

Campus Events Celebrate Earth Week

Earth Week aims to educate the campus community about issues like sustainable transit and responsible consumption.

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Staff Writer

Events on campus this week aim to give students the opportunity to learn about ways to live in harmony with the environment as part of a celebration of Earth Week.

Sponsored by the UNC-Chapel Hill Sustainability Coalition, Earth Week is targeted toward a larger audience of students, faculty and staff than in the past, organizers said.

"The idea for this year was to have a broad range of events to attract a broader cross section of people," said coordinator Cindy Shea.

The week officially kicked off Monday, which was Earth Day, with games and booths in the Pit and a walking tour from campus to the N.C. Botanical Garden.

Shea said one of the coalition's goals is to make a walking path from the campus to the garden. "The conservation garden is there to preserve biodiversity," she said.

The Smart Growth and Sustainability Seminar will take place today and will feature speakers addressing issues like the creation of communities that are more accessible to pedestrians and cyclists. David Godschalk, a member of the

N.C. General Assembly's Smart Growth Study Commission, is scheduled to speak at the event. Godschalk will discuss how the University's Master Plan, a 50-year blueprint for campus development, embodies smart growth principles, specifically referencing plans to make the design of South Campus more similar to North Campus.

N.C. State University Professor Nancy White also will address the importance of protecting natural systems during development.

"(Protecting natural systems) is not only more aesthetically appealing but also protects the environment better," Shea said.

D. R. Bryan, developer of Southern Village – a mixed-use development in Chapel Hill – will speak about the economic feasibility of planning according to environmentally friendly policies.

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Thursday's events include presentations of a model sustainable residence hall room and office, which are designed

to educate students about purchasing more environmentally efficient products.

"This should be of interest for students who are thinking about moving off campus because it reduces utility bills," Shea said.

A sustainable transit table in the Pit also will be staffed Thursday by members of the Triangle Transit Authority, Chapel Hill Transit and the UNC Department of Public Safety. Representatives will be taking suggestions on transit improvements for the future.

The coalition also will present its



Junior Alice Teich discusses possible dangers posed by the Shearon Harris power plant with senior Michael Dyer (left) and junior Sudhir Kumar.

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annual report to Nancy Sutfenfeld, vice chancellor for finance and administration. The report documents progress in the past year and plans for implementing more sustainability policies on campus.

The presentation will be followed by the GreenGame Awards, which mark the end of a six-week environmental competition among all 11 residential areas on campus. Winners will be awarded cash prizes.

Shea said the purpose of Earth Week is teaching members of the campus community about how to engage in better environmental practices. "We need to think about the impact of our purchasing decisions and everyday processes on our natural life support system."

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Earth Week

Tuesday, April 23
Attend a seminar on "Smart Growth and Sustainably" from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tate-Turner-Kuralt School of Social Work.

Thursday April 25
See a demonstration of "green" dorm room and office products from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Great Hall

Come hear what the University is doing to make UNC a "green" campus at 10:30 a.m. in the Great Hall.

Find out which residence hall won the Green Games at 10:45 a.m. in the Great Hall.

Learn about transportation options for the fall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Pit.

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is planned with a panel of presenters from different Jewish, Arab and other backgrounds, including Matt Smith, Burhan Ghanayem and Rania Masri, who will provide their opinions of how peace can be achieved. There will also be an open mic.

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Developments in the War on Terrorism

Moussaoui Accuses U.S. of Conspiracy

■ Zacarias Moussaoui, the only man indicted as a Sept. 11 conspirator, politely raised his hand for attention and then declared in court Monday that he was praying for destruction of the United States and wanted to fire the appointed lawyers, who he said could not be trusted.



Pentagon: Iraq Threatens U.S. Pilots

■ American and British pilots flying patrols over Iraq face new risks from strengthened air defenses, the Pentagon says. Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he learned Monday that Iraq had moved more surface-to-air missile batteries into "no fly" zones.

U.S., Philippine War Games Start

■ Nearly 6,000 U.S. and Philippine troops began joint exercises Monday focusing on war games and construction projects as the countries bolster their relationship amid terrorist threats.

UNC Labs' Security Might Be Upgraded

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Some laboratories on campus could be getting a face-lift in the near future as the University takes measures to comply with new safety regulations designed to combat bioterrorism.

The USA Patriot Act, which Congress passed last October, specified that "select agents," such as smallpox and the Ebola virus, must be controlled in a secure environment.

Further legislation is pending that might require additional security measures, like surveillance cameras and card access, in labs where personnel handle these agents.

"We're not exactly sure what the federal requirement will be," Peter Reinhardt, director of UNC's Department of Environment, Health and Safety, said at a committee meeting about campus security Wednesday.

"We're identifying areas that may need additional security." The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention originally set guidelines for the handling of select agents in 1997. After anthrax was found in several letters across the country, Congress passed the USA Patriot Act in October, restricting access to select agents to certain people.

In November, the N.C. General Assembly passed legislation requiring registration of select agents.

Reinhardt said new security measures are in the initial stages of implementation.

He said it is easier to make security considerations when planning future buildings than to remodel existing laboratories.

"We are starting to get cost estimates for security improvements," Reinhardt said Monday. "We have actively talked to other universities to see what improvements they have made."

Reinhardt said future bioterrorism legislation could elevate UNC's laboratory security to the level of the federally directed Environmental Protection Agency's on-campus site, which is equipped with security guards and requires visitors to sign a log book.

Increased security would be extremely important if researchers decide in the future to work with agents such as anthrax or smallpox, Reinhardt said.

Because the federal government is interested in preventing bioterrorism, it will most likely offer grants in the future for researchers to work with those agents.

"It's quite possible Carolina researchers would be part of the solution to this public health problem or public health risk," Reinhardt said. "We have a lot of great researchers on this campus."

UNC is ranked 12th in National Institutes of Health funding, and the School of Public Health is ranked second nationally.

Reinhardt said UNC is working to comply with state and federal regulations as well as anticipating future measures.

"We want to be as safe as possible."

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Campus Calendar

Today

Company Carolina is proud to present "Twelve Angry Men" by Reginald Rose, a play about justice and guilt in a timeless setting that emphasizes the repercussions of social responsibility for us all. The show will run today through April 29 in 203 Bingham Hall. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for the general public, with a gala on Friday, when tickets will be \$7 for students and \$10 for the general public.

2 p.m. – UNC's Smart Growth and

Sustainability Coalition will present a seminar until 4 p.m. in the Tate-Turner-Kuralt Auditorium. The seminar will examine issues important to community development and the environment.

2 p.m. – The **University Center for International and Area Studies** is hosting an open house until 4 p.m. at 223 E. Franklin St., across from the Morehead Planetarium. There will be refreshments and music. For more information, call 962-3094.

7 p.m. – Concerned about world politics? Interested in current events? **Students United for a Responsible Global Environment** are hosting an

evening of education and discussion titled, "Perspectives on How We Can Achieve Peace in Palestine." It will take place in 100 Hamilton Hall. In an effort to better comprehend the situation from many perspectives, a night of dialogue

For the Record

In the April 22 article "Bray Wins ACC Title; Tar Heels Place 6th," it was incorrectly reported that North Carolina men's golfer Dustin Bray shot a 1-under-par 205 in the weekend's ACC championships. Bray shot an 11-under 205 to win the ACC individual title. The Daily Tar Heel regrets the error.

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Be Safe

Pedestrians: Cross the street between the lines within the crosswalk. If you cross the street at a place other than a designated crosswalk or intersection, remember the vehicle has the right-of-way.

Drivers: Yield to pedestrians crossing in marked crosswalks or at intersections. Failure to yield to a pedestrian in a marked crosswalk is a violation of North Carolina law.

Be Considerate

Pedestrians: Establish eye contact with drivers before crossing. Do not enter the crosswalk suddenly. Wave or thank drivers who yield.

Drivers: Establish eye contact with pedestrians who are crossing. Be patient.

To celebrate the kickoff of the "Yield to Heels" campaign, volunteers will be distributing informational fliers about the campaign along with discounts from local merchants from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 24th at the following crosswalk locations: **South Road** by the Bell Tower, **Manning Drive** by the Dental School, **Pittsboro Street** across from the State Employees' Credit Union and **Ridge Road** by the George Watts Hill Alumni Center.



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