

Future of Earth Day Considered

Students, Scientists Will Participate in National Conference to Be Held in Pa.

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Is Newt Gingrich more likely to support (a) the champions of industry, (b) the Sierra Club or (c) both? Many student environmental leaders hope that if they show the new Congress that environmental issues are still important to America, (c) will be the answer.

With this question and the future of Earth Day in mind, national, community and collegiate environmental groups have called for an Emergency Environmental Student Conference to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., on Feb. 25 and 26.

"We want the conference to develop leaders around the country who can successfully put on huge Earth Day events," said Robert Hickey, N.C. field organizer for Green Corps.

Participants will also learn from scientists and scholars through lectures on the scientific basis for environmental action. They will also come up with "a universal platform that all environmentalist groups could support," Hickey said. This platform will include 25 steps Congress could take to ensure a better environment.

The 25 steps will be listed on a petition that will be circulated from Earth Day until July 4. The organizers of the conference hope that if a quarter million to a million people sign the petition, Congress will pay attention to environmental issues and carry out the 25 steps.

The national conference is being organized by the Sierra Student Coalition, the national Student Environmental Action Coalition and Green Corps. The Earth Day Task Force, a campus SEAC committee, is organizing the state's contingent to the conference.

"Basically, we're kind of the center for the N.C. recruitment drive," said Noelle McKay, a member of the task force.

The idea for the conference came out of conversations between the Student Public Interest Research Group and Green Corps, which is concerned that the environmental movement is losing its force and direction, Hickey said.

One of the main concerns of these groups is the increasing corporate domination of the Earth Day celebration.

"Earth Day has been a weak and pretty corporatized event since 1990," Hickey said. "The messages are watered down, and people don't take action."

The groups are also concerned that Congress is no longer emphasizing environmental issues.

"The '92-'94 Congress was one of the worst for environmental action in the last 20 years," Hickey said. "The leaders of the new Congress have been very direct and clear about their intentions to dismantle many environmental protections that we have taken for granted... if not all. That's a big concern, obviously."

Students interested in attending the conference should come to the Earth Day Task Force's meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Union 208.



Andy Koren, director of the N.C. Hillel Foundation.

Hillel's Leader Koren Calls it Quits

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Andy Koren, the director of N.C. Hillel Foundation, will leave Hillel in June to take a position at the Wexner Foundation in Columbus, Ohio, an organization that offers fellowships and leadership training to students who are pursuing positions of leadership within the Jewish community.

Koren said he had chosen to leave UNC after just two years as director of Hillel in order to take advantage of an opportunity that he did not expect to have for at least another 10 to 15 years — if at all.

Although Koren said he was looking forward to his work at the Wexner Foundation, he said he had mixed feelings about leaving Hillel in June.

"The best way I could describe it: I feel like I'm leaving too early," he said. "It's a bittersweet feeling... I'll be leaving here with fond memories and a sense of a mission I won't be able to complete."

Koren said that although his new job would impact the national and international Jewish communities, he would miss the personal interaction he experienced while working at Hillel.

"I know I'm going to miss walking into a room and knowing everyone there," he said.

Daniel Aldrich, a member of the Hillel Student Board, praised Koren's work for Hillel.

"He was great," Aldrich said. "He's very close in age to the students. He has a great rapport."

Aldrich, a junior Asian studies major from Chapel Hill, emphasized Koren's skills in relating to students.

"He's been very involved," he said. "It's good to have someone who understands your problems."

Aldrich said that Hillel hoped to find a replacement for Koren by April. A board composed of students and members of the Hillel Community Board is conducting the

search, Koren said.

They are looking for a rabbi with many of the same qualities that Koren brought to the job, Aldrich said. They hope to find someone close in age to the students at Hillel who understands their experiences and viewpoints, he said.

The Wexner Foundation is dedicated to encouraging promising students who are training for a career of work in the Jewish community.

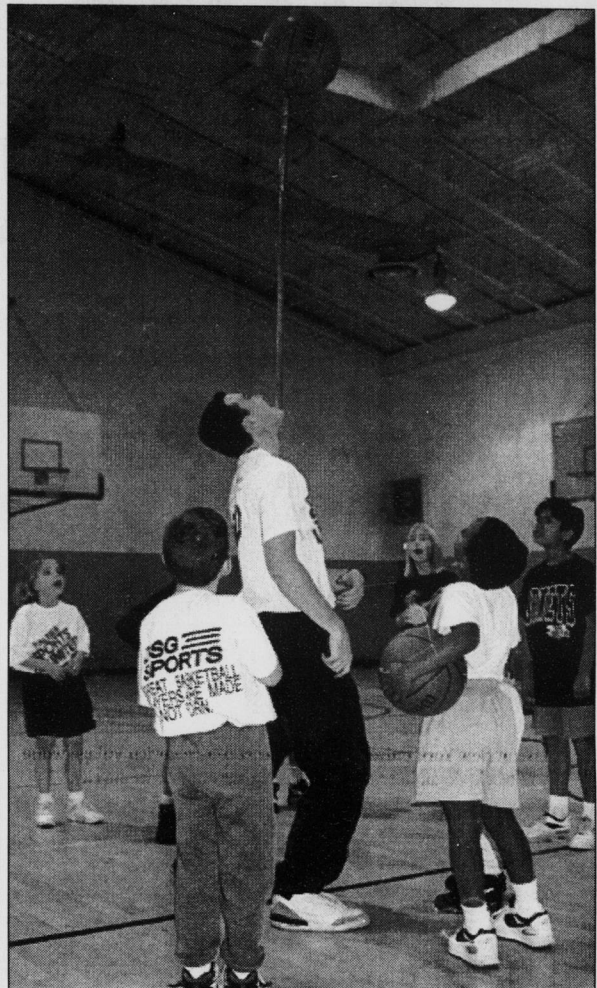
It offers grants and leadership training to students in rabbinical school or to those who are pursuing higher degrees in fields such as Judaic studies, Koren said.

He said the Wexner Foundation helped to enrich the leadership within the Jewish community. He said the fellowships it offered had drawn talented students to become rabbis who otherwise would have gone into other fields. Furthermore, Koren said, it attracts people from all sects of the Jewish faith and encourages them to work together.

Senior Fires Up Team of Dribblin' Dragons

UNC's Mike Zeillman Helps Children Learn the Tricks of the Basketball Trade

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Mike Zeillman, a senior from Durham, said the Dribblin' Dragons had given him the opportunity to teach kids that they could accomplish anything as long as they didn't give up. He started the program last summer and plans to continue it after graduation.

The Dribblin' Dragons take basketball very seriously.

They practice two hours a week and even get homework. The only problem with practicing the drills at home is that some of the players can't do the assignments... they're just not old enough to read them yet.

The Dragons, a basketball trick show team in Durham, is composed of boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 12. The team has about 30 players, and the youngsters learn basketball tricks such as multiball dribbling, juggling and ball spinning.

The Dragons are coached by Mike Zeillman, a UNC senior from Durham. He began the program last summer and plans to continue after graduating.

Zeillman's goal for the program is to ensure that participants have a good time.

"It has to be fun, or they won't do it," he said. "Everything I want to teach them, I make into a game. Also, as long as you keep the kids busy, boredom isn't a problem."

The Dribblin' Dragons' season lasts for six weeks and costs \$40. They participate in halftime shows at area basketball games, including one Tuesday at Durham Academy. They put on juggling displays and involve members of the crowd in their act.

The Dragons meet every Sunday at Edison Johnson Recreational Center in Durham. Practice begins with a whistle, and the Dragons circle up in the middle of the basketball court. The team then works through a series of short and active drills, including dribbling one, two and even three balls at a time. The Dragons finally separate into three stations, working on shooting, juggling and spinning the ball on one finger.

The skill level of the players is widely varied. Some are more hesitant than others, but all show amazing familiarity with the ball. Handmade signs taped to the wall of the gym are an unofficial record book,

noting the names of Dragons who have conquered juggling or spinning the ball for a certain amount of time. Almost every child's name is on at least one list.

Zeillman said he liked to stay involved with his players. He frequently attends different league basketball games in the area and is sometimes available for one-on-one instruction.

"Mike's wonderful," said Teresa Engbreten, whose son Jake has been involved with the Dragons since last year. "He comes over and works with (Jake) at home... He's like one of the family."

Zeillman coaches with the help of a few other college students and several of the Dragon parents. Many of the parents are familiar with the sport. Members of the team include Cherokee Parks' younger sister and Van Hatchell, son of UNC women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell.

The Dragons are partially sponsored by Sports Unlimited and Body Billboards. Karen Johnson, special events coordinator for Sports Unlimited in Raleigh, said the store had chosen to sponsor the Dragons because of their discipline and talent.

"Working with their talent, (Zeillman) has been able to create an interesting as well as skillful team."

Edwin Yarbrough, father of veteran Dragon Andrew, said the program had been extremely educational for his son.

"He has to budget his time and knows that he won't improve unless he works at it every day," Yarbrough said. "I had Andrew start working with Mike when he was about 8. The sooner you can start your child with someone who knows the fundamentals, the better off you'll be."

Joe Vicars, who has two children involved with the Dragons, said the shows were a lot of fun for the kids. "The highlight was doing the show in Raleigh," he said. "It's been phenomenal what they've learned to do."

Zeillman works with all ages and skill levels. "I'm not just teaching them basketball; it's teaching them not to give up. I let them know you can do anything if you don't give up."

He said the most rewarding thing about coaching had been seeing them improve. "I look back to when these guys started and see how confident they are now. Well, it's just amazing."

International Festival to Educate Students About Different Cultures

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In an effort to educate more students about the various cultures, traditions and belief systems in the world, UNC will be hosting its International Festival starting today.

"Pangea," the world when all land masses were one, is the theme of this year's festival.

The event runs today through Sunday with programs ranging from a Great Decisions lecture to an international food tasting.

The festival has been held for 15 years. Laura-Julie Perreault, a sophomore from Quebec, led the festival committee. She said many students were unaware of the many international students on campus. "I think most of the time their presence is

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Chester Higgins Jr. will speak tonight at Hanes Art Center at 7 p.m. His photographic essay is titled "Feeling the Spirit: Searching the World for the People of Africa" and documents his 26-year journey to capture the daily life and rituals of people of African descent around the globe. The Association of International Stu-

dents sponsors the festival, but other organizations help support certain programs. For example, the Campus Y and Carolina Union Activities Board are co-sponsoring Higgins' presentation.

A Great Decisions lecture on Middle East peace prospects takes place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in 100 Hamilton Hall. Curtis Jones of the U.S. Foreign Service will speak.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday is Cultural Night in Hanes Art Center. Various international groups representing India, the Middle East, Asia and Eastern Europe will perform dances, sing and play music. The Opeyo! dancers are among the entertainers. There will also be a bamboo flutist representing Japan.

Nelia Charalambous, a mathematics major from Cyprus, coordinated the night's

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First Women Join Local Rotary Club

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After long deliberation, the East Chapel Hill Rotary Club has recently inducted two female members. Denise Corey of NationsBank and Leslie Hayes of Wachovia were inducted Jan. 27.

The club has been discussing the inclusion of women for at least the past year, and discussion had been encouraged by the past presidents.

"As it happened, we had a lot of discussion about (inducting women), and everybody got a chance to say what they thought, but things don't happen real quickly a lot of times," said Earl Tye, a Rotary member for a year and a half. "It took a while for things to be put in place and move forward."

Hayes and Corey both accepted the invitation to the club, but both said they hadn't joined the club in order to make a

statement.

"The Rotary's a good public civic organization, and this particular one has a lot of my customers in it already, and those are the reasons I joined," Corey said. "In my career, I've been one of the few women lots of different times. It doesn't feel any different than going to work."

"It's no more than when you're with a bunch of guys in a social setting," she said. "You know, they're talking about sports, and it's not an uncomfortable feeling at all."

Hayes expressed some of those same feelings. She, like Corey, said she didn't feel uncomfortable within the male-dominated club.

"I'm in banking, so I work around all different types of people, and very often I'm in a room with all males because that just happens to be the makeup of the customers," Hayes said. "So, it wasn't any-

Sons of Confederate Vets Chapter to Be Kicked Off To Celebrate the South

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Twenty-four men whose ancestors fought in the Civil War have formed a local chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The Chapel Hill chapter has applied to receive a charter, and Hillsborough might also have a chapter soon.

The Chapel Hill chapter, called a camp, is the first in Orange County and the 68th camp in the N.C. division.

Todd Goodson, a Chapel Hill resident who operates Axiom Investigations, is Chapel Hill camp commander and one of the group's youngest members.

"The Sons of the Confederate Veterans are committed to the historical preservation of Southern cultural heritage and education," Goodson said.

His great-grandfather was a cavalry soldier for the first N.C. regiment.

The United Sons of Confederate Veterans was founded by J.E.B. Stuart Jr. on July 1, 1896, in order to take care of the veterans of the confederacy, he said.

"Basically, federal armies didn't give anything to Confederate veterans, so it was the duty of the descendants to make sure their parents were taken care of," Goodson said.

The SCV will celebrate its centennial in July 1996.

Goodson said that now the main aim of the SCV was to protect the history and culture of the South. "The SCV wants to make sure that history is not rewritten and changed by modern historians and Northern textbooks," he said.

The N.C. division of the SCV recently participated in the successful protest march to hang the Confederate flag over the South Carolina Capitol.

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Camp commander of the Chapel Hill Sons of Confederate Veterans

Goodson said the Confederate flag used to fly over the N.C. Capitol three times a year. Gov. Jim Hunt limited the flag to being flown once a year — on Confederate Flag Day, March 4.

The Chapel Hill camp has 24 listed members, including Tim Naomi, a UNC dental student, and William S. Powell, a UNC history professor. Chris Pepper of Carboro serves as the lieutenant commander.

Eligible applicants to the group must be men and must have an ancestor who served in the Confederate Army. Notable members of the SCV include S.C. Senator Strom Thurmond and N.C. Senator Jesse Helms. Naomi, whose great-grandfather served in the Confederate army, said he had become interested in the SCV because of his mother, who is a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. As a child, Naomi was a member of the Children of the Confederacy.

He said some members of the SCV participated in Civil War re-enactments and preservation of Civil War historical sites in the South.

The SCV has been meeting in the Chapel Hill Public Library. Goodson said the next meeting would be held in the library on the first Tuesday in March.

POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Saturday, Feb. 11

■ A wallet was stolen from Woollen Gym, police reports state. Reports state that a license, two bank cards and \$20 were reported missing.

Friday, Feb. 10

■ University Police reported vandalism and trespassing around the water tower behind the Security Services building. According to reports, an OWASA employee reported people climbing the trees, fence and water tower on several occasions and then spray-painting the dates on which the tower had been climbed.

■ A newspaper was found smoldering in a bathroom stall in the ground-floor men's rest room of the law school, according to police reports. The reportee said he had stomped on the paper to extinguish it and then contacted the police, reports state.

■ Police reports state that a secured locker in the Fetzer Gym men's locker room was broken into. Merchandise worth more than \$100 — including a wallet, jeans, a shirt, a coat, keys, credit cards and a hat — was taken, according to reports.

■ Reports state that two suspicious white men soliciting for Palmetto marketing without a permit were questioned by officers. A UNC student sighted the men selling magazines around Hibbard Drive, reports state.

■ Two windows were broken in a New East classroom, according to police reports. Officers reported that there was no entry and nothing was taken.

■ Officers separated an intoxicated couple arguing on the sidewalk in front of Old East Residence Hall, reports state.

Thursday, Feb. 9

■ Trenton Michael Grisson, a freshman, of 640 Hinton James was charged with simple possession of 1.5 grams of marijuana, and Allen Ray Edwards, a freshman from N.C. State University, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, reports state. Allen and Grisson were spotted by police in the visitor's parking lot for Security Services and then arrested, according to reports. Police reports said Grisson was rolling a marijuana cigarette, and rolling papers and a pipe were found in Edwards' possession.

■ A University student on Bernard Street reported that someone had entered and searched her home, according to records. Reports stated that nothing had been taken but that objects had been rearranged.

City

Sunday, Feb. 12

■ Chapel Hill police were called in to break up a fight between patrons at Tammany Hall, 157 E. Rosemary St., at 1:18 a.m., according to reports.

■ After receiving a complaint from a passerby at the Circle K at 106 Ephesus Church Road, police responded at 12:52 a.m. to reports of a man leaving the store with a gun, reports state.

Police arrested Garey Raynard Smith, 34, of Route 6, Box 429, in the Holiday Inn parking lot on U.S. 15-501 Bypass at 1:08 a.m. in connection with the complaint, reports state. Smith was stopped by Chapel Hill police after officers saw him and he fit the description given by the complainant, reports state. He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon after police found a meat cleaver in his pocket, reports state. The cleaver, valued at \$10, was seized by police, and Smith was released on \$250 unsecured bond, reports state.

■ A bartender at Last Call was arrested at 4:04 a.m. for driving while impaired, reports state. Matthew Thomas Malone, 22, of 5605 Old Forge Circle in Raleigh, was stopped on the 100 block of South Columbia Street by Chapel Hill police for going 45 mph in a 20 mph zone, reports state. According to reports, Malone registered a .11 blood alcohol content. He was released on \$250 unsecured bond at 5:25 a.m., reports state.

Saturday, Feb. 11

■ A man reported being robbed at gunpoint on Franklin Street, reports state. Two men with two handguns approached the victim in front of the United Methodist Church at 150 E. Franklin St. at 2:45 a.m., reports state. The suspects took a \$10 wallet containing \$15, three bank cards and an N.C. driver's license.

■ Police responded at 2:50 a.m. to a complaint of a disturbance at T.S. Elliott's Groundhog Tavern, 149 1/2 E. Franklin St., reports state. An employee of the restaurant was choking a man, reports state.

■ Two men were arrested for vandalism in connection with the destruction of a 5-foot red bubblegum stand in Emilberry's at 106 W. Franklin St., reports state. Jack Malykin, 17, of 112 Summerlin Drive and John Pennington Benger, 18, 127 Wolfs Trail, were charged with knocking over the \$50 bubblegum stand, reports state.

■ A University student was charged by Chapel Hill police with underage purchase of a malt beverage, reports state. According to reports, Wade H. Tillery, 18, 1723 Granville Towers West, did not present an identification before he bought a 12-pack of Ice House beer in bottles and a 6-pack of Ice Light in bottles from an employee at Franklin Street Market, 208 W. Franklin St., reports state. The employee charged with selling Tillery the beer was also arrested, reports state. James Windham Holcomb III, 25, of 308 McCauley St. was charged with selling a malt beverage to a person under 21 after officers observed the transaction, reports state.

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