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ACC tourney to ride on N&R Internet site

The Atlantic Coast Conference men's basketball tournament will have a live presence on the Internet.

"The ACC Tournament: Wired" will include a continuously updated scoreboard and commentary, an interactive trivia contest and other features. The site is being developed by ACC Properties, the conference's marketing arm, and the News & Record. Other sponsorships are available.

The tournament is believed to be the first college sporting event to be represented on the Internet.

"The ACC Tournament: Wired" will be available to anyone with access to the

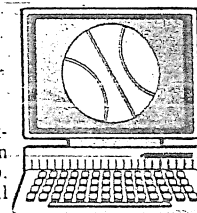
TRIAD online

Internet's network of text-and-graphics pages known as the World Wide Web. The Internet is a global network used by an estimated 30 million people.

"The ACC Tournament: Wired" will reside on Triad Online, the News & Record's electronic information service, at the Web address:

<http://www.infi.net/acc/>

The feature will become available March 1, will go live during the tournament, March 9-12, and will remain



active through March. Besides the scoreboard and trivia contest, it will include:

- Game stories, photographs and statistics filed within minutes of the conclusion of games.
- Details of Tournamania, a fan celebration planned in conjunction with the tournament.

"This is going to be fun," said News & Record sports editor Allen Johnson. "The ACC Tournament: Wired" will plug fans in to one of the most exciting sporting events in the nation."

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SUNNY

Mostly sunny today, high in the upper 40s. Mostly clear tonight, low in the lower 20s.

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Chilly crisis: Ice disrupts life in Triad

Weather-related school closings create headaches for some parents.

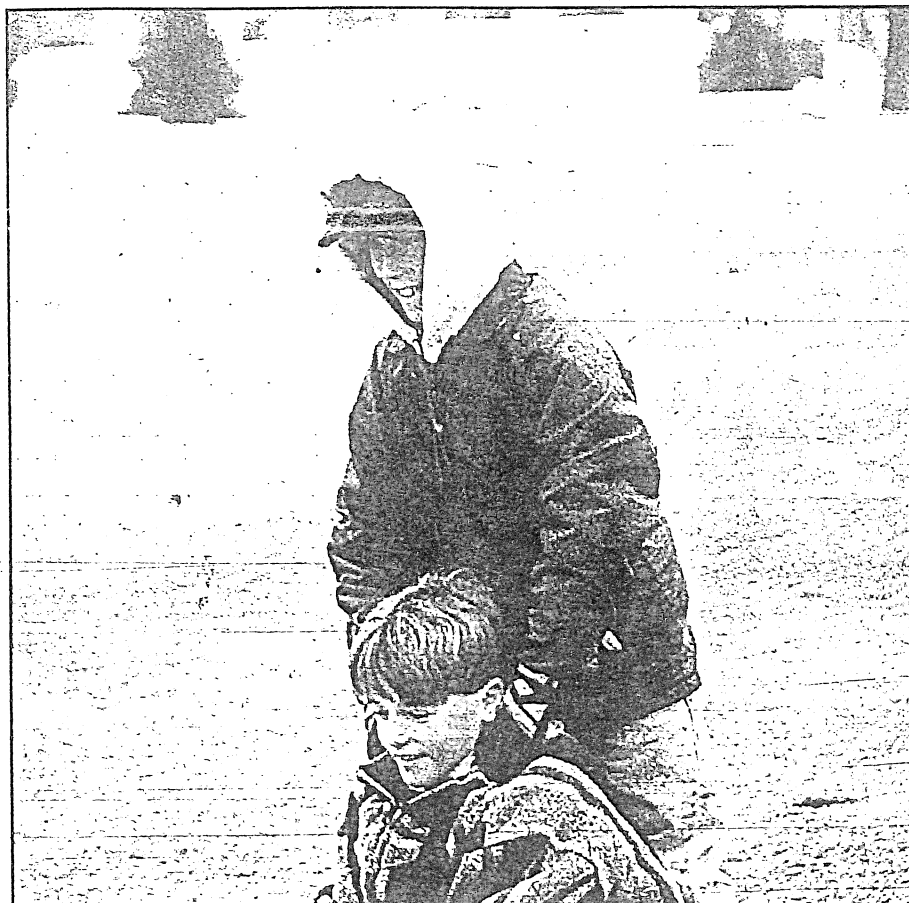
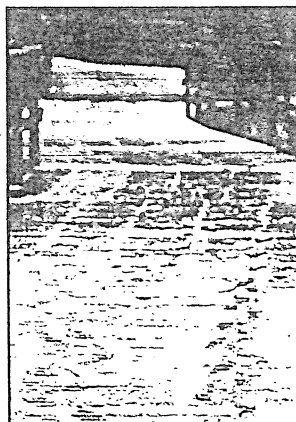
BY DAVID A. HALL
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Her children always get excited, but Ruth DeHoog has mixed emotions when schools shut down because of bad weather.

"It's a mixture of relief from not having to get them out the door and consternation about having to handle their schedule," said DeHoog, a political-science professor at UNCG.

"I stayed home with them this morning and took my daughter to work this afternoon."

DeHoog wasn't alone in her di-



Drug treats blood disease

Help may be on the way for thousands of Americans with sickle cell anemia.

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
The Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. — A cancer drug has proved to be the first effective treatment for sickle cell anemia, a disabling blood disorder affecting 72,000 black Americans.

The drug hydroxyurea reduced the excruciating attacks of sickle cell so dramatically that the National Institutes of Health ended drug trials four months early and notified 5,000 doctors of the treatment on Monday.