

LET'S DO LUNCH



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Chancellor James Moeser speaks to students Monday at the Top of Lenoir. The chancellor visited as part of a meet-and-greet to improve relations with students and employees. Moeser had lunch with Justin Young and Sue Kitchen, vice chancellor for student affairs, before meeting students and employees.

Students, Specialty Shops Stress Costume Creativity

By JENNY HUANG
Staff Writer

UNC freshman Colin Anderson says he will be decked out in full Scottish attire Wednesday, complete with a wrap-around kilt, to celebrate Halloween and to pay homage to his family's homeland.

"My family is originally from Scotland, so I'm going to be William Wallace," Anderson said. "I'm just going to have a full wrap-around kilt, blue face paint and maybe a baseball bat wrapped with cloth for a weapon."

While Anderson already has planned the details of his costume all the way down to his underwear — or, in his case, lack thereof — many students say they are still deciding on their costumes.

But local costume stores say they have a variety of options for last-minute Halloween shoppers.

"Our store is basically divided up into different zones of costumes," said Darren Skeen, manager of Halloween Zone at Eastgate Shopping Center.

"We have your classic zone with the priests, pirates, etc., a fight zone with

vampires and ghouls, an alien zone, a Hollywood zone and then a makeup zone where you can accessorize."

Annie Jackson, co-owner of Time After Time vintage thrift shop, said specialty shops like Time After Time allow student shoppers to be imaginative in picking their costumes.

"You can really be unique here," Jackson said. "We offer everything you need — the right gloves, the right pants, the right dress, the right makeup — it's like putting together your own costume."

Students also say creativity and individuality are the key ingredients of a memorable Halloween costume.

"Creativity is important," said senior Michelle Allen. "You have to be something that no one else would think of."

Senior Kathryn White said she and four of her friends are planning to dress as the Backstreet Boys.

"We're just capitalizing on pop culture," White said.

"We're going to have really stylish clothing, headsets and even a screaming fan to follow us around."

But Jackson said that despite a trend

toward creativity in costumes, she has noticed common themes among Halloween shoppers.

"People are getting more specific and detailed with their costumes now," Jackson said. "People used to want to be fairies and witches, but now someone wants to be Glenda the Good Witch. It's basically a costume with a twist."

She also noted that several specific costumes have become popular among college students.

"We still have your usual witch, clown or devil, but the '70s look, cross-dressing and the 'pimp' look are all really 'in' right now," Jackson said.

Whether their costumes are traditional or unique, some students say Halloween is an opportunity to express their creativity and become a different person for one night.

"(Halloween) gives you a break from being what you normally are," said freshman Logan Davis. "You can be something completely different and out of the ordinary."

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Explanations Abound for High Crime Rates in the South

By JONATHAN OWENS
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Southern states account for 41 percent of more than 11 million total criminal offenses committed in the United States, according to a report released by the FBI this week.

The western United States has the second highest rating, at 23 percent of total offenses.

Many Southern cities also topped lists for numbers of reported crime in all categories.

The highest ranked city in terms of property crimes in metropolitan areas was Tuscaloosa, Ala. Greenville was the fourth-highest ranked city in terms of per capita property crime rates.

Rodney Engen, professor of criminology at N.C. State University, said he thinks there is no definite cause of the South's high crime rate. He said there are many different opinions as to why the percentage is so high.

Popular explanations include the presence of a subculture of violence in the South, as well as economic factors

like the strong correlation between poverty and economic inequality in crime rates.

Maj. Kevin Smeltzer of the Greenville Police Department said it is important to note the crime index depends on the amount of crimes actually reported. He said his department actively encourages victims to report crimes.

"I have trouble with comparing crime statistics from jurisdiction to jurisdiction," he said. "Things vary from area to area."

He also pointed to the difference in size among metropolitan areas as a reason for Greenville's high ranking. The city has 60,000 residents within city limits. He said there are 120,000 residents in the Pitt County metropolitan area.

Smeltzer said Greenville had eight murders last year and only one murder so far in 2001. If the current rate holds, it would mean a 700 percent decrease.

He pointed out that if the amount of murders dropped by seven in a larger city, the impact would be less noticeable.

Smeltzer also said one-third of reported crimes are larceny of less than \$100, including bicycle thefts. Gas drive-offs account for 20 percent of crimes.

But Smeltzer was quick to add that there are crime problems in Greenville that need to be addressed. He said Greenville has doubled in size in the last 15 years and still feels growing pains.

But Sgt. Shari Bynum of the East Carolina Police Department reiterated that crime at the university is not as bad as the index makes it appear.

The campus is located in Greenville but had fewer reported incidents of violent and property crime than several other UNC-system schools.

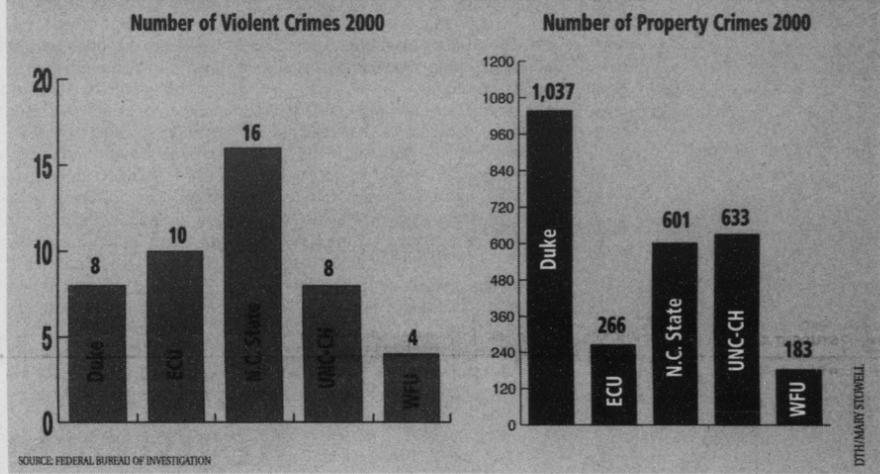
She said the majority of crimes on campus are petty offenses, though many of them do not originate from students.

"Our biggest problem is larceny," Bynum said. "I expect that 75 percent of it comes from off campus. Most bikes stolen end up downtown."

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Campus Crime

A report recently released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation listed the total incidents of reported crime on college campuses in the state. Duke University had the highest total of reported incidents of property crime; N.C. State University had the highest number of reported violent crime.



Boy Scouts Aid EMS With Disaster Training Exercise

By BRETT GARAMELLA
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A disaster training exercise had 38 Boy Scouts and troop leaders faking injuries Saturday for Orange County Emergency Management Service personnel.

EMS spokesman Kent McKenzie said the drill, held at Camp New Hope off N.C. 86, involved more than 11 organizations, including UNC Hospitals, EMS, the Chapel Hill Fire Department and New Hope Boy Scout Troop 449.

"The overall goal is to give EMS workers practice in handling a mass casualty incident in a controlled environment," McKenzie said.

Robert Bosworth, operations chief for the Chapel Hill Fire Department, said the department sent firefighters to take part in Saturday's simulation of an exploding propane gas tank.

"Since we don't run mass casualties everyday, we had to make sure different agencies could interact together," Bosworth said.

Eagle Scout candidate Jason Dunn volunteered his troop to be victims of the explosion as part of earning his Eagle Scout badge.

Dunn said he learned organizational and management skills while preparing his troop for Saturday's mock crisis.

"The disaster shows that these things can happen, and this shows the steps in place the county has in case these events

do happen," he said. "I've been going to planning meetings since July. I've been talking to my troop, e-mailing them and calling them to join the activity."

After receiving a call of mass casualties, Bosworth said a paramedic would arrive on the scene first and be established as the incident commander.

The incident commander's job is to make sure the proper resources are utilized in a hierarchical structure, he said.

"The incident commander takes the scene and makes it manageable, and what makes it work is how good the incident commander thinks strategically," Bosworth said.

He oversaw the incident commander during Saturday's simulation, but Bosworth said normally a fire department official would fill the position.

"Just because you don't function as an incident commander, if you understand the complexities of it, it makes you better in functioning in other tasks under incident commander," Bosworth said.

The scouts tied black, red, yellow or green tags around their necks to stand for different injury conditions.

Two of the five red-tag victims suffered life-threatening injuries and were

taken to UNC Hospitals via helicopter.

The other three red-tag victims were transported to the hospital by ambulance.

During the demonstration, Chapel Hill fire fighters arrived at Camp New Hope on one truck and identified a safe helicopter landing area.

Although the event was open to the public, Bosworth said only agency members attended.

"No one was excluded, but the number of people you have driving by Camp New Hope at six o'clock in the morning is pretty slim," Bosworth said.

The entire drill took just under two hours, and, overall, officials said the event was successful.

McKenzie said, "This will help us in the future because most of the paramedics have never responded to an incident with more than four or five people."

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Group to Advise Organizations

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A new student organization is attempting to reach out and aid other campus groups.

Students with the Carolina Consulting Solutions, a new campus organization that strives to financially advise student groups and help them run more efficiently, say the group is still in its initial stages.

Justin Cunningham, the president and founder of CCS, said the group's main goal is to provide student groups with consulting services free of charge. It will most likely begin administering financial advice next semester.

"We plan to provide a service to student groups by helping them think through business issues and provide solutions to the problems they have," Cunningham said.

The main target group of the organization is primarily student groups, but Cunningham said the CCS plans to expand and include local nonprofit organizations in the near future.

He said the CCS will split organizations into two groups.

One group will be concerned with start-up organizations, and the other will be for existing ones.

The CCS has begun informal talks with several student groups on campus, Cunningham said, and every organization has expressed interest in the com-

mittee.

The group hopes to recruit students from the Kenan-Flagler Business School to act as consultants next semester. Cunningham said the committee also will attempt to enlist business school professors to act as trainers for the consultants.

The committee hopes to get practicing consultants from the business world to teach members of the committee real-life professional tactics.

"We are trying to mimic a real consulting firm and recreate the experience on campus," Cunningham said.

Daniel Johnson, a co-founder of the CCS, said several efforts have been made in order to recruit students. He said fliers have been posted at the business school as well as e-mails sent to certain group listservs.

"We want to take on some clients and work the kinks out of our system," Johnson said.

Cunningham also said seven executive positions are still open.

Applications are available on the group's Web site at <http://www.unc.edu/ccs> and are due Monday by midnight.

One of the main jobs of an executive is to train future recruits of the CCS, Cunningham said.

He said another goal of the executive committee is to work on problems presented by clients on a case-by-case basis.

Cunningham said another goal of the group is for student organizations to be able to submit requests for assistance through the Web site.

"Our goal is to strive to have other groups succeed," Cunningham said.

John Curtis, the faculty adviser for the CCS, said he thinks it will be a positive addition to UNC.

"It sounded like something worthwhile," he said.

"I happen to strongly adhere to students learning from students. It's a great manifestation of it."

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