



Once rampant English ivy now confined to gravesite of Samuel Jones and his horse, Ikey D. PHOTO BY KEN MOORE

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In recent years, the battle has appropriately moved to UNC's Battle Park Preserve, which is under the care and management of the Botanical Garden. English ivy is just one of many exotic invasives that, over the years, have

succeeded in disrupting the health of this once magnificent forest.

Under the supervision of curator Stephen Keith, university work-study students and volunteers apply themselves almost weekly to rolling up tons of ivy to return the Battle Park forest to its former health. This effort is ongoing and seeing



Members of UNC's Epsilon Eta, the nation's first environmental honors fraternity, "roll up" English ivy in Battle Park.

PHOTO BY STEPHEN KEITH

real results is enjoyable. As for what you might accomplish on your home turf, Stephen advises, "Start with a small plot and be persistent and eventually you'll reclaim your yard." If you're not inclined to reclaim your own yard, please at least help by cutting all the ivy vines growing up your trees. When ivy reaches the upper limbs of trees, it flowers and produces berries from which birds distribute seeds far and wide.

There are more opportunities for battling exotic ivy and other harmful invasives in local natural areas:

- Bill Bracey's workdays, convening where Chapel Hill's Bolin Creek Greenway crosses Bolinwood Drive, third Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon (619-2160);
- Carolina North manager's periodic invasives removal workdays (forestmanager@fac.unc.edu or Jerry McGovern at 201-7063); and

- Triangle Land Conservancy's two invasives workshops scheduled for Jan. 20 and March 5 (triangleland.org).

It's time to get involved by doing your part at home or helping others in the community.

Happy rolling and pulling!

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Jaws 2011

It's not exactly "This-Just-In" breaking news, a la *Anderson Cooper 360* — but *The Citizen's* intrepid photo-sleuth has scoured Greater Carrboro-Chapel Hill in a tireless search for the community's biggest and baddest pothole. You do not want to run over and into "JAWS": an alignment-eating trench four feet long, two feet wide and four inches deep. Spotted at Cole Park Plaza off I-5-501 South, this gi-hugeous car-killer has earned its moniker. But is Jaws the Potentate of Potholes? To the first reader who can find and document a larger pothole, the IK Word guy will award a free one-hour photo lesson.



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