

The Daily Tar Heel

HALLOWEEN TRADITION BIG AS EVER



BY MAX ROSE
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For Carrboro residents Terry and Dale Bailey, Halloween on Franklin Street is like an anniversary.

It was 10 years ago Wednesday that they first "got together," Dale said.

This year the couple dressed as a "Cheshire Elmo." They stood next to each other and smiled, each holding a pole with one eye perched on top and a bright smile in between.

"It's just one of those things where you all come together and enjoy," Dale Bailey said. "It's like our Mardi Gras."

More than 50,000 converged on Franklin Street on Wednesday from across the state. They pounded drums, took pictures with strangers and greeted friends — and each person had a unique reason for showing up.

For a group of six dressed in red who did a choreographed dance in the street to Fat Boy Slim's "Crazy," it was about friendship. The group paid \$10 each for their costumes from Wal-Mart.

"The point was togetherness," senior Alex Robinson said. "It matters to me that it's my last Halloween on Franklin Street."

Robinson said the group has 103 things to do before they graduate, and that Wednesday, one was checked off the list.

As of 11 p.m. there had been one arrest, according to Lt. Kevin Gunter, Chapel Hill's public information officer.

Gunter said a man assaulted an EMS worker after being picked up for alcohol poisoning. The man was one of four people to require medical attention as of 11 p.m., all for alcohol poisoning.

Police officials predicted that the turnout would be greater than last year.

"It seems to grow every year," Gunter said. "This is not something that we enjoy typically. It's a stressful time for people that are on the

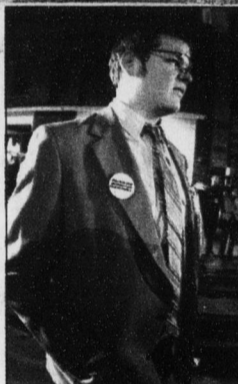
The view from Top of the Hill restaurant shows the massive crowd that came out to celebrate Halloween on Franklin Street. More than 50,000 people were estimated to have taken part in the festivities. Visit www.dailytarheel.com today for a photo slideshow of the night and Friday for videos of the best costumes. SEE HALLOWEEN, PAGE 13

THE WITCHING HOUR ON FRANKLIN STREET



BUSY BARTENDERS

Franklin Street bars see big Halloween crowds. [page 13](#)



THE OFFICE

See three variations on this year's "it" costume. [page 13](#)



NOT ON MY WATCH

Police confiscate alcohol and dangerous props. [page 13](#)

Group themes out in force

BY CATARINA SARAIWA
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From aluminum foil-draped [B]Ski's wraps to bow tie-wearing Clef Hangers, some groups of friends opted to dress in themes this year for their Franklin Street Halloween debut.

"What is most important is that we need to go sing," said junior Nick Wagner, trying to capture the Clef Hanger's dedication.

He and three other Clef imitators dressed in khaki pants, button-down shirts and vests clad with buttons known as "flair."

The [B]Ski's group was complete with a Marcus Ginyard, who used to deliver for the restaurant



Brad Lockwood, of Raleigh, sings "I Want It that Way" as the Clef Hangers with Nick Wagner, of Wilson, and Matt Filer, of Atlanta. SEE GROUPS, PAGE 13

Hispanics' economic impact increases

BY ELIZABETH DEORNELLAS AND STEPHANIE METZEN
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Assessing the economic impact of Hispanic immigration is a numbers game that is often clouded by the emotions of the issue.

Hispanic immigrants in North Carolina used to be isolated in rural communities, working on farms or in poultry plants. But the social reality of immigration has changed.

No longer just young males seeking jobs, the N.C. Hispanic immigrant community has put down roots, raising families and reuniting with relatives from back home.

"The impact is there — you see kids in our schools, you see kids being born in our hospitals," said Federico van Gelderen, former president of the N.C. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

"They are part of our society," he said. "We need to understand that." Being part of society means both contributing to the tax base and utilizing state-funded social services.



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In North Carolina, Hispanics annually contribute \$756 million in taxes but cost the state \$817 million in social services, according to a study conducted by the Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC.

That works out to a \$61 million annual cost to the state, or \$102 per Hispanic resident.

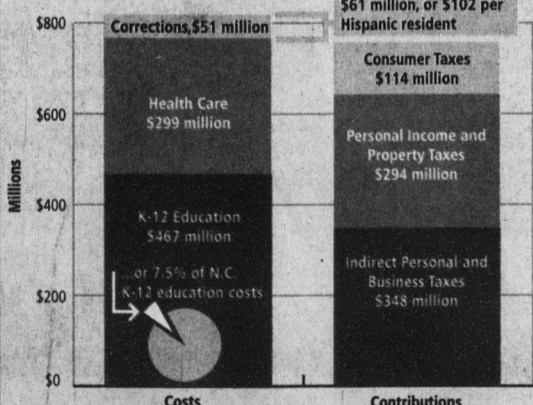
The study also found that Hispanics annually contribute \$9.2 billion to the state economy.

"For every dollar that the state spent they got nine in return in terms of economic impact," said James Johnson Jr., one of the study's authors. "That's the point that people

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Hispanic cost to North Carolina

In comparing taxes paid with benefits received, the N.C. Hispanic population, totaling 600,913, cost the state \$102 per person in 2004.



SOURCE: KENAN INSTITUTE OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE DTH/CARLY HUGHES

Financial aid can't meet tuition increase

N.C. legislature steps up funding

BY ARIEL ZIRULNICK
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A nationwide study recently released by College Board found that public university tuition is increasing faster than private tuition — and public financial aid sources aren't keeping up.

Public universities saw in-state tuition and fees increase by 6.6 percent for the current academic year. The average cost of public tuition and fees is now \$6,185 — a \$381 increase from last year.

In contrast, private university costs have gone up 6.3 percent, and tuition and fees now average \$23,712.

During the past year, UNC-system tuition and fees increases have followed those of their peers,

but at a rate of less than 5 percent, said Rob Nelson, vice president for finance for the UNC system.

"North Carolina remains a very low-tuition state compared to a lot of the country," he said.

UNC-Chapel Hill is the most expensive system school, but the \$5,176 price tag of in-state tuition and fees is about \$1,000 less than the national average.

The UNC system and UNC-CH have become financial aid celebrities, as has the Carolina Covenant program, which allows low-income students to graduate from UNC-CH debt-free.

Officials from both institutions were panelists at College Board's Annual Forum, which concluded Monday and included a session to present the Carolina Covenant program to other universities.

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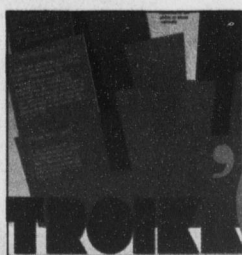
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LIVE ONLINE DISCUSSION with columnist James Dillard, 6 to 7 p.m. today.

SCHOOL BONUS CHCCS's superintendent might get a contract extension today.

ADVICE Q&A with author Shawn Graham on how career-building is like dating.



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POWER OF THREE

Durham will play host to the Troika Music Festival this weekend, a three-day event that will feature about 70 musical performances.

this day in history

NOV. 1, 1951 ...

A professor from the School of Business Administration is chosen to serve a three-year term on the Census Advisory Committee.

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