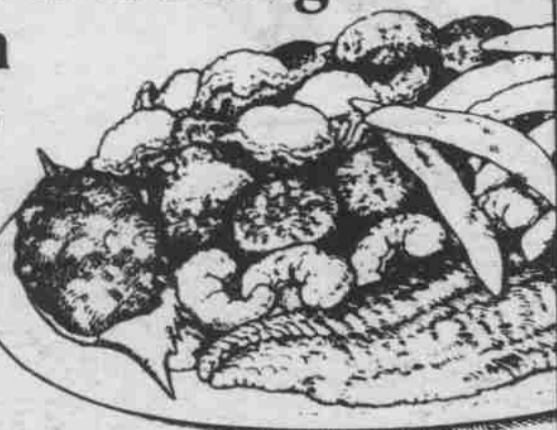


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Up front:

6 Everyone loves a good ghost story, and North Carolina history has its fair share of ghoulish tales. Staff writer Carole Ferguson tells about the man who lost his head in Wilmington, a harpist who couldn't bear to allow death to still his music, a very unsavory apple tree, and the legend of Chapel Hill's own Gimghoul Castle. Even if the only demons Halloween conjures up in your mind are perhaps some pink elephants and hangovers from hell, Arts Editor Elizabeth Ellen takes you to that renowned party school, East Carolina University, where 3,000 to 4,000 spooky revelers "throw down" on four sectioned off streets in downtown Greenville. But in the 70s, Greenville's Halloween party was indeed a scarier story, until the town decided to halt traffic and let the spirits reign.

3 If you're not up to spending a whole evening fending off the witches and goblins on Franklin Street Saturday night, you might want to take in the sounds of Teasing the Korean at Cat's Cradle instead. Staff writer Allison Pike talks to drummer Tom Maxwell about how the band got its name and why this will be their last performance for a while. Oh, and don't forget to bring your dancing shoes.

5 Ah, vanity. This week staff writer Karen Hatton takes graffiti off the wall and into the parking lots. Everyone's got their pride, and even if they can't park them around here, lots of people have cars. What better way available can the vain and the mobile express themselves than by putting an inane phrase (or number) on their license plate? Have the \$10 up front, please.

8 She's a modern woman. The 80s are Modern Times and so is Lisa Heyward's shop on West Franklin Street. Staff writer Beth Miller talks to the designer about her career, and the necessity of comfortable and stylish clothes for today's busy women.

9 Did you lose your shirt? Were your dreams of financial security and future insider trading schemes dashed by Wall Street's Black Monday? Well, investors in the Joe Bob Briggs Pari-Mutual Fund didn't panic. They partied. And imported olive oil. Why? Inquiring minds want to know. Fu action of the week courtesy of "The Hidden"; watch out for aliens and exploding Ferraris. It's a four star event.

10 Goblins, ghosts, ghouls and the like will abound this weekend freaking out and frolicking on Franklin Street as All Hallow's Eve descends upon us. But, it's culture you yearn for, right? No, it's just the movie listings. For intellectuals and admitted dweebs, Week's Fare's got what you need.

11 Read any good books lately? Well, instead of sending your sick friend a bunch of costly flowers that will just die within a few days anyway, now you can enrich his convalescence with a book instead. Wallace Kuralt, owner of the Intimate Bookshop, has instigated a new service called Books By Wire. Remember, reading is fundamental.

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