Spirits fly at Halloween bash Symposium highlights

BY CAROLINE KORNEGAY

Cats walked around cowboys, a Roman soldier danced with an angel and a bedsheet ghost did the Electric Slide with a 1950s teeny-

bopper. No, it wasn't a Halloween on Franklin Street.

Carmichael Ballroom was filled with devils, princesses and police officers Sunday afternoon for a Halloween costume party for the Arc of Orange and Durham counties, a group of developmentally challenged individuals and the volunteers who work with them.

Attendance at the party, hosted by Carolina Campus Civitan, was closer to 75 volunteers and participants than Franklin Street's esti-mated 78,000 revelers, but everyone still was partying hard.
"There's no barriers," said soph-

omore Kim Robertson, a volunteer with Campus Civitan. "You don't see that (in) many places. Everybody's just letting loose."

About 35 members of the Arc, a community organization that provides home respite care, attended

the party, where they danced to Michael Jackson's "Thriller" and got to see a few of their friends.

Ellen Johnson, development director for Arc, said she was pleased with the turnout for the costume party. "(Arc members) really look forward to these kinds of parties," she said.

Campus Civitan members deco-

Campus Civitan members deco-rated the room with orange and black streamers and balloons for their guests, and pumpkins were everywhere — even the cookies were pumpkin-shaped.

were pumpkin-snaped.

Some of the festive gourds were for decoration, and other, smaller ones were provided for the guests to paint with Halloween messages.

Campus Civitan President Curtis Hatley, dressed as a ghost, said that the group does several projects throughout the year but that the Halloween costume party was the group's biggest event this

"It's our most expensive event and our best," Hatley said.

The party was part of the group's volunteer services, which plan social activities to try to get people with disabilities out into the community, said Amy Mansky, director of public relations for Campus Civitan.

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•A page 3 article on Oct. 30 should have said the should have said Massachusetts Institute Technology is located Cambridge, Mass.

•A front-page article on Oct. 30 incorrectly said Carrboro Board of Aldermen candidate Steve Rose "said the board has pushed enough for development in the Willow Creek and Carrboro Plaza areas

vative development and higher density housing near downtown." A large mark of Rose's campaign, actually, has been that he thinks the board should push for devel-opment in those areas instead of focusing on downtown.

•A page 3 article on Oct. 31 should have said the suspect was arrested in his office on Friday Center Drive, not the Friday

unique student research

Triangle schools share pursuits

BY DANIEL MALLOY

Rivalries took a back seat to scholarly pursuits Saturday as students at area universities gathered to share their research in the sci-

ences, humanities and engineering. Twenty-two UNC-Chapel Hill students joined another 64 students from Duke and N.C. State universities and other local colleges in presenting their work at the inaugural Triangle Undergraduate Research Symposium.

The symposium, hosted at Duke,

was the brain child of Duke junior Emily Heikamp. She attended a similar event in Maryland and decided that there was a need for it

in the Triangle.

UNC sophomore Franklin

Horn, a member of the symposiums student steering committee, said the purpose of the event was to encourage students from rival universities to work together. "Intellectual work doesn't depend on how good your football team is or your basketball team is," he said.
"It depends on cooperation."

Some students presented their projects with a 15-minute speech, while others used visual aids in an open auditorium and answered

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Marie Lynn Miranda delivers the keynote address Saturday at the first Triangle Undergraduate Research Symposium at Duke University.

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Funding for the symposium came through grants from the Robertson Scholars Program and Duke's Undergraduate Research Support Office, Horn said.

He called the event a "big pot of stow" referring to the mix of uni-

stew," referring to the mix of universities participating as well as

the different types of research.

Another purpose of the symposium, according to its mission statement, was to encourage more undergraduate research, but some participants said the event needs to have a higher profile before that

can happen. senior Christopher Fuhrmann, a geography major, showed his chronological assessment of the 2002 ice storm to smaller crowds than he had hoped.

"It is a great opportunity for stu-dents to show how much they know about their topics," he said. "But organizers need to do a better job of getting the word out."

Senior Pailin Wedel, a biology major, agreed with Fuhrmann's

assessment, noting that only about 100 people attended the event and that attendees were primarily other student presenters or professors.
"To encourage more students to

do research you have to get more nonresearch students out to the event," she said.

For her research, Wedel traveled to Thailand to study the characteristics of the poached population of the Aquilaria crassna tree.

Fuhrmann said some of the pre-sentations were geared toward highly specialized fields that could be difficult for the average person to understand.

Some people's posters confused

the heck out of people," he said. Despite the low turnout, Wedel said she enjoyed the opportunity to share her work with others.

"I was eager to be in an environ-ment where people were interest-ed in my research and actually knew what I was talking about."

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