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He said the ghoulish dance contest was an alternative activity for kids in fourth- to sixth-grade.

"We've got smiley face balloons, alien dracula balloons, and hundred-dollar bills for the rest of our hundred-dollar dancers," he said.

The bills were not real.

But the carnival's activities drew kids even older than the Monster Mash dancers.

Paul McGinley and Karen Alexander, who recently moved from

the Washington, D.C., area, said they were impressed with Carrboro's Fourth of July activities and figured Halloween would be even better.

"We both won cupcakes. That's noteworthy," Alexander said, rubbing her pink pig snout.

McGinley and Alexander came to the carnival as Super Pigs.

Chapel Hill resident Jana Collins came to the commons with her son Wilson. She said the carnival offered alternatives to the standard Halloween fare.

"Wilson wanted to go trick-or-treating, but he didn't want to go up to people's doors," Collins said.

"It is wonderful," she said. "If I'd known about this, we wouldn't have even bothered to try trick-or-treating. We'll do this every year."

Judy Lindsay, a part-time staff member for the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department, echoed Collins' sentiment.

"This is probably my 12th carnival," Lindsay said.

"It's a fun time for kids and adults and an alternative to trick-or-treating. It's also a great place to work - making magic wands for a living."

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UNC-G to Study Bioterrorism

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UNC-Greensboro will receive half a million dollars to fund research aimed at finding detection methods for water-borne bioterrorist agents.

President Clinton signed the bill funding the grant on Oct. 27.

Ed McDonald, press secretary for Rep. Howard Coble R-N.C., said the seeds of the bioterrorism research endeavor lie in recent terrorist attacks - most notably, the 1995 Sarin gas attack in a Tokyo subway.

"It showed the potential for bioterrorism," McDonald said.

McDonald said the grant could allow UNC-G to be a leader in the field of bioterrorist agent research.

He added that one of the reasons UNC-G received the grant was because of its facilities and faculty specializing in bioterrorism research.

Peter Alfonso, spokesman for UNC-G's Provost's Office, also said UNC-G has experience researching bioterrorism.

"It represents an area of research that we're creating a larger base to support," Alfonso said.

UNC-G assistant Professor Neal Stewart will be heading the research and said the university has already invested in technology it will need.

Specifically, the research will ultimately try to identify certain bioterrorist agents.

"We'll be looking for certain biological warfare elements," Stewart said. "We'll be looking at bacteria, finding

genes and DNA sequences that can be used for diagnostic tests."

Stewart said this research could be beneficial because of the changing nature of biological warfare.

"Anthrax and plague cause disease in a very acute manner and are getting easier and easier to grow," Stewart said.

With a method to identify these bioterrorist agents, the water supply can be monitored for presence of such agents.

UNC-G will receive the grant in 2001. But Stewart said the initial half-million dollars will only cover research costs for the first year. He said he hopes Congress will continue to fund the grant for three years.

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Dorm Internet Access Low at HBCUs

By APRIL BETHEA
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Students at historically black colleges and universities do not have access to the Internet in their residence halls, despite the presence of network systems on campus, according to a recently released study.

The study, titled "Historically Black Colleges and Universities: An Assessment of Networking and Connectivity," was released by U.S. Commerce Secretary Norman Mineta.

The study surveyed the computing resources and network capabilities of 80 of the 118 HBCUs in the nation.

According to a Department of Commerce press release, Mineta said the report demonstrated that the nation's historically black educational institutions stand poised to make a digital leap into the 21st century.

Three of the five HBCUs in the UNC system - N.C. Agricultural & Technical

State, Elizabeth City State and Winston-Salem State universities - participated in the survey. "The point of the study was to look at the readiness of historically black colleges and universities to provide Internet services to students," said Art Brodsky, National Telecommunications and Information Administration communications director.

Brodsky said the NTIA administered a grant to the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education to conduct the survey. Approximately 25 percent of students attending HBCUs bring their own computers to campus, the survey said. At non-HBCUs, that number of students jumps to 50 percent.

The survey also said while 98 percent of HBCUs have some form of campus network, only 50 percent of the schools provide dormitory access to the Internet.

Joyce Williams-Green, WSSU associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, said the university is actively

working to provide Internet access in all campus buildings. "We are in the final stages of the project," she said.

Williams-Green said all campus dormitories will be operating on a network by December. But she said students can currently access e-mail and the Internet via 15 campus computer laboratories.

"Students have access now in laboratories and via modems," she said.

Fayetteville State spokeswoman Lauren Burgess said the university is also working to make the campus Internet accessible to all students.

Burgess said all classrooms and administrative offices are connected to the Internet and the university is currently working to connect residence halls to the network. "We have one residence hall completely wired and are now wiring the rest of the residence halls."

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the treats provided by the merchants.

Five-year-old Kendall Atwater, wearing a blue-checkered dress like Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, said that she enjoys the festivities.

Joanna Carter, also a 5-year-old,

worked as Ariel from the Little Mermaid and enjoyed the different clothes worn.

"I like the costumes," Carter said.

Jason Gray, a parent of four costumed children, said he is glad to have a fun and safe environment for his children to trick-or-treat in.

"For the past few years, we've gone to University Mall," Gray said. "To me it seems to be a safe environment. It has

lots of lights. We've never had any problems. Safety is the biggest issue."

Jenkins said she enjoys the annual University Mall activities.

"For me, I don't care that I don't have many sales," Jenkins said.

"It's just a wonderful, good feeling for this town."

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