

CAMPUS and CITY

Speech targets Central American ecology

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The United States' policy towards Central American environmental and ecological devastation was the main topic of discussion for lecturer Jane McAlevey of the Environmental Project on Central America. The talk was held Friday in the Hanes Art Center auditorium.

McAlevey's lecture was one of many events scheduled for Earth Week and was sponsored by the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC).

Central America is the most ecologically devastated area in the world, McAlevey said, and if measures are not taken to solve the region's problems, its economy may not survive.

"Eighty-three percent of the soil has eroded from Central America," she said. "Ninety-five percent of the total forest

cover is gone, with 3,000 acres of forests being cut down daily.

"Industries have polluted the water, food and soil stores to the point that only one in 10 Central Americans has access to clean water. Pesticide poisoning is the second highest in the world—the DDT used in Central America is 244 times the legal U.S. limit, and the list goes on and on. I am curious as to how a system, basically agriculture based, will continue to exist under these harsh conditions."

U.S. actions concerning environmental issues must change because present dealings with Central American environmental issues are lacking, McAlevey said.

"The ecological problem indirectly stems from peasants, mainly because of the effects of war and the need to survive, moving deeper and deeper into

the forests, cutting down trees as they progress," she said. "As a result of the United States' invasion on Panama, 30,000 people were left homeless and were forced to flee into the forest in order to survive.

"The United States' response to this peasant activity was to send \$500,000 to buy equipment to extract these people from the forests. This action by the U.S. just scratches the surface concerning U.S. attitude towards matters of environment. The U.S. could just as easily have given all of the homeless housing so that the forests would not suffer as a consequence. The United States is simply not dealing with the ecological problems at hand."

Problems in Central America reach beyond that region, McAlevey said. "Environmental destruction knows no boundaries. Whatever happens there

affects the entire world. The United States has a particular responsibility to aid Central America."

Alec Guettel, SEAC co-chairman, said the purpose of the lecture was to make people aware of the state of the Central American environment, to inform people of the U.S. policy toward this devastation, and in turn to show how this ecological devastation was harmful to Central America, the United States and the entire world.

"This lecture was a way to show people how the actions of the people in the United States can affect the world environment, specifically focusing on Central America," Guettel said. "By focusing on Central America, we can see just how the behavior of the United States can mean environmental misery in the third world and elsewhere—just as their actions can affect us."



Jane McAlevey

Concert to give aid to rape center

By CARRINGTON WELLS
Staff Writer

The Orange County Rape Crisis Center hopes to raise at least \$1,500 at a benefit concert at Players tonight, said Paige Burns, the center's administrative assistant.

His Boy Elroy, a Raleigh-based band, will entertain at the benefit, Burns said. "I read a review of the band in Independent magazine and decided to try to get them for the event. Last year we held a similar event, but there were a lot of different types of bands. This year we thought one would be better."

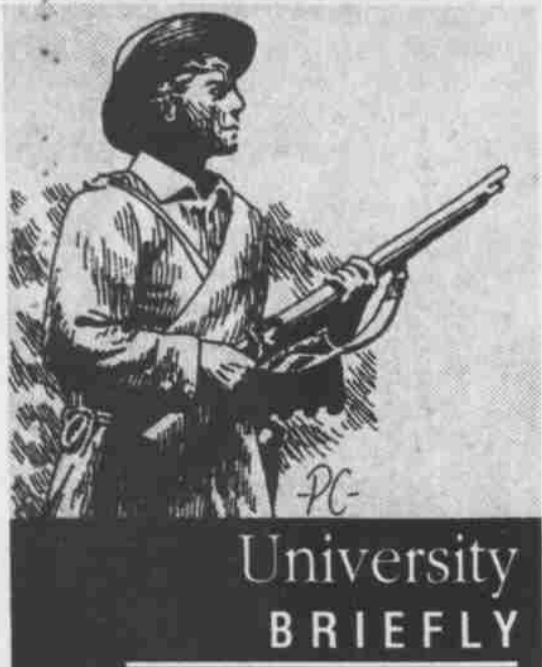
This event is different from other fund-raisers held by the center because it is aimed at college students, Burns said. "Some other types of fund-raisers we have, like auctions, aren't as college-involved as we would hope. The concert is much more directed at college-age citizens."

"This is a good chance for college students to participate in a fund-raising event for local cause," she said. "The Rape Crisis Center isn't a very popular cause because it's a somewhat ugly subject, but we need funds to continue to provide direct services and community education on sexual assault prevention."

"The center organizes work with victims of rape, sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse. Our community education program helps all types of groups, from kindergartens to fraternities and sororities to senior citizen groups."

Ashley Moore, a freshman from Charlotte, said she planned to attend the benefit. "The Rape Crisis Center is the philanthropy of my sorority (Chi Omega), and I think the benefit will be a fun way to make money for this worthy cause."

All of the \$5 cover charge will benefit the center, Burns said. "Players is being very generous by not charging us for the use of their space so that all of the money can go directly to the Rape Crisis Center. Players will get the money, they make selling drinks, though, to pay their staff who will work tonight."



University BRIEFLY

Order of Grail-Valkyries gives money to aid office

Members of the Order of the Grail-Valkyries recently presented a check for \$101,333 to the UNC Office of Scholarships and Student Aid.

The gift, which exceeded the order's \$100,000 goal, was made at a special reunion celebration and will establish an endowed student scholarship fund.

Health specialists to hold '90s health conference

Southeastern health professionals specializing in maternal and child health, family planning and children with special needs can learn more about public health at a regional conference in Raleigh April 29 to May 2.

The UNC Department of Maternal and Child Health in the School of Public Health will sponsor the conference, "Public Health in the '90s: Survival or Revival?"

Speakers at the conference include N.C. Rep. Theresa Esposito, a member of the Commission on Children; Milton Kotelchuck, assistant professor and chairman of the UNC Department of Maternal and Child Health; and Audrey Manley, deputy assistant secretary for health in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

CD database added to Health Sciences Library

A new bibliographic database has been added to the Electronic Information Center at Health Sciences Library.

HealthPLAN-CD, a compact disc database, contains more than 350,000 citations from 1981 to the present on non-clinical aspects of health-care delivery.

College Democrats earn awards at convention

The UNC College Democrats received the award for North Carolina College Democrat chapter of the year at the College Democrat Spring Convention in Raleigh.

Mike Dickey, UNC College Democrat president, was recognized as College Democrat of the year.

Class to report on study of state hazardous waste

On April 25, students taking Environmental Problem Solving at the School of Public Health will make a presentation on three issues related to the siting of a hazardous waste facility in the state.

Throughout the semester, class members considered public perception of the risks, economic impacts of waste facilities and strategies for minimizing waste.

Professor of psychiatry receives Humboldt award

Kunihiko Suzuki, director of the Biological Sciences Research Center and professor of neurology and psychiatry, has been named the recipient of the Humboldt Research Award for Senior U.S. Scientists.

The award enables Suzuki to work for nine months in 1991 in the laboratory of Konrad Sandhoff, the nominating professor at the University of Bonn in Germany.

Hunt teaching award given to Hillenbrand

Dennis Hillenbrand, clinical associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, has received the Richard F. Hunt Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.



1991 senior class marshals

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From staff reports

Senior class officers made final selections Sunday for the 1991 senior class marshals.

Officers selected 37 marshals from 94 applicants, said Pete Holthausen, senior class president.

Marshals were selected on the basis of their applications and interviews with senior class officers, he said. This year the officers tried to encourage a number of minority students to apply for

marshal positions to increase the diversity of representation.

"We wanted to have a balance of opinion and a diversity of cultural groups in our administration," said Chris Brown, senior class vice president.

Holthausen said the class officers were trying to take a different direction by increasing minority representation in the senior class.

The University limits the number of marshals the senior class can select, he

said. Seniors who are not marshals will lead some committees because of the limited number of spaces available and the growing role of the senior class.

The marshals' duties include helping with commencement this year and heading committees planning activities for the 1991 senior class.

"They're really our administration," Brown said. "Welcome to diversity would be my summation of the people we're working with and our admini-

stration."

The 1991 senior class marshals are as follows:
Front row (l-r): Debbie Schantz, Jennifer Quirk, Susanne Walker, Biz Harrison (senior class secretary), Kristi Lee, Erica Riefenberg, Roxanne Mossley, Evelyn Toliver, Jenny Starling, Christy Youngblood and Lizzie Smith.
Second row (l-r): James Benton, James Mason, Jim Pappan, Brian Nicholson, Jeff Eder, Chris Hunt, Bobby Dabal, Chuck Chitwood, Andrew Herman and Chris Ingram.
Third row (l-r): Pete Holthausen (senior class president), Laura Anderson, Julie Thyer, Nathalie Mayenge, Natalie Ham, Renee White, Julie Pokela and Chris Brown (senior class vice president).
Eleven marshals were not pictured: Bret Batchelder, Don Felcher, Ricky Greenlee, Ben Howell, Arleen Song, William Robinson, Lisa Stockman, Anne Kirby, Julie Wood, Ashley Ivester (senior class treasurer) and Stephanie Robinson.

Auctions successful for APO, 1990 seniors

By LEE WEEKS
Staff Writer

How much would you be willing to pay for an opportunity to have dinner with UNC Chancellor Paul Hardin at his home? At the Alpha Phi Omega (APO) Celebrity Auction for local charities Saturday, the bidding froze at \$5.

The senior class Philanthropy Committee also held an auction Saturday, raising nearly \$2,500 for the Chapel Hill Homeless Shelter, said Danny

Rosin, philanthropy committee chairman.

The APO auction, held at University Mall, raised nearly \$1,000, said Jane Woolverton, auction coordinator. With the money raised Saturday by APO's Campus Chest Committee, the co-ed service fraternity should come close to reaching the \$10,000 goal to aid 10 local charities, said Christi Mock, Campus Chest chairwoman.

The bidding started slowly as the first item, a baby bib and jelly bean

assortment, was sold for \$1. "We were really scared that the auction wasn't going to do very well after the first item, but thank goodness the bidding increased," Mock said.

A summer fun package, including four passes to Carowinds, two quarts of Baskin & Robbins ice cream and a soccer ball, turned out to be the most desired item, selling for \$80.

Woolverton, APO treasurer, said she thought the auction was a success.

The senior class auction was blessed

with nice weather and generous hearts as about 150 students and parents congregated in front of the Morehead Building to raise money for Chapel Hill's homeless shelter. "We raised, I think, around \$2,500 today," Rosin said.

Of the 41 items auctioned, prices ranged from \$5 for a man's haircut and style at Head Over Heels in Carboro to \$310 for two round-trip United Airline tickets from Raleigh to Chicago or from Chicago to anywhere in the United States.

Council may host second hearing on historic area

By KRIS DONAHUE
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council tonight will consider scheduling a second public hearing on the controversial proposal for a historic district in the Cameron Avenue-McCauley Street area. The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., and the proposed date for the second hearing is May 21.

On Nov. 20, 1989, the council held a public hearing on the proposed district, and on Dec. 12, it referred the proposal to the town manager and the Historic District Commission.

However, the council decided in January the public needed more information on the historic district designation and regulations.

"The Council felt that more emphasis should be put on the neighborhood discussing the options," said Chris Berndt, long-range planning coordinator for the town. "I think it was time spent usefully, and more people who live in or own homes in this area are better informed on what the proposal would mean for them."

Owners and residents in the area have discussed the issue during the last few months, according to Interim Town Manager Sonna Loewenthal.

"No consensus has evolved on the question of whether to establish a historic district. Some of the residents are in favor of the district; some are opposed," Loewenthal stated in a memo.

Petitions from people on both sides of the issue are to be presented at tonight's meeting. Opponents to the proposed district contend that regulations in historical districts take away from homeowners' rights.

When homeowners want to make changes on their property, the changes must first be reviewed by the Historic District Commission, Berndt said.

In a letter to the editor that ran in the

Chapel Hill Newspaper, opponent Dan Murphy of 216 Spring Lane said he did not want such restrictions on his decisions to make changes.

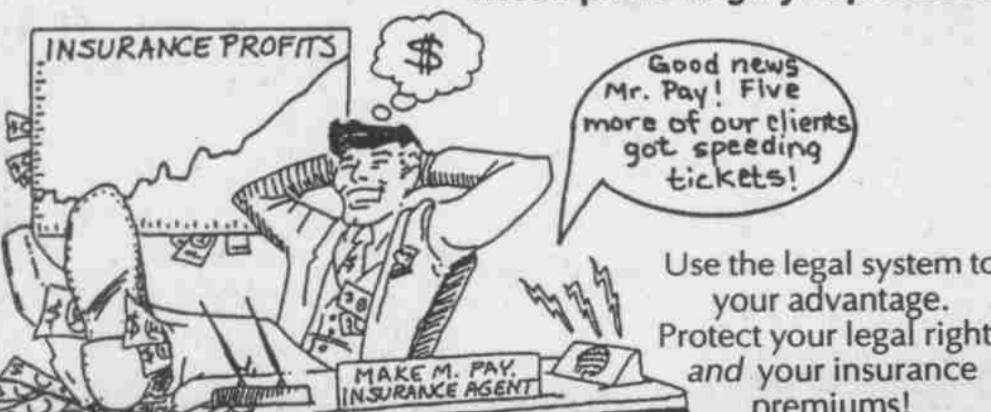
"A person's home is the most important artistic/aesthetic expression he/she will ever make," he wrote. "In free societies, government does not control aesthetic choices by individuals."

However, Ruth Morris, a proponent of the historic district who lives at 404 Ransom St., maintains dwellings in this area are typical examples of old Chapel Hill style and should be preserved.

"This would be destroyed if the University were allowed to expand there with its huge red brick buildings and parking lots necessary for its increasing population," Morris wrote in a letter to the town manager.

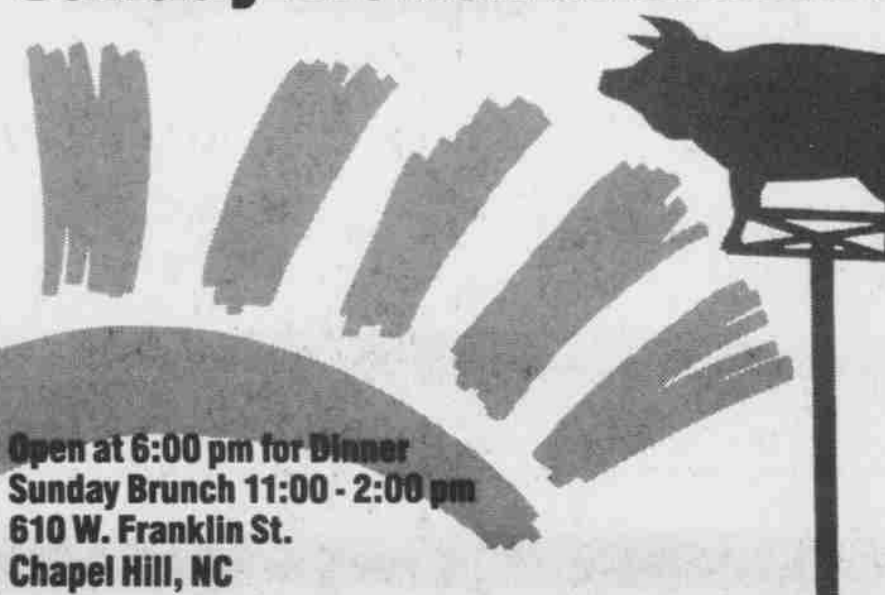


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