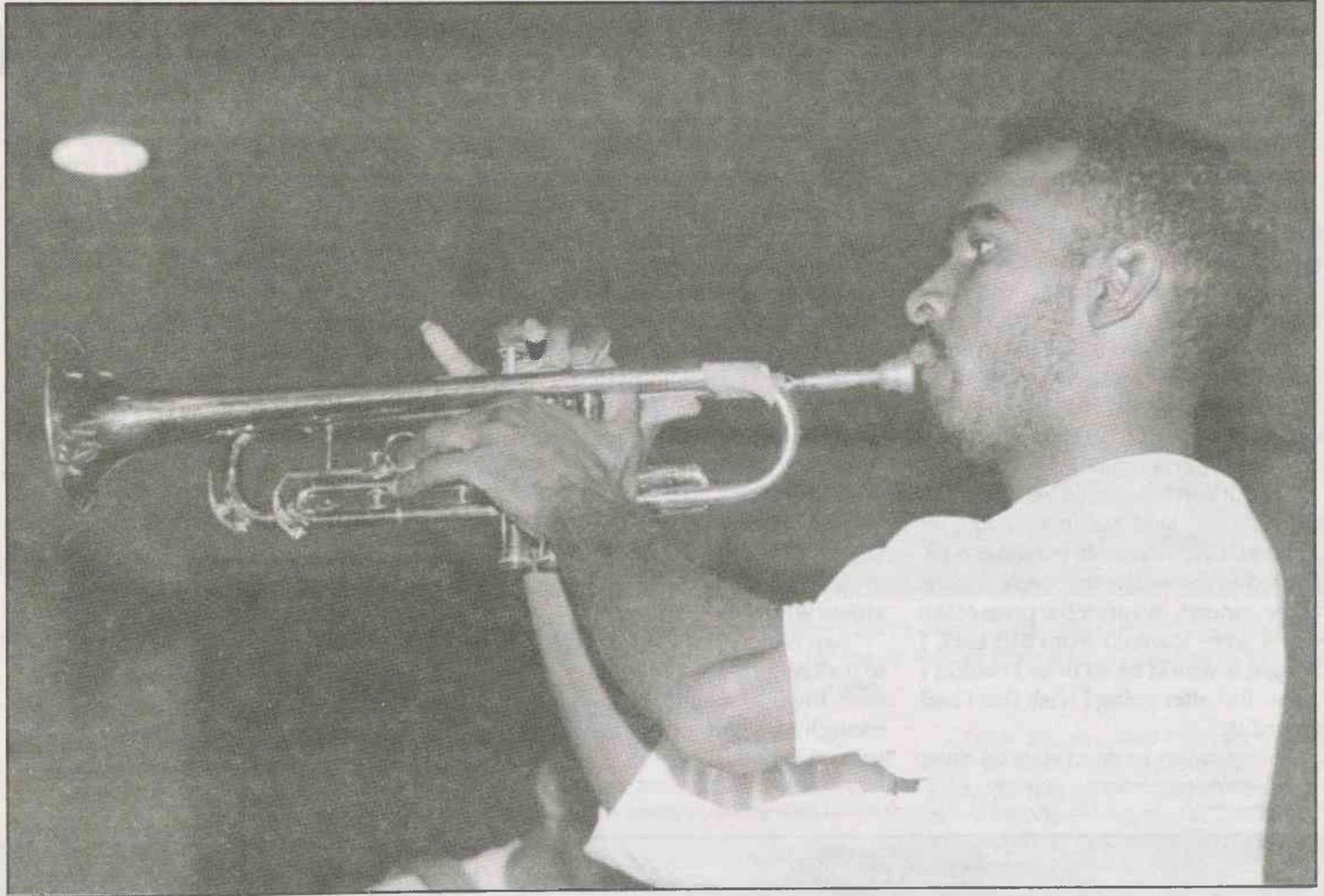


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Alec Harding warms up before playing his horn of the Band Extravaganza.

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## Tornado cancels classes

ECSU officials cancelled classes campus-wide Monday Nov. 23 after a tornado touched down east of the campus, downing power lines, splintering buildings, and hurling a 28,000 pound school bus 150 yards.

Twenty junior high school students were injured after the bus was tossed from Weeksville Road onto the campus, not far from the Administration building. The students were treated for broken bones, bruises and other injuries at Albemarle Hospital.

The tornado, touching down about 7:20 a.m. Monday, cut a swath of damage from the southwest edge of town to the Pasquotank River.

Hardest hit was Winslow Acres and Edgemont Drive where three homes were destroyed and dozens more sustained damage, including the home of ECSU faculty members Carlton and Venus Denonnan.

The tornado damaged 55 homes in the city, according to Elizabeth City Major James Harrington, and left 6,000 city residents without power. He estimated damage at \$5 million.

Albemarle Hospital called in 100 personnel to handle the emergency room, and volunteers worked with parents and relatives of victims.

City employees and volunteers worked round the clock, clearing debris from public roads and residences hit by the tornado.

The Kermit E. White building at ECSU served as a control center for law officers, the Salvation Army, and other rescue groups aiding the victims.

Corp style is a heel-toe style of marching, which resembles walking. The high-stepping style, currently in vogue at ECSU, involves lifting the legs and accentuating the steps.

JoAnn Johnikins said her interest in band began in high school. She played with marching bands for five years before coming to ECSU, she said.

Cherie Blount, a junior clarinet player, said she joined the Viking band because of "the up to date songs and the high-stepping style of marching."

In addition to deepening their appreciation for music, and polishing their performing skills, band students say being in the band provides a valuable sense of camaraderie, and teaches them how to work together with other people.

"Being in the band helps make me more outgoing," said Mario Dove, a freshman trumpet player. "I participate more in school functions, and it helps me build a foundation of friends."

"The band is a lot of hard work," said Michael Johnson, a freshman trombone player, "but in the end I think it's worth it."

Students interested in joining the ECSU Marching Band should contact either Dr. Gary Callahan in room 103 Williams Hall or Mr. L. Anthony Johnson in room 101 Williams Hall for full information about how to join.



Donani Edward, Nate Boyd, Garrett Taylor, Reggie Turner, Candace Simmons and Stephanie Rawls execute dance steps while the band plays "Never Satisfied" during the Marching Band Extravaganza.