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Another one for the books

LOWER TURNOUT ASIDE, MOST ENJOY HALLOWEEN

BY KYLE BILLINGS
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The annual celebration of Halloween in Chapel Hill is a hallmark in Tar Heel tradition. That date is circled on numerous calendars months before, as the event attracts thousands of people to Franklin Street.

Monday night provided another opportunity for zany costumes, inebriated celebrants and miscellaneous illegalities.

Freshman pharmacy major Jamie Bumgarner, who dressed as a taxicab, said she thoroughly enjoyed her first time. "It was a lot of fun, it was crazy on Franklin

Street," she said. "I already have my outfit planned for next year." Others were less impressed. Sophomore Bryan Davis said this year the crowd seemed less involved than last. "There were fewer costumes and more observers," he said. "Last year there was a group dressed up as basketball players and they had a scrimmage in the street."

While the police department prepares annually for around 80,000 revelers, police spokes-

woman Jane Cousins said the count of people on Franklin Street for Monday night was only about 50,000.

Cousins said the police must prepare extensively for the night in order to control a crowd of that size. "The goal is to keep everyone safe," she said.

Students discuss and plan the way they will celebrate Halloween long before the actual event.

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Nov. 1 election results

Results for the Student Congress special elections were released late Tuesday. Senior gift and Homecoming candidate winners will be announced Saturday. Visit dailytarheel.com for the full story.

Latoya Evans
355 votes

D str ct 3, one seat
Represents those living in South Campus dorms, Odum Village and Student Family Housing.

SOURCE: UNC BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Pablo Friedmann
90 votes

D str ct 2, one seat
Represents those living in Carmichael, Whitehead, Teague, Parker and Aver dorms.

Tyson Grinstead
478 votes

Dax Dixon
448 votes

D str ct 6, two seats
Represents undergraduates living off campus, not including Greek housing or Granville Toy ers.

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Students caught a break from school routines by watching eight different contestants scarf down pies in the Pit on Monday. The pie eaters were competing for tickets to UNC men's basketball games as part of the week's Homecoming events. Here, seniors Christina Lee

(left) and Ayofemi Kirby, with their hands wrapped behind them, wolf down pies in their portion of the competition. The Carolina Athletic Association will hold events in the Pit all week leading up to Saturday's contest with Boston College and the crowing of Mr. and Mrs. UNC.

Dearmin fields reader questions

In this month's column I've tackled a handful of questions that cover topics from student government's new calendar system to costumes.

If you have an issue that you would like to have addressed, please forward your question along to me at dearmin@email.unc.edu.

Q: "What is this new SLICE Web site I have been hearing about?"

— "Intrigued student leader," Charlotte

A: This is big — SLICE has the potential to reinvent the way student organizations use the Internet at UNC. What was once just a vision statement harping the "promises of technology," is now a tool set, a platform, a network. We're saying to Carolina's 500-plus student groups, "Here's a Web site with a calendar, forum, photo gallery—just as a start, all built-in. Let's see where you can take it."

There's more to it than easy Web sites; SLICE draws together information from the SLICE network into a central portal, located at <http://slice.unc.edu>. The portal site collects information from the individual sites, pulling together news and automatically updating a central calendar of student organization events.

It not only opens the door to collaboration among groups, but gives any interested student access to the breadth of opportunities available

across campus. I'm looking forward to the impact this new technology will have on campus life.

Q: "What is the progress with the wireless on Franklin Street initiative?"

— "Lost in cyberspace," Houston

A: Bringing wireless Internet to Franklin Street remains an ambitious and complex issue, requiring considerable long-term planning, cooperation and expense. The project is in the planning stages within the town's technology committee, which will recommend a plan of action to the Town Council.

Because of the scope of the issue — plans call for coverage to be extended far beyond Franklin Street — the University's role in providing resources is limited.

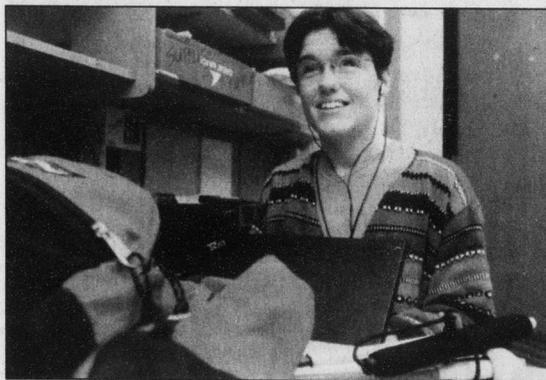
A state law called the Umstead Act prohibits the University from competing with private companies offering Internet access. Despite the challenges, student government

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Seth Dearmin tackles SLICE, stipends and other issues



DTH/RICKY LEUNG

Jamey Cook, a blind UNC graduate student and teaching assistant, plugs headphones into her laptop in order to listen to her e-mails.

A DIFFERENT VIEW OF UNC

Blind TA leads Spanish classes

BY DESIREE SHOE
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Sitting in the sun on a brisk October day, graduate student Jamey Cook looks like many other students on UNC's campus, right down to her overloaded book bag.

One thing that sets her apart is her cane.

"I really like this one," she says, holding it out for inspection. "It's a seven-section Slim Line."

Cook holds a Spanish degree from Maryville College in Tennessee and is seeking her master's in Spanish. On top of it all, she teaches an undergraduate course.

And she's completely blind. Born three months prematurely on Valentine's Day, Cook developed a condition known as retinopathy of prematurity.

"Basically my retinas detached when I was six months old," she says.

The condition caused her optical blood vessels to pull away from the retina and push against the lens of the eye, effectively blocking vision.

Jim Kessler, director of the Department of Disability Services, says Cook is the fourth blind teaching assistant to teach at UNC during his 21-plus years as director. The population of blind students waxes and wanes, officials say.

"I'm the first (blind romance languages instructor), evidently," she says.

During her first week as a TA for Spanish 1, Cook says she struggled with the technology required for the classroom.

But Cook says the faculty and staff of the Spanish department have been very supportive.

"I ended up team-teaching with Grace Aaron, the coordinator for Spanish 1 and 2, which has just been an honor. I love it," Cook says, smiling. We do share responsibilities and that was the goal for the experience."

In order to translate her books and teaching materials into an accessible format, Cook seeks the aid of Disability Services.

Tucked away in the basement of Steele Building, the department is full of technology designed to help visually impaired students.

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Speeding through the halfway point

BY KELLY GIEDRAITIS
STAFF WRITER

Half-done or half-begun, Student Body President Seth Dearmin's term in office has reached the midway point.

After last month's release of the October Report, which details his administration's appraisal of its work thus far, officers in Dearmin's cabinet now are focusing on the second half of the term.

"A lot of implementation will be coming up during the second part of the term," said Mark Laabs,

Dearmin's chief of staff. "We are transitioning from trying to give vision and ideas to implementing ideas."



During the next six months, Dearmin's administration will continue its focus on a number of platform points, but it also will explore new areas.

Dearmin listed his top 10 issues for the next semester as:

■ Creating a Student Life Integrated Calendar of Events, a Web site that will highlight cam-

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WHY DID YOU VOTE EARLY?



Alison Pattishall
Freshman, Undecided

"I read (the DTH's) voter's guide. I also looked (candidates) up on the Internet."



Dustin Ingalls
Junior, Political Science

"I'm a public relations director for Young Democrats."

Vote early at Morehead Planetarium and Science Center through Nov. 5, Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Candidates see role in campus planning

BY KATHY CHO
STAFF WRITER

Carolina North won't be built in a day, and Chapel Hill Town Council candidates want the time to ensure that it benefits the town as well as the University.

Much of the candidates' criticism of the University's current plan for its proposed satellite campus has focused on the 17,000 parking spaces and their implications.

Candidates Bill Thorpe and Will Raymond both have called for the University to work up from no parking, not down from a set amount. "We're working from no



Thursday: Hoy Toy N Council and Aldermen candidates plan to improve public transportation

to low," Thorpe said. Candidates also stressed the need for a deeper working relationship between the town and gown.

"It's been a symbiotic relationship and a sustainable one to this point, but this project could turn the corner for us," said candidate

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, the front-page thumbnail photo accompanying Monday's voter box, "Why Did You Vote Early?," incorrectly identifies freshman international studies major Vivek Chilukuri as Sam Dolbee.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

Due to a reporting error, Tuesday's front-page photo accompanying "I was on ... Franklin Street," incorrectly identifies Mark Oniffrey as a freshman at Wake Technical Community College.

Oniffrey is in the college's paramedics program.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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IT'S OK BY US The Board of Alderman votes to allow nonprofit sales on town sites

LOOK INSIDE YOUR SELF Speaker highlights the importance of self value

MIND THE GAP Students, parents eye methods to close the achievement gap



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BETTER TO SHARE
About 200 participate in UNC's recognition of Grief Awareness Day, an event designed to honor the dead by promoting conversation.

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