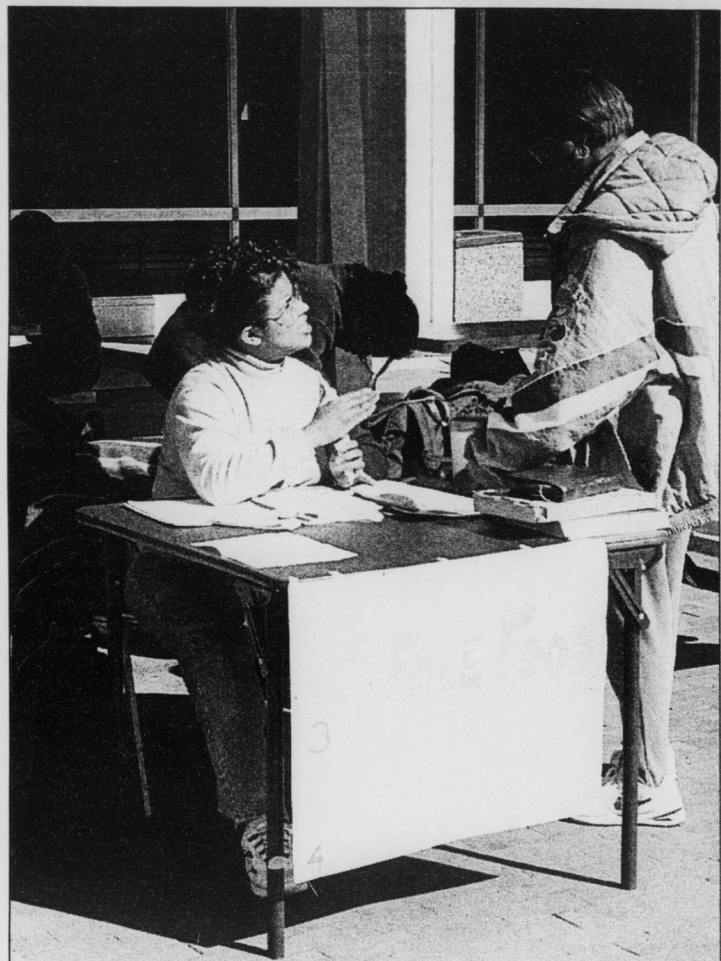


TRY YOUR LUCK



On Tuesday afternoon, Angela Bullock, a junior from Oxford, sold raffle tickets for New Generation Campus Ministries to raise money for their East Coast Regional Conference.

# Students unite for activist conference

SEAC will offer UNC students transportation to the Greensboro conference later this month.

BY JON WILLIAMS  
STAFF WRITER

Students and members of the community who are interested in progressive issues and want to develop their skills in activism will have a chance at Students Unite!, a conference intended to bring together activists from different backgrounds.

Earth Culture, a new activist organization based in Greensboro, is hosting the event from March 21 to March 23 at UNC-Greensboro. The conference is free, but Earth Culture is asking for a \$10 donation.

The conference will teach such skills as organizing a demonstration, organizing a civil disobedience action and negotiation, said Brendan Gannon, outreach coordinator for Earth

Culture. "We are trying to pick something that appeals to a lot of activist groups," he said.

The broad focus of the conference allows a wide range of activists from differing backgrounds to participate, Gannon said.

"We are doing everything from gay rights issues to affirmative action issues to the rainforests," Gannon said. "We are trying to build a coalition across lines of issues."

Gannon maintained that although Earth Culture is hosting the event, the participants will decide how the event will be run.

"We are trying to facilitate it but not really run it," Gannon said. "The success of this thing is the people who participate. They are going to make it successful."

Lauren Attanas, co-chairwoman of the Student Environmental Action Coalition, said SEAC was planning on attending the conference.

Students Unite!  
activist conference

March 21-23  
UNC-Greensboro

"(Motivation) has been a problem with SEAC," she said. "After the national conference in '95, we sort of hit a low point. This is coming at a really good time."

Attanas said the conference would give SEAC members, who have not had much experience in activism, a chance to participate in an actual demonstration.

Housing and food will be provided for the participants, Gannon said.

"We are working with other groups who are providing food and housing," he said. "The main group we are working with is Food Not Bombs."

News of the conference has provoked interest from all around the country, Gannon said.

"We have gotten interest from as far away as Georgia," Gannon said. "We think it may end up to be pretty big."

Andrew Pearson, co-chairman of SEAC, said SEAC was offering transportation to the conference.

"The conference is open to anyone who has any interest at all in organizing."

# Race to benefit breast cancer foundation

BY DAVE SNELL  
STAFF WRITER

Students can break in their new \$125 sneakers and kick up a few bucks for charity at Zeta Tau Alpha sorority's eighth annual Franklin 5K race on March 22.

"Our slogan for this year is 'Run For a Reason,'" said Heather Barber, publicity chairwoman for the Franklin 5K. "People can have a good time and support a great cause."

The race will benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Association of Retarded Citizens of Orange County. Barber said the foundation acted as an advocate for breast cancer research and helped fund the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"The foundation is supported as the nation-

al philanthropy of Zeta Tau Alpha," she said. "And we have always supported ARC of Orange County."

Last year, the UNC chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha raised about \$13,000 for both organizations, the most of any Zeta Tau Alpha chapter in the country, Barber said.

Barber said the race would begin at 9 a.m. at the Bell Tower and wind through the campus, ending up at University Square. The three and one-tenth-mile path includes gradual inclines along Chapel Hill sidewalks.

Students can preregister for the race from March 17 through March 21 in the Pit, Barber

Zeta Tau Alpha  
Franklin 5K

9 a.m.  
March 22  
Bell Tower

said. Preregistration is \$10, including a T-shirt. Barber said students could also register from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. the day of the race for \$12, but they are not guaranteed a T-shirt.

Participants will be placed in groups based on age and gender. Winners from each category will receive prizes, as will the overall male and female winners, Barber said.

Free refreshments will be served at a post-race party in University Square, she said. WTVD newscaster Jennifer Silverman will be on hand to present the awards, and Director of Greek Affairs Ron Binder and representatives of both charities will speak.

Jenny Beahm, a sophomore from Greensboro, has already registered for the race.

"I like running, and breast cancer research is a really worthy cause," she said. "So when one of the Zeta girls came by, I just decided to do it."



## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world.

### Guerrillas attack air field, army base in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Tamil Tiger rebels broke a two-month lull in Sri Lanka's civil war by raiding an army base and an air field in coordinated, pre-dawn attacks Thursday that left 213 people dead.

The guerrillas overran the base at Vavunativu about 1:45 a.m. but later withdrew under a withering strafing from helicopter gunships. The attack on the China Bay air base, which took place the same time 50 miles away, was repulsed hours later with the help of reinforcements, the military said.

Four rebels with explosives strapped to their bodies were shot dead before they could detonate the bombs inside

the base, said military spokesman Maj. D. Ranawaka.

Another 160 guerrillas and 48 soldiers died in fighting at the base, and an airman was killed and a plane destroyed at the air field.

The attacks were the heaviest since Jan. 9, when 223 soldiers and 350 guerrillas were killed in an unsuccessful rebel onslaught on a military base.

### Bombing deaths blamed on Islamic separatists

ALMATY, Kazakhstan — Islamic separatists carried out last month's bus bombings in northwestern China and are planning more attacks, a Muslim spokesman in Kazakhstan said Thursday.

The Chinese have blamed Muslim insurgents for bomb attacks on three buses Feb. 25 that killed nine people in Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang province. Rebel groups in China have not claimed responsibility.

Chinese authorities say they have arrested suspects, but have provided no details.

"If the Chinese continue their repression, there will be continuous war," said Modan Mukhlisi, spokesman of the United National Revolutionary Front, a

group representing ethnic Uighurs in Kazakhstan.

### Republicans succeed on finance reform resolution

WASHINGTON — A Republican plan to investigate "illegal activities" in the 1996 congressional and presidential campaigns was rammed through a Senate committee Thursday over Democratic objections.

Democratic leader Tom Daschle, speaking before the Rules Committee's 9-6 vote, said that attempting to define illegal activities could cause "very serious" problems. But he did not threaten a filibuster and acknowledged: "We do need to get on with something."

The Republican resolution, which will may be ready for a vote on Tuesday, was a compromise. It would shave more than \$2 million from an earlier \$6.5 million GOP funding proposal, set strict deadlines as demanded by Democrats and permit an investigation of congressional as well as presidential fund raising — along with activities of both political parties. Democrats had insisted that congressional fund raising be included.

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Reed said the magazine also has not found a good method of collecting information from schools that compares the same information. For example, she said some law schools counted graduates employed in any job as having post-graduation employment while UNC only counted graduates who had jobs in law or a field where they used learning from their law degree.

"Our statistics don't look as good as other schools because we're more truthful, and we're penalized in the rankings," she said.

Hellyer and Mirinda Kossoff of Duke University praised U.S. News for working so hard to correct its mistake. The company will spend about \$500,000 to send corrected editions of their booklet to stores and will correct the rankings in its magazine next week.

"They moved to correct it as soon as possible," Kossoff said. "I suppose that's the most they could do."

### WHO'S UP FOR SUMMER SCHOOL?



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# Human cloning dismissed by scientists

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — The scientist who successfully cloned an adult sheep in Scotland said Thursday that human cloning could be possible soon, but such research is "offensive."

Dr. Ian Wilmut told a parliamentary committee there was no reason determined researchers could not apply his technique to humans.

"I've hesitated to make predictions, but I'm sure if you really wanted to do it you could do it," said Wilmut, whose team from the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh produced "Dolly," the world's first cloned adult mammal.

In Jerusalem, Israel's chief rabbi said

genetic cloning of human beings would be a "deviation" from the role of science and forbidden by Jewish law.

Rabbi Yisrael Lau said, "The Torah permits the doctor to heal, but not to encroach upon the role of the creator — not to create life by unnatural means," his spokesman, Daniel Aviv, told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Lau said in-vitro fertilization is permissible because it can be viewed as healing barrenness.

Wilmut, who appeared before the House of Commons' Science and Technology Committee, said his team had used more than 1,000 unfertilized eggs — one measure of the difficulties to be faced in cloning a human being.

"If you were prepared to make that sort of effort, then you would expect to make significant progress in one or two years," he said.

He said everyone at the institute and PPL Therapeutics, the company collab-

orating with the institute, agreed "that we would find this kind of work with human embryos offensive."

"We would support wholeheartedly the idea of prohibition in the most effective way possible," he said.

Professor Graham Bulfield, director of the institute, pointed out that in 15 years there had been no attempt to apply genetic modification to humans despite the fact it was possible.

"The idea that you can bring back a child, that you can bring back your father, it is simply nonsensical," said Wilmut. "You can make a genetically identical copy, but you can't get back the person you have lost."

The scientists said cloning work on farm animals would hopefully yield techniques to extend to cattle and pigs in five to 10 years.

Bulfield said cloning of cattle could be used to protect biodiversity, with cells frozen to ensure breeds do not die out.

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