

Campus and City

Groups search for safe food containers

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The Residence Hall Association (RHA) and members of the Campus Y's Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) are working with Marriott Corp. to find food containers that will reduce environmental problems such as ozone layer disintegration and overflowing landfills.

Mark Chilton, chairman of the SEAC cup project, said he was concerned with the environmental hazards presented by the Styrofoam and paper cups and containers now being used on campus.

Chilton said plastic foams made with chlorofluorocarbons were responsible for destroying the ozone layer and that

polystyrenes in general had to be recycled. Waxed paper cups and unwaxed paper cups with food grease cannot be recycled, and the bleached white paper used to make the paper cups is very likely made with dioxins. Chilton said that using paper cups resulted in dioxin dumping in lakes and streams, deforestation and possible health problems.

Although Styrofoam is also non-biodegradable, Chilton said he felt Styrofoam recycling would be better than paper recycling.

"It is estimated that a Styrofoam cup can sit in a landfill and not change in composition for up to 20,000 years. But paper cannot biodegrade in landfills, either. Nothing can really decompose

while sitting in a landfill. A carrot buried in a landfill could remain there for 20 years," he said.

Eventually all the Styrofoam being used will be recycled, Chilton said. Joyce Brown, a candidate for the Chapel Hill Town Council, is trying to start a program to recycle polystyrenes that will diminish landfill and environmental problems.

Liz Jackson, RHA president, said the RHA had already met twice with SEAC and Chris Derby, the director of Carolina Dining Service. The first meeting was targeted at finding ways to recycle Styrofoam and paper cups, she said. At the second meeting, Marriott was asked to look into the possibility of

using permanent ceramic plates instead of Styrofoam plates for salads.

Chilton said the permanent salad plates should be here very soon.

A third meeting is being planned to discuss what Marriott can change about other problems still existing with the containers being used.

"To the credit of Marriott, almost all the Styrofoam being used is made without chlorofluorocarbons," Chilton said. "It is difficult to say when something can be done about the other Styrofoams. Chris Derby has to buy through a distributor to Marriott and has some, but not all, control."

Derby has been working very hard with SEAC and is aware of the environ-

mental concerns being voiced, Chilton said. Thanks to his help, there is a recycling bin located in the Student Union.

"Marriott has been active and good about it (environmental concern projects)," said Jackson. They have already changed the Styrofoam coffee cups in the Union Station to a more environmentally safe kind.

SEAC is now working with area businesses and Marriott on a SEAC cup program that should be able to go into effect in the next two weeks. The program will provide students with a SEAC cup that they can bring to area businesses and get discount refills.



Campus News

Professor receives patent

John Silva, associate professor of physical education, has received a patent on a computerized sports simulator system.

The system has both scientific and entertainment value, he said. Silva has said he hopes to manufacture the system, which provides audio and visual feedback to athletes when they practice in a variety of simulated competitive settings. Silva has said he thinks it could be useful to professional, collegiate and Olympic teams and theme parks.

"Blue Blitz" set to take off

The Carolina Athletic Association's (CAA) annual "Blue Blitz" will be held at the Clemson game Saturday, and the group would like all students to wear blue to the game.

The CAA will build a 7,000-balloon tunnel for the players to run through at the beginning of the game, according to CAA President Lisa Frye. The balloons will not be released due to dangers to sea turtles.

Planetarium to show "Genesis"

"Genesis," a film exploring earthquakes, volcanoes and other processes shaping the earth, will be showing at the Morehead Planetarium through the end of 1989.

The film was brought back to the planetarium because of interest sparked by the recent California earthquake. The film makes audiences feel like they're flying over mountain peaks and volcanoes, said Austin Guiles, director of the planetarium.

"Genesis" opens this weekend and will be shown Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Dec. 31.

Graduate and MBA day slated

Students seeking information about graduate schools and master's programs in business administration are invited to learn more about them on Wednesday.

The program, sponsored by University Career Planning and Placement Services, will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Great Hall.

MBA programs and graduate schools from around the country will be represented.

Artist to be honored Sunday

Robert Barnard, professor of art, will be honored Sunday for his exhibition of paintings displayed in the Hanes Art Center Gallery.

The exhibition, "Deus Ex Machina," will be on display through Nov. 10. The 3 p.m. reception will honor Barnard's 28 years at UNC.

Tepper appointed to position

Steve Tepper, president of the class of 1989, has been appointed assistant general secretary of the Bicentennial Observance Office.

The Bicentennial Observance will commemorate UNC's 200th anniversary as the nation's first state-supported university. The event will examine UNC's history and traditions, showcase its status as one of the nation's top universities and chart its future role in higher education and North Carolina.

Project awarded grant

The Environmental Resource Project, a part of the Institute for Environmental Studies, has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem.

The grant will be used to support all the project's activities; it will provide technical assistance to community groups and local governments and training to school teachers.

Professor elected to office

Ronald Rindfuss, professor of sociology and a fellow of the Carolina Population Center, has been elected president of the Population Association of America.

Rindfuss will serve as president of the society in 1991.

Conservative writer to speak on South Africa

By **ROBERT BROWN**
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Walter Williams, a syndicated columnist and professor of economics at George Mason University, will lecture on South Africa and apartheid at UNC Tuesday as a part of the Carolina Critic's lecture series.

Williams will be talking about his recent book "South Africa's War Against Capitalism," in which he says economic sanctions against the country are hurting, not helping, blacks, according to Brad Beebe, assistant editor of the Critic.

"He is against sanctions against South Africa because by hampering the operation of the free market it gives the white ruling party the opportunity to clamp down and take away the jobs and economic opportunities (of the blacks)," Beebe said.

The lecture, co-sponsored by the Intercollegiate Students Institute and the John W. Pope Foundation, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Murphey 111. A question-and-answer session will be held after the lecture.

"South Africa is a hot topic right now," Critic Editor Jason James said,

explaining why Williams was asked to speak. James said he thought that many protesters wanted a revolution in South Africa, and Williams would be able to provide a different viewpoint.

Beebe agreed the lecture would provide students with a different view.

"It is part of our mission to bring conservative, libertarian views to campus," he said. "We do that through the Critic and our lecture series."

James said he thought it would be a good learning experience for those that attend, even if they disagree with what Williams says.

"One of the goals of the magazine is to educate people," he said.

Dale McKinley, a UNC graduate student from Zimbabwe and an outspoken supporter of economic sanctions, said that he disagreed with Williams' views and that he would attend the lecture. Williams' arguments are not new and have been proven historically incorrect, McKinley said.

"Blacks want political and social freedom," he said. "(Williams) does not take into consideration the major problems in South Africa; race cannot be wiped away by the free market."

"The key point is that South Africans have long called for divestment."

Critic publisher Bob Lukefahr said he thought it would be a nice change of pace to bring a free-market thinker to the University.

"Walter Williams is one of the most libertarian thinkers in the country today," he said.

"It provides for the black community an intellectual role model who has a conservative viewpoint," Lukefahr said.

The fact that Williams is black lends credibility to his argument, Beebe said.



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Too hot to handle

Mark Robinson directs a cooling spray at his flaming pottery artwork outside the Art Studio Building on Airport Drive Thursday afternoon

after firing it. The clay pottery creation is a project for his Art 16B class.

Special election to fill vacant congress seat

By **STACEY KAPLAN**
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A special election will be held Nov. 15 to fill the vacancy left in Student Congress by the Oct. 12 resignation of Rep. Bill Stallings (Dist. 15).

Any undergraduate who lives in District 15 can run for the office by obtaining a petition in Suite C of the Student Union and getting 25 signatures from students in the district, said David Smith, elections board chairman. District 15 includes the area north of Franklin Street and east of Airport

Road. The deadline to complete petitions is Tuesday. No one has turned in a completed petition yet, Smith said.

"Student Congress must always represent the views of the entire student body," said Gene Davis, speaker of Student Congress. "This can only be done when all 29 seats are filled."

The person who is elected will serve on the Rules and Judiciary Committee, in addition to representing the district, Davis said.

Stallings resigned after a controversy

arose at the Oct. 11 meeting of congress concerning his position on the Undergraduate Honor Court. The inclusion of his name on the list of honor court appointees to be confirmed by congress was criticized as a potential conflict of interest.

Stallings announced his resignation during the meeting, then made it official the next day. He said he did it to insure the confirmation of the appointees.

Davis said Stallings would be missed on congress.

"No one can take over his role, because he made it his job to be knowledgeable of the Student Code," he said. "He was a man of honor who worked hard for his constituents and all he believed in."

Before last spring, there were always two to three vacancies in Student Congress, Davis said.

"It's encouraging to see congress make an effort to have all the seats filled," he said. "It shows how important Student Congress has become to the student body."

Helms wins 2 endorsements; candidacy remains undeclared

By **CRYSTAL BERNSTEIN**
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Though Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) has not yet announced his candidacy for the 1990 senatorial race, he has already received campaign endorsements from two state politicians.

Harold Hardison, a former state senator, and Lauch Faircloth, secretary of commerce under former Gov. Jim Hunt, have both announced their support for Helms in the upcoming race.

These endorsements may seem premature, but it is very probable that Helms will run for re-election, said Eric Lundgren, a press secretary at the senator's office in Washington, D.C. Helms is waiting to announce his candidacy because he wants to avoid a long campaign in North Carolina, he said.

Long campaigns can become bitter, he said, referring to Helms' race against Hunt in 1984. The race involved much negative campaigning and was at that

time the most expensive senatorial race ever, said Katy Harriger, an assistant professor of politics at Wake Forest University. "It was a pretty nasty campaign."

Helms doesn't want next year's race to be a repeat of the 1984 campaign, Lundgren said. "The longer (the race) is, the worse it can be. He doesn't want to inflict that on the people."

Helms may also be waiting to find

out who his opponents are before announcing his candidacy, Harriger said.

Though it's too early to predict the outcome of the race, Helms has a good chance of winning, she said. "If he could beat Hunt, chances are he could beat just about anybody who came his way."

Helms is popular in the state because he "does his homework" and meets the needs of his constituents, said Andrew Scott, a UNC professor of political

science.

Faircloth endorsed Helms because he feels he has the clout to address the problem of the federal deficit, he said. "It's a one-shot issue with me." Though Faircloth, a Democrat, does not agree with many of Helms' views, he believes Helms can help with the deficit problem. "He has the dogged determination and the respect in the Senate. He's a man of unquestioned integrity," he said.

Parade to involve students

By **ERIK ROGERS**
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The coordinator for the annual Christmas parade, sponsored by the Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce, said she encouraged student participation in this year's event to make it a success.

Sherri Powell, parade coordinator, said she thought the parade would be successful, but she added that student participation would be greatly appreciated.

The event will be held Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. until noon. The parade will begin on Franklin Street in front of the Morehead Building and end on Main Street by Carrboro Town Hall.

"We have not had that many students to participate in the past," Powell said. "This is a great thing for students to get involved in. I hope this year will bring different results."

Powell attributes low student participation in the past to the fact that the parade is usually during exam time. Powell said she was pleased that the UNC marching band would be taking part this year.

The UNC marching band will have plenty of company, thanks to the floats that will be there. Robert Humphreys, a parade committee member and the manager of Chapel Hill Cleaners, said 15 professional floats and 15 to 20 amateur floats were expected.

The parade will offer spectators other sights such as dancing dogs, prancing horses and 3-year-old tap dancers. But even with all of the events that the parade will bring, Humphreys pointed out the true reason for the parade in his own way.

"It brings Santa Claus to town," Humphreys said. "The little child can look at that special man in the parade and consider him to be the real Santa Claus."

The chamber of commerce will also light the Chapel Hill Christmas tree in front of the post office on Franklin Street.

"When the tree is lit, it is such a lovely sight," Powell said. "The merchants in that area have agreed to light up their stores with white lights, so that should make the scene look even more impressive."

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