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HALLOWEEN 2003

16 killed, 20 injured in strike on U.S. copter

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FALLUJAH, Iraq — Targeting Americans with new audacity, insurgents hiding in a date palm grove shot down a Chinook helicopter carrying dozens of soldiers heading for home leave Sunday, killing 16 and wounding 20 in the deadliest strike against U.S. forces since they invaded Iraq in March.

Witnesses said the attackers used missiles — a sign of the increasing sophistication of Iraq's elusive anti-U.S. fighters.

Three other Americans were killed in separate attacks Sunday, including one 1st Armored Division soldier in Baghdad and two U.S. civilians working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Fallujah. All three were victims of roadside bombs, the military said.

Sunday's death toll was the highest for American troops since March 23 — the first week of the invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein — and the attack represented a major escalation in the campaign to drive the U.S.-led coalition out of the country.

The giant helicopter was ferrying the soldiers on their way for leave outside Iraq when two missiles streaked into the sky and slammed into the rear of the aircraft, witnesses told The Associated Press. It crashed in flames in farmers' fields west of Baghdad.

"It's clearly a tragic day for America," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said in Washington. "In a long, hard war, we're going to have tragic days. But they're necessary. They're part of a war that's difficult and complicated."

Like past attacks on U.S. forces and a string of suicide bombings that killed dozens in Baghdad the past week, U.S. coalition officials blamed either Saddam loyalists or foreign fighters for the

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Flanagan leads UNC to ACC title

BY HUNTER POWELL
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WINSTON-SALEM — Amid tears and broken records, disappointment and personal triumph, the dreams of the North Carolina women's cross country team came true Saturday.

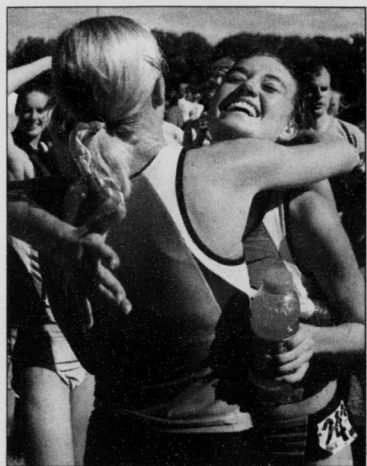
The Tar Heels overcame a wide spectrum of emotions to finish with 40 points, beating third-ranked N.C. State (44 points) for the first time this season and winning their first ACC Championship since 1999.

The stories seemed endless for the Tar Heels. Shalane Flanagan proved herself as the ultimate symbol of consistency, becoming the first-ever woman to win four consecutive ACC individual cross country titles.

For the senior, however, it wasn't about her. "This one outweighs any of the individual ones," Flanagan said. "I wasn't sure if we won, and I started crying because I thought we lost initially, and just to turn my emotions around was really exciting."

Flanagan won the race with a time of 19 minutes 22 seconds, and sophomore Carol Henry finished third with a time of 20:16.

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North Carolina senior Shalane Flanagan (left) embraces teammate Megan Kaltenbach after the Tar Heels won the ACC cross country title.



DTH/JOSHUA GREER

Two men dressed as Maverick (right) and Goose (center) from the film "Top Gun" sing "You've Lost That Loving Feeling" by the Righteous Brothers to a group of women dressed in 1980's style Friday night on Franklin Street. Below: A Wake County sheriff checks bags for weapons and alcohol.

FEW SPOOKS THIS YEAR

Incidents down this year despite larger crowd, warm weather and weekend date

BY SARA LEWKOWICZ
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Halloween on Franklin Street this year had all the revelry but fewer problems than in past years, despite the unseasonably warm weather, the lure of Friday night and the largest Oct. 31 crowd to date.

The portion of West Franklin Street that was closed was expanded three blocks west by 11 p.m., and the crowd on the thoroughfare swelled to 78,000 after midnight.

Emergency authorities had predicted that a larger crowd would lead to an increased number of problems.

Nick Waters, director of the Orange County Department of Emergency Medical Services, said he expected the same sorts of incidents as on past Halloweens, "just more of them."

EMS treated 26 people for intoxication and other alcohol-related problems Friday. Ten later were transported to UNC Hospitals for further treatment.

Last year, 33 people were treated by EMS for similar problems.

Waters said he was pleased with how this year's festivities went. "It was a quiet, enjoyable evening," he said. "We had very few patients considering the number of people out."

Police also had predicted an increased number of incidents.



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Contrary to expectations, no arrests were made in the closed area on Franklin Street, compared with 18 last year and 28 in 2001.

The night, however, was not without problems.

Chapel Hill police reported that after leaving the Avalon nightclub, three Greensboro men were robbed at gunpoint at 3:20 a.m. by three men on Airport Road. The assailants took wallets, cash, cellular phones and jewelry from the victims, reports state.

Orange County Alcohol Law Enforcement officers issued citations involving 44 charges.

ALE filed 17 charges of underage possession, nine for open containers and two of possession of fraudulent identifications.

Two people also were cited for possession of marijuana outside the closed area.

Costumes on Franklin Street were as flamboyant and creative as ever, ranging from groups of men dressed as Hooters waitresses to Roy Horn, complete with a stuffed white tiger attached at the neck.

The wild costumes were one reason Cathleen Williams traveled to Chapel Hill. Williams, 18, said she has been coming to Chapel Hill for Halloween since her older sister's freshman year at UNC.

"This is my third year here, and I haven't even graduated from high school yet," she said.

Participants in this year's festivities came from as far away as South Carolina and Virginia.

Lamont Greene, a bar manager at W.B. Yeats Irish Pub, thinks it's the tradition that draws crowds to Chapel Hill on Halloween. Greene dressed as Mr. T.

"Everyone just comes out, dresses up, has a good time," he said. "That ain't no jibba jabba."

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Council race winds down

Hopefuls have a day left to sway voters

BY NICK EBERLEIN
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About 7,500 voters swarmed the polls during the 2001 local elections, but as of early Thursday afternoon just fewer than 200 ballots had been cast during the early voting period that ended Saturday.

Officials at the Orange County Board of Elections, however, still expect between 7,000 and 8,000 voters at the polls Tuesday to decide on four seats for the next Chapel Hill Town Council.

With the overwhelming bulk of votes not yet cast, council hopefuls have not yet been able to rest on their laurels after the arduous past few months.

"We've been very busy," incumbent Bill Strom said. "I was out at around 5:30 (a.m. Sunday) putting out the last few road signs and fixing the others."

Candidate Terri Tyson attributes the lack of decided voters on residents' need to accrue as much information as possible before choosing who their next local representatives will be.

"I would definitely say the campaign is continuing on a high activity

level," she said. "I think people need to get as much information as they can."

Reaching out to voters has continued all the way to zero hour, candidates say, because major themes have evolved during the course of the election season.

Topics that weren't on most candidates' platforms, such as the town's new traffic cameras, candidate Andrea Rohrbacher said, have forced the council hopefuls to continually reorient their approaches toward Election Day.

"The thrust of the issues has come from the public. I had to shift the order of the issues I talked about," she said. "I used to talk about downtown revitalization first, but now it seems that we're all talking about town-gown before anything else."

But the campaign season has not seemed to center solely on espousing platforms to potential constituents. Many voters, incumbent Jim Ward said, rely on candidates' campaigning

to become informed about the issues before they even can decide who the best council members will be.

Ward said a recent poll conducted last week by local radio station WCHL-AM found that about half the people interviewed were unaware of who was seeking seats on local government or what the largest issues were.

"I tried to have my (informational) mailings go out during the last week before the election," he said.

He added that it is often hard for the candidates to gauge public knowledge of the issues since those running "are so keenly aware of what people are concerned about."

While local residents can expect to see a glut of fliers in the mail or hear paid promotions on public radio before Tuesday, some of the candidates said they believe that minds might already be made up.

Candidate Thatcher Freund spent the weekend trick-or-treating with his daughters before relaxing Saturday and attending Sunday's celebration for Mel and Zora Rashkis at Rashkis Elementary School, which candidate Dianne Bachman also attended to

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N.C. citizens rally against executions

BY BERNARD HOLLOWAY
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Rose Clark knows about the power of the death penalty.

Less than one year ago, her brother, Ernest Basden, received the state's ultimate punishment. He was put to death Dec. 6, 2002.

For her, the days since his execution have been both painful and empowering. She says her emotions brought her to the Governor's Mansion on Saturday to tell her story to a large but subdued crowd of about 200 anti-death penalty advocates.

Spurred by the discovery that the state is on pace this year to execute the largest number of people since 1949, religious leaders convened the rally to further the push for a moratorium on executions in North Carolina.

The state is scheduled to execute three more people before the end of the year, bringing the total for 2003 to seven.

N.C. Rep. Paul Luebke, D-Durham, opened the event by decrying the injustice

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