was an amazing coming together of people (for Fran last year)," she said. "We thought (the observance) would be a great way to bring it back."

Anyone is welcome to join in the beautification efforts. (Friday's) a teacher workday, and

we're targeting them," said Michael Neal, who will supervise the coordinator of the stream cleanup. "It's a good thing to clean up the streams."

Interested people can meet at the Chapel Hill Community Center or at Play It Again Sports at Eastgate Shopping Center on Friday.

The cleanup of the streams is not necessarily to remove the debris from the devastating hurricane. It is mostly to clean up litter in observance of the

anniversary of Hurricane Fran, which slammed through the Triangle in September 1996, Neal said.

A ceremonial tree planting will be held Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Community Center to replace seven native Chapel Hill trees that were destroyed by the hurricane. Lowe's and the Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce donated trees for the event, Baaske said. A picnic lasting until 6 p.m. will follow the ceremony.

## Delegates call Clinton's global warming plan disappointing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BONN, Germany — Delegates to U.N. talks called President Clinton's gradual approach to curbing global warming "modest" and "disappointing" Thursday — polite criticism that only hints at their frustration in trying to salvage a global agreement.

Clinton unveiled the U.S. proposal for cutting emissions of greenhouse gases Wednesday, setting in motion the decisive phase of bargaining over a global accord that is to be signed at a Dec. 1-10

meeting in Kyoto, Japan.

No breakthrough on emission targets was expected at the present lower-level talks in Bonn, which end Oct. 31.

Clinton's proposals, condemned as too timid by many European nations, developing countries and environmentalists, would commit industrial nations to cutting emissions of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases to 1990 levels by 2012. Cuts below 1990 levels would follow in the next five years.

The 15-nation European Union

wants emissions cut to 15 percent below 1990 levels by 2010.

"My first impression is that (Clinton's) offer is a very modest one," said Raul Estrada-Oyuela, the Argentine chairman of the U.N. meeting of about 150 nations.

German Environment Minister Angela Merkel said the U.S. plan was "insufficient," the French Foreign Ministry called it "disappointing."

After the United States presented its proposal at Thursday's session, Zimbabwe — speaking for African nations — scathingly rejected it before Estrada-Oyuela postponed debate until Monday, according to meeting participants. The session was closed to reporters.

Delegates apparently were still studying details of the U.S. plan.

The U.S. proposal was the last major element missing in the talks on binding cuts in emissions of the heat-trapping gases, which began in 1995.

Two White House aides arrived in Bonn on Thursday to lobby other countries to accept it.

One, David Sandalow, suggested Clinton's proposal leaves U.S. negotiators limited room to bargain.

"President Clinton does want an agreement on the basis of the U.S. proposal," he told a news conference, though he added that Washington hopes

negotiators can "shape a common approach."

Bill Hare of the Greenpeace environmental group appealed to German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and other European leaders to urge Clinton to toughen his plan.

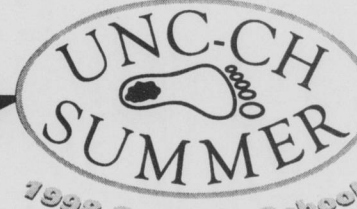
Developing countries, including China, Brazil and India, have thrown their weight behind the EU targets, leaving the United States largely isolated. Japan, taking a middle position, seeks a 5 percent cut by 2012.

While emission cuts are highly controversial, delegates in Bonn are also seeking agreement in a host of other areas where U.S.-European disputes are often a factor.

These include which pollutants the treaty should cover, how to amend it to reflect new research on global warming and whether the pact should call for international coordination on policies — such as energy taxes — to fight emissions of greenhouse gases.

Powerful U.S. industries have launched a lobbying campaign against binding pollution cuts, saying they would wipe out hundreds of thousands of American jobs.

Employers across the European Union issued a similar warning Thursday, calling the EU plan unrealistic.



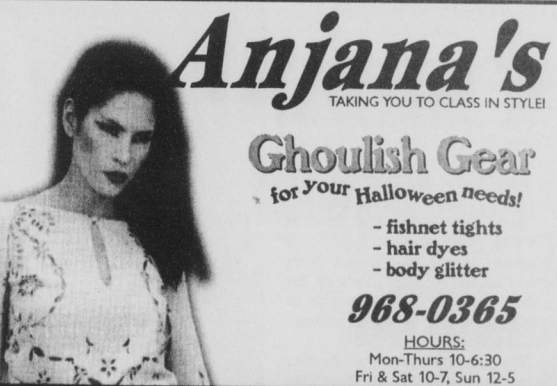
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