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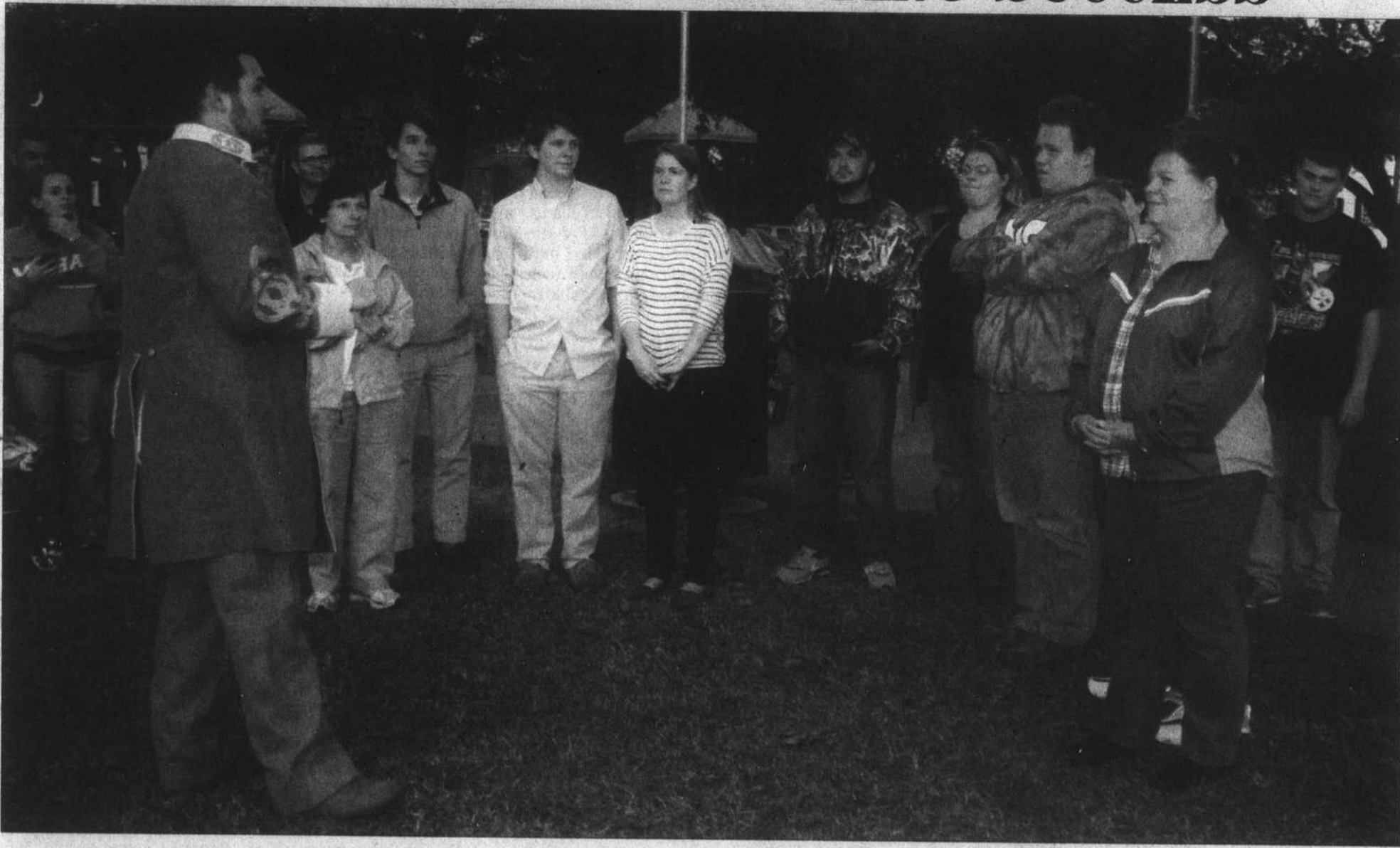


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GHOST WALK A HAUNTING SUCCESS



STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

Ghost Walk guide Wil Hoggard, who is wearing a Confederate uniform, speaks with tour-goers at Colonial Park at the waterfront, Saturday. See story on page 1B.

McGee era reunion set Oct. 31, Nov. 1

From staff reports

A big weekend is planned Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 to honor Edenton's accomplished football coach of 50 years ago.

Coach Jerry McGee will be recognized by Edenton town officials at the halftime of the home football game at John A. Holmes High School on Oct. 31, according to Dwight Flanagan, a principal organizer of the weekend's events.

A luncheon in McGee's honor will be held Nov. 1 at Leon Nixon's catering, beginning at 11 a.m.

The public is invited to the luncheon. There are still limited tickets available to the public for \$20 each. Contact John Dowd at United Country Dowd & Forbes Realty at 333-0939.

Currently, 90 people plan to attend the Saturday luncheon.

At the football game on Oct. 31, all former players, managers, trainers and cheerleaders, and their children and grandchildren, are invited to go on the field with McGee at halftime.

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Coach Jerry McGee celebrates a football championship.

State, defense each describe different roads to 2004 slaying

BY REGGIE PONDER
 Editor

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Both sides in the capital murder trial of William Joseph Moore agreed Monday that Moore stabbed Pamela Joye Virzi to death outside her Edenton home on Aug. 17, 2004 — but they disagreed sharply about the road that led to the slaying.

H.P. Williams, the special prosecutor retained by the N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts to try the case, told the jury in his opening statement Monday that Moore had made repeated death threats against Virzi in the months just before the stabbing, and left Winfall for Edenton on the afternoon of Aug. 17, 2004, with a knife at his side and telling the cab driver he planned to "sneak up" on Virzi.

That is a description of premeditated, first-degree

murder, Williams said.

But Ernest "Buddy" Conner, defense counsel for Moore — while agreeing with many of the basic facts of the case as presented by Williams — contended there was nothing premeditated about the killing.

Conner said the slaying resulted from a sudden impulse that arose in the moment, and he argued that Moore had almost no impulse control as a result of a genetically defective brain, a chaotic childhood home, three traumatic brain injuries and heavy consumption of alcohol and drugs.

A neuro-psychologist

See 2004 SLAYING, 4A

Conference explores religion, science

BY VERNON FUESTON
 Correspondent

More than eighty people attended a conference on religion and science Saturday, hearing a discussion on cutting-edge cancer research and pondering thought-provoking questions posed by a scientist and theologian on common ground, or lack of it, between the two disciplines.

The first annual Michael Pierce Memorial Conference on Religion and Science, held at the First Presbyterian Church in Edenton, was an attempt to heal what

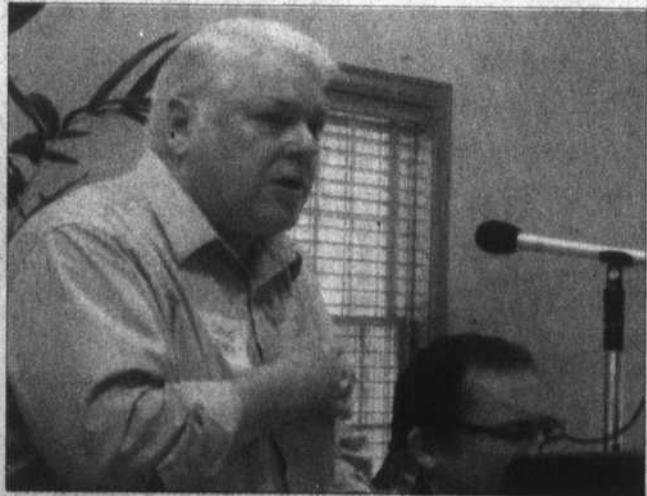


PHOTO BY VERNON FUESTON

The Rev. Doug Eddy, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, addresses the Science and Religion Conference at the church.

the Rev. Doug Eddy, pastor at First Presbyterian, saw as a rift between people of faith and science.

He said that rift came about through friction over issues like stem cell

research; abortion; and creationism, an attempt to provide an alternative to evolution being taught in the public schools.

Eddy said the conference was inspired by the life of Michael Pierce, an elder in the church, who he described as a "Renaissance man."

Pierce, a former corporate finance officer and trained philosopher, had both a lifelong interest in science and a deep, abiding faith, Eddy said. Hosting the conference in his honor seemed an obvious tribute.

Eddy said he does not see religion and science as in conflict, but sees them as addressing different subjects. He said religion seeks to find truth regarding morality, spirituality and the soul using faith while science seeks truth about the physical world using testable means. He said both can inform each other and both need to understand each other.

See CONFERENCE, 3A

Early voting begins Thursday

From staff reports

Early voting in this year's General Election begins Thursday.

One-stop voting hours on Thursday and Friday of this week will be 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, voting hours will be 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The hours will be 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 27 and 28.

On Oct. 29-31, the hours will be 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The final day of one-stop voting will be Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



A number of races are the ballot in this election.

Tim Brabble, a Republican who is running unaffiliated, is challenging Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin. Goodwin, a Democrat, is completing his second term as sheriff.

Brabble mounted an

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