

## UNC Employees Asked To Donate to Charities

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STAFF WRITER

University employees have a chance to donate money to a variety of local, national and international charities during the two-week State Employees Combined Campaign which begins today.

Volunteers for the campaign will approach University employees over the course of the next two weeks and ask for contributions to a variety of charities.

"This is the only authorized workplace solicitation for many state employees," said volunteer Regina Oliver. "It's a good campaign because charities are able to make one broad appeal and individuals are able to designate where they want their gifts to go."

In Orange County, SECC officials said they hoped to raise at least \$500,000 for charities. This is \$49,529 more than it raised in last year's one-week campaign. SECC officials also said they hoped to increase participation in the fund-raising campaign.

Today's kick-off events include a fair at which employees may meet representatives from more than 30 of the 289 charities participating in the campaign, and a luncheon and training session for the campaign's 300 volunteer solicitors.

The fair will be held in the Great Hall today from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

"We want every University employee to come to the fair," said volunteer coordinator Majorie Crowell. "The idea is for employees to talk to people from the agency and get information to decide which one they want to support."

For the two-week campaign, 300 volunteer solicitors will try and approach all University employees individually to ask them to fill out a pledge card. Employees may designate which charity they would like to support, and may donate with a personal check or through a payroll deduction. All gifts are tax deductible. Undesignated gifts are divided among the Orange County United Way agencies.

The United Way, which is managing the campaign, will receive no more than 10 percent of the proceeds to cover administrative costs, said Anita Daniels, a campaign organizer for the United Way.

Charities which participate in the fund-raising campaign are screened by state employees. Each organization must meet state licensing requirements, provide audited financial statements, meet state and federal tax-exemption rules and keep fund raising and administrative costs to 25 percent or less of their annual revenue. Today's agency fair in the Great Hall is open to all UNC employees. SECC will hold the volunteer training session in the Union film auditorium today from 10 a.m. until noon.

## Gleaners Do 'Dirty' Work to Help Area's Needy

Volunteers picked sweet potatoes at a Smithfield farm on Saturday for "Yam Jam."

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Members and friends of Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship joined other religious organizations and community members on Saturday morning to gather food for the needy in an event known as Yam Jam.

Yam Jam is an event in which gatherers, called "gleaners," pick up the remains of the sweet potato harvest on a farm near Smithfield. The food is distributed to needy

in the area. Last year, the gleaners harvested 30,000 pounds of sweet potatoes in one day.

About 30 IVCF members attended Yam Jam this year, the first year it has participated in the event.

Organized by the Society of St. Andrew, the privately-funded Yam Jam is in its fifth year in North Carolina. The society enlists the help of campus and Christian organizations to glean the leftover food.

Kelly Goldsmith, a senior from Chesapeake, Va., and the outreach coordinator for IVCF, said that Yam Jam was an opportunity for anyone to help the needy and that the event was not restricted to religious groups.

"The good thing about it is that it's not

really something that you have to agree religiously about anything to do," Goldsmith said. "I mean, feeding people is not controversial."

Cori Tingen, a freshman from Oxford, said she participated in Yam Jam to join her friends in doing something to benefit the community.

"It's a really good cause, and I thought it would be a lot of fun," Tingen said. "You just get really, really dirty."

"It's a good time with your friends to do something worthwhile," said Heather Wagner, a freshman from Sarasota, Fla.

Kerri Lamb, a junior from Asheboro, said gleaning was not too difficult.

"It's not very hard," Lamb said. "It's fun. I like it, digging in the dirt, getting with

nature."

Robert Dalton, a freshman from Iron Station, said participating in Yam Jam was a good opportunity to help the needy and have fun at the same time.

"It's a lot of fun, and it helps people who really need it," Dalton said. "These people, being homeless, need the food, and if we can give a few hours of our time to do this, then it's no problem. It's really worthwhile."

Cheryl Johnston, a sophomore from Leesburg, Va., said she would recommend that other people get involved in projects like gleaning that benefit the community.

She said, "I think it gives you a good feeling, and it reminds you that you're not the center of the world."

### SEAC

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chairwoman.

SEAC members spent the weekend attending issues panels, workshops and social events. Issue panel topics ranged from "The Conservative Right Agenda" to "Toxic Waste and Race." Workshops discussed fund-raising techniques, campaign and media strategies and other important topics.

Saturday evening, conference participants had an opportunity to relax. They could choose from "Intoxicating: an Eco-Cabaret," an Underground Railway Theater production, an evening of acoustic guitar music by local and visiting folk musicians or a concert by Archers of Loaf

and Superdrag on the Rosemary Street Parking Deck.

A major theme of the conference was the unification of different youth activist groups and different kinds of people in an effort to achieve a strong base for the youth environmental and social movement.

"We all have so much to offer when it comes to planning the movement for today and the future," said Meghan McCracken, the Virginia SEAC coordinator.

"We must come together and share our creative minds, the strength of our spirit, the force of our souls and the power in our voice," McCracken said. "When we get together, we can and we will make positive social change."

The crowd chanted, "Together, united, we will never be defeated," at the end of the

speech by Vaneita Goines, a representative from the People of Color Caucus, one of the three officially recognized caucuses within SEAC.

Other caucuses include the Queer Caucus and the Womyn's Caucus.

"SEAC and the People of Color Caucus remain actively committed to the struggle against racism and all other forms of oppression, dehumanization and domination," Goines said.

SEAC is a part of a larger international network known as A SEED. Action for Solidarity, Equality, Environment and Development was founded in 1990 by SEAC to unify young people from all over the world in the fight for global environmental awareness and the fight against social injustice and oppression.

"All of us in A SEED think that the youth of today are restless. We are restless for emancipation and we are restless for change," said A SEED representative Norman Uy Carnay. "Without genuine solidarity we have no hope. Our common future is at stake."

Vital issues addressed at the conference were clear cutting, affirmative action, immigrants' rights, toxic waste disposal, the conservative agenda, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, the pollution of North Carolina's Neuse River and many others.

"SEAC has expanded the past few years to encompass social justice as well as the environment," said Sandy Chapman, a Chapel Hill High School SEAC representative.

### BINGE DRINKING

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the awareness of the effects of drinking.

"We're trying to raise the seriousness of campus drinking and help colleges with their policies," Quinlan said.

According to statistics from the NCADI, 159,000 of current freshmen nationwide will drop out of college next year because of alcohol and other drug-related causes. Cowan said she agreed. "We do indeed see a very dark side of binge drinking here," she said.

Alcohol companies themselves are working to cut down underage drinking and to promote responsible drinking among college students of the legal drinking age.

Kent Martin, a representative of Anheuser-Busch Companies, said, "Frankly, these are sales that Anheuser-Busch doesn't want."

One major focus of Anheuser-Busch is the support of BACCHUS & GAMMA, a nationwide program that educates students on the dangers of drinking and promotes positive peer pressure and peer education against alcohol abuse.

Two other programs supported by Anheuser-Busch are National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, a week-long alcohol prevention initiative, and NCAA Choices, a grant program funded by Anheuser-Busch that provides grants for alcohol abuse prevention programs, Martin said.

### MEADOWMONT

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legally dubious stipulation," he said. "(Meadowmont) is a very complex issue. I think the vote missed some essential and subtle arguments."

Chilton, who opposes the project, said effects on Chapel Hill schools had not yet been adequately addressed. The plan currently calls for a majority of single-family homes to fall on the Orange County side of the site. He said this would translate into a mass influx of students to Chapel Hill-Carboro schools.

"Is that really what's best for Orange and Durham County school systems?" Chilton asked. "I think a provision for the

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JIM PROTZMAN

Town Council member

school situation was essential."

Council member Joe Capowski also voted against the plan. "Such a large project passed by a 5-4 vote indicates that we, as the council, do not have a unified vision.

"Though I'm disappointed with the outcome, I think the process was fair," Capowski said.

Council member Pat Evans voted for the Meadowmont plan. "I thought it was

in the best interests of the community," she said. "The project provides for 70 acres of park, over six acres of greenways, and over 70 acres of smaller parks."

Evans said the development would increase the balance in Chapel Hill's tax base through Chapel Hill, Orange County and supplemental school taxes.

Council member Jim Protzman also said he supported the plan at last week's meeting.

"There's not much land left in Chapel Hill, and what we do with the land is important," he said. "(Approval of rezoning) does not authorize the developer to do anything. Every square inch of development must be approved by the town council through special project permits.

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### PEPSI

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Saturday, was the culmination of SEAC's Fourth National Environmental Conference.

The current Burmese government, known as the State Law and Order Restoration Council, was termed by protesters' fiercer a "brutal dictatorship." Peck said many of the protesters were Burmese students in self-exile. "These students are students who had to go into exile because they are being killed and tortured."

Peck said SEAC was urging its members to contact the White House in an effort to alert the president of the situation.

"We should be supporting democracy. It is despicable that we are willing to support corporations who are willing to bankroll (these governments)."

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