

Seminars, speakers slated for KC 83

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"It was only a matter of time until the college students of America came together to decide that the world will be different."

This quote comes from a poster describing KC 83, a national religious conference for college students that will be held in Kansas City, Mo., from Dec. 27, 1983, to Jan. 1, 1984.

The conference will offer seminars and guest speakers. Forty-five seminars will be held on various topics, such as relating to parents, time management, being a leader in the '80s and prayer. There will be specialized seminars for minority and international students.

Among guest speakers for the conference will be evangelist Billy Graham, Josh McDowell—who was rated by a recent Gallup Poll as the most popular speaker on college campuses—and Bill Bright, the founder and president of Campus Crusade for Christ. Howard Hendricks, considered one of the top seminary professors in the country, will lead a Bible Study each morning. Among featured vocalists will be Sandi Patti, who was selected as the 1982 Gospel Artist of the Year and 1982 Gospel Female Vocalist of the Year.

KC 83 is specifically geared towards the college student.

"The main purpose of KC 83 is to equip Christians—especially those in college—with the necessary means for carrying the gospel of Jesus Christ with them," says Michael Brooks, publicity chairman for KC 83 for UNC's South Campus. "It will help to bring college students together and motivate them towards the betterment of a college campus through Christ."

Robin Carson, the campus director of Campus Crusade for Christ at UNC, adds that the conference "serves as a way to give momentum to Christians, to en-

courage them to walk with the Lord and be a person of influence."

KC 83 is sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ International. The UNC chapter of CCC is spearheading the local recruiting drive. This will be the first national conference for students held by CCC since EXPLOR 72, which was held in Dallas in 1972. That conference had an attendance of approximately 80,000.

KC 83 planners expect an attendance of 25,000.

"This will be the largest gathering of strictly Christian college students in the history of the church," says Dave Sachsenmaier, UNC campus coordinator for KC 83. Four hundred of the 25,000 students are expected to come from UNC. Robin Carson says, "Right now, we have over 120 people signed up to go."

Publicity at UNC was very organized. The first week of publicity was a teaser week designed to get KC 83 on people's minds. The title — KC 83 — was placed around campus in various ways, such as on balloons, blackboards, banners and ads.

Later, booths were set up to provide further information to interested students. A film being shown on campus further explains KC 83. There will be an informational meeting Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 3:30 p.m. in the Carolina Union.

Funds are being raised in two ways to help pay each student's way to the conference. A walk-a-thon Sunday, will raise money from pledges. Also, KC 83 students are sending letters to friends, relatives and businesses asking for sponsorship.

Sachsenmaier says he expects KC 83 to affect the campus. "It's not the fact that we'll be taking 400 students to KC 83, but rather the fact that we'll be taking 400 students back to UNC from KC 83. When the conference is over, the return for those 25,000 students as they leave from the conference will be known as 'Explosion 84.'"



Pumpkins, popular this time of year, are being sold along roads between Pittsboro and Chapel Hill. This boy fingers a tiny pumpkin.

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Pumpkins!

Orange globes are facing competition from blue ones

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With Halloween only a few days off, people are scrambling to make preparations for the big night. And among the most popular Halloween symbols are pumpkins.

Since mid-September, Route 15-501 running from Pittsboro to Chapel Hill has been dotted with roadside tables and pick-up trucks selling the bright orange globes. But this year the traditional pumpkins are facing competition from Cedar Village Convenience Store's unique Carolina blue pumpkins.

The blue pumpkins are the brainchild of the store's owner, Mitchell Newton, and Willis Shaw, a clerk at the store, said that the pumpkins sales are going well.

"They certainly have attracted a lot of attention. We will probably be carving up some this week to display," Shaw added that the pumpkins are painted and should not be eaten.

Although pumpkins are usually thought of as just decorations for Halloween, some people think they're sources of enchantment and nourishment.

Ronda Peek, 16, of Pittsboro, describes her street on Halloween night as almost unreal. "Most of the houses on my street have jack-o'-lanterns every year. On clear Halloween nights all those globes glowing in the dark are magical to look at."

Charity Campbell, an employee at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital, sees Halloween in a different light. "Every year, when pumpkins season hits, I start cooking pumpkin bread, and I keep cooking it right through winter. I give some of it to my neighbors, I take some to work, and my family eats the rest."

Campbell added that there are two main types of pumpkins. The bright orange ones are mainly for carving jack-o'-lanterns. They can be eaten, but their texture is different from their cousins', the dull, pinkish pumpkins. The duller ones are usually smaller but are better for cooking.

Pumpkins abound once again this year. The N.C. Department of Agriculture reports that a farmer's harvest this year was very successful if he irrigated. In dry seasons, such as this past summer, water can be controlled, and a better harvest can be produced.

Overall pumpkins sales are above average as well, according to sellers at the Carrboro Farmers' Market. One farmer there said, "We always bring in several loads of pumpkins each week, and none of us have ever had to take any back."

Pumpkins prices this year vary according to the size of the pumpkin. The average 10- to 15-pound pumpkin ranges from \$2 to \$5. However, the "Big Macs," pumpkins that can weigh more than 100 pounds, usually average between \$10 and \$15.

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