

Medieval Group Holds Weekend Gathering

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Students passing through the Student Union this Saturday morning were greeted with the sight of men and women singing, dancing and sword-fighting in costume. This vision was not a hallucination brought on by bad acid or by Lenoir food but an annual gathering of the Society For Creative Anachronism called "University '95."

The SCA can be described in many ways. Put simply, it attempts to recreate the period of history from the sixth century to the 16th century in Europe and those parts of the world involved with Europe.

Thomas Hudson, a graduate student from California and the president of UNC's chapter of SCA, described it as "a Renaissance fair where everyone is a participant."

When people become members of the SCA, they must create and assume an imaginary persona based on a type of person who would have existed during that period of time.

They must think up a name, a place of origin and eventually a specialty, such as music, fencing or metal smithing. Hudson, for example, is known within the SCA as Giovan Donato Falconieri from Renaissance Italy.

Meetings such as the one held Saturday are referred to as "University" events and offer SCA members a chance to learn new skills and other bits of knowledge that will make their role playing more authentic.

Classes were held on such topics as costume design, meads and wines, and "practice of modern warfare."

But the bottom line was that everyone was there to have a good time. "It's a good reason for a party, and it's nice to think of an ideal of the past," said Caterina de Bergamo,

a SCA member from Brazil. "We only pick the good parts of the Middle Ages. Nobody is poor, and disease doesn't exist. It's a good escape from reality."

The SCA began in the late 1960s at the University of California as a small club and has grown into an international association of nearly 75,000 members. "Someone at Berkeley got their master's degree in medieval history, threw a theme party and got carried away," Hudson said.

On a typical weekend, there are at least four to five SCA events going on around the country. Anything is possible, from dances, feasts and camping events to fencing tournaments and full-scale wars.

That's right, wars. Like a poor man's "Braveheart," two armies of SCA members will gather on an open field, arm themselves with wooden weapons and charge at each other. "I saw my first battle recently, and it was glorious," Hudson said.

Asian-American Sorority Makes University Debut

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Asian-American women wishing to get involved in UNC's Greek community will have a new outlet next semester. A national sorority for Asian-American women, alpha Kappa Delta Phi, will make its campus debut in the spring.

The founders of the sorority added the lowercase alpha to distinguish themselves from an East Coast fraternity with the same name.

Trinh Le, a first-year graduate student, has been chosen as the colony's president.

Le said the sorority would promote diversity within the University community.

"We wanted to have a sorority to promote Asian-American women on campus and to promote cultural education, service, friendship and excellence," Le said.

Ron Binder, dean of Greek Affairs, said he thought the new sorority would contribute to making the Greek community more diverse.

"I think this is a trend of adding just more and more diversity to the Greek community," he said. "We're just delighted they're here."

Last semester, UNC became the first university in the nation to have a Native-American sorority.

Le said she believed the sorority would help educate members of the University community about Asian culture.

"I think we're going to be, first of all, an educational role model on campus and in the community," Le said.

But Le said the sorority's main focus would be on serving the Asian community.

Le said the sorority wanted to direct its service efforts to Asian refugees and recent Asian immigrants.

"Our service will be geared toward the Asian community, and that's something that hasn't been done in the Greek community," she said.

Chetali Kuber, a junior who worked to bring the colony to the University, said the sorority would bring Asian women together and teach other students about Asian culture.

"Our sorority is unique because many nationalities will be coming together to learn more about each other," Kuber said. "We want to teach the majority about our minority."

Kuber said the sorority would give Asian women a chance to meet and discuss their unique concerns.

"It will be a place for Asians who feel left out at UNC to share with people who have the same cultural background," Kuber said.

The University's colony of alpha Kappa Delta Phi is the first colony of the sorority in the southeast.

Officials said they planned to have rush in the spring semester.

The members of UNC's chapter must establish themselves as a colony and "prove themselves" to the national board before they can become a full chapter with full membership rights.

The goals of the sorority are to provide sisterhood and cultural awareness for its members, Kuber said.

Kuber said she was looking forward to the spring rush.

"I hope it's a great success," she said. "I'm looking forward to the sisterhood."

The sorority, which is five years old, was founded by four Asian-American women at the University of California at Berkeley.

Its motto is "Timeless Friendship through Sisterhood."

Campus Calendar

MONDAY

2 p.m. STUDENT FORUM on bioethical issues in the African Diaspora will be held in 308 Venable Hall.

3-5 p.m. UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER will hold a career clinic in Nash Hall. Develop an action plan for selecting a major or choosing a career.

7 p.m. N.C. HILLEL will sponsor "Mezuzah Making and Melrose" in the Upendo Lounge. Refreshments will be included.

7:30 p.m. STUDENTS FOR CRATIVE ANACHRONISM will hold a class on medieval armor and armoring in the basement of the Chapel of the Cross.

UNC BALLROOM DANCE CLUB will hold an intermediate nightclub two-step class in Women's Gym A at the rear of Woollen Gym. An intermediate merengue class will be held at 8:15.

8 p.m. PLAYMAKERS REPERTORY COMPANY will perform "Beauty and the Beast" through Dec. 17 at Paul Green Theater.

8:30 p.m. FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES will have Senior Share Night in Carmichael Ballroom. Everyone is welcome.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

STUDENT ACTION WITH FARMWORKERS will hold a video showing/informational meeting on Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. in Union 209. Applications for the 1996 summer internship program will be available, and refreshments will be served.

ORDER OF THE BELL TOWER will hold its last general body meeting of the semester in Union 211 at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

CALLING ALL CANDIDATES! There will be an optional candidate information meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Union 212. See or call Annie Stuart in Suite C with questions at 962-5201.

HAVERING - Carolina Students for Israel will sponsor a speaker debate and discussion on the Golan on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Union 205. Come discover the facts about the Israeli-Syrian peace negotiations.

UNC YOUNG DEMOCRATS will meet in Union 209 at 8 p.m. Tuesday to watch "The War Room." Refreshments will be provided.

SURVIVOR OF SUICIDE SUPPORT GROUP meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Pilgrim United Church of Christ.

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE STUDENTS and others interested in participating a Russian language conversation group are invited to meet at Halina's restaurant at 7 p.m. every Monday.

CLASS OF '38 STUDY ABROAD FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available at the International Center. Four fellowships of \$3000 each are awarded to sophomores and juniors interested in an independent study abroad project that is tied to personal and/or career aspirations. For more information, stop by the International Center in the Union or call 962-5661.



CONGRESS MINUTES

A summary of actions taken at the last Student Congress meeting.

BRJ-77-088 An act to amend the Student Code. The bill would permit the Student Supreme Court to deem lawsuits frivolous and impose sanctions against those who file such suits. The bill failed by a roll call vote of 7-13. For: Rep. Michael Holland, Dist. 7; Speaker Pro Tempore James Kilbourne, Rep. Ross McKamey, Dist. 9; Rep. Terry Milner, Dist. 1; Rep. Sean Semone, Dist. 12; Rep. Monique VanderMarck, Dist. 8; and Rep. Michael Carter, Dist. 2. Against: Rep. Adam Bernard, Dist. 20; Rep. Julie Gasperini, Dist. 22; Rep. Scott Hammack, Dist. 17; Rep. Bryan Kimzey, Dist. 3; Rep. Jason Jolley, Dist. 17; Rep. Dan Martin, Dist. 11; Rep. David Moricca, Dist. 15; Rep. Aaron Nelson, Dist. 13; Rep. Stephen Ojeski, Dist. 4; Tom

Spiggle, Dist. 6; Rep. Melanie Starke, Dist. 14; Rep. Dan Thompson, Dist. 12; and Rep. Lacey Hawthorne, Dist. 18.

BFI-77-091. A bill to donate \$1,500 to the Campus Crusade for Christ. The legislation amends a previous bill that subsequently appropriated the funds to the organization. The bill was adopted by consent.

BRJ-77-064. A bill to amend Title VI of the Student Code. The bill would make various changes to the rules regarding campus elections. The bill was adopted by a voice vote.

BFI-77-057. An act to subsequently appropriate \$1,310 to the UNC Japan Club. The bill was adopted by a vote of 25-0-1.

BFI-77-073. An act to subsequently appropriate \$6,500 to the Cellar Door. The bill was adopted by voice vote.

BFI-77-069. An act to subsequently appropriate \$400 to the Newman Catholic Student Center. The bill was adopted by a roll call vote of 23-1-1. For: Bernard, Rep. Tod Blackwell, Dist. 20; Rep. Bjorn Book-Larsson, Dist. 16; Gasperini; Hammack; Rep. Amy Hanson, Dist. 19; Holland; Kilbourne; Kimzey; Jolley; Martin; McKamey; Milner; Nelson; Ojeski; Rep. Winston Rozier, Dist. 16; Semone; Starke; Thompson; Wilkerson; Hawthorne; and Rep. John Young, Dist. 10. Against: Carter. Abstain: VanderMarck.

BFI-77-087. An act to subsequently appropriate \$1,140 to the Social Work Student Organization (SOWOSO). The bill was adopted by a vote of 23-0-2.

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