

Halloween back with a vengeance at Southern Illinois U.

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For the first time in six years, bars and restaurants on the Southern Illinois University campus stayed open for Halloween weekend. And without hesitation, a mob entered the downtown area and wreaked havoc on local businesses.

Carbondale police arrested 78 people over Halloween weekend, after crowds broke storefront windows, tore down business signs and set fires in the streets.

"Most of the arrests were alcohol related -- public consumption, public drunkenness and underage drinking," said Deputy Chief Steve Odum. "At least a couple of arrests were for the vandalism. But when you have a group that packed, and things fly out of the crowd that break windows, you can't always identify who threw it."

The arrests were split over Friday and Saturday night, when crowds between 1,500 and 2,000 gathered each night in the downtown strip, about three-quarters of a block long with storefronts on either side of the street. Revelers broke at least four store windows and pulled down several business signs by climbing telephone pole to reach them, Odum said.

Jimmy John's sandwich shop, located in the middle of the mayhem, had its sign pulled down Friday night and windows broken Saturday night, said shop co-owner Becky Butler. Damage has been estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

She spent the weekend sweeping up glass, boarding up the windows and removing the chunks of asphalt that had been thrown into the store.

And while furious by the vandalism, she said she's equally annoyed by the protection police offered over the weekend.

"The police just sat there and watched. There were 70 officers on duty, including the police chief, who just sat there and watched," Butler said.

"I went up to him and asked why he was letting this go on and he said that he didn't want to jeopardize his officers safety -- he thought the crowds would retaliate."

Crowds gathered when the bars closed at 1 a.m. and weren't dispersed until after 4 a.m., when police used mace, she said.

"Everyone disappeared as soon as the mace came out," she said. "Why did they wait so long?"

Chief R.T. Finney was out of the office until Wednesday and unavailable for comment. Odum said that police did not change their strategy from Friday to Saturday night and said when dealing with a disorderly crowd, police need to proceed with caution.

"We were cautious in our response," Odum said. "For officers pushing their way into the crowd to make an arrest would only incite the crowd. So we were pretty cautious about doing that. It's balancing call for us."

Carbondale city council had hoped to see when they voted in March to allow bars and restaurants to remain open over the Halloween weekend.

After a similar debacle in 1994, the city voted to close any establishments that serve alcohol over the holiday



Carbondale police spray mace at two rioters as they attempted to retreat down Illinois Avenue early Sunday morning. More than 2,000 rioters gathered in downtown Carbondale, Ill., for the unofficial Halloween celebration near the Southern Illinois University campus.

The bulk of the crowd had been dispersed at the beginning of each night, and those who stuck around were looking for a confrontation, he said.

"By the time we moved people off the street it had begun dissipate on its own. It was our goal to let people disperse on their own," Odum said.

The destructive crowd was anything but the sort of behavior the

weekend to prevent a repeat.

The school followed suit and in 1995 instituted a fall break over the Halloween weekend when the campus would shut down. The city's restriction ended this year, but SIU still scheduled the fall break. City and school officials had assumed that the break and celebration's five-year hiatus would curb a repeat fiasco.

In this class, professors are the ones taking the exams, not grading them

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ORLANDO, Fla. - Rollins College English professor Maurice O'Sullivan doesn't lock students out of class for being late any more; he empathizes with them instead.

Like many professors, O'Sullivan used to send stern messages occasionally to remind students to make getting to class on time a priority. Sometimes a tardy student would find the solid wooden door to O'Sullivan's classroom closed. The student would have to listen to the lecture in the hall, and pass notes under the door to participate.

That was before O'Sullivan signed up for Rollins' "Spanish for Professors" course this year. It was before he was tardy himself, more than a few times, and came to realize how easy it was for simple but important encounters to delay him.

It was before O'Sullivan was reminded what it was like to be an undergraduate.

He's one of 45 Rollins professors, deans, directors and staff members who this year are sweating through what is essentially freshman Spanish. Rollins set up the class as an experiment to immerse more faculty and staff in Spanish and Hispanic culture, to both help them be a part of Rollins' and Orlando's Hispanic community and increase the college's prospects to work internationally.

But the class has become a phenomenon on campus. Class members rave about relearning the simple joys and frustrations of being a student again.

"We spend enormous amounts of time as colleagues talking about the process of teaching, the nature of learning. But we do it mostly from the outside, as teachers, and from what we learn from our reading," O'Sullivan said. "It's completely different for us now when (Spanish professor) Roy (Kerr) hands out an exam for us to take home. People start thinking, how do I deal with this?"

In this course, class distinctions mean nothing. Everybody struggles, regardless of whether they have doctorates, or where they earned them.

"Ignorance in this particular case is a great equalizer," said Barbara Howell, an administrative assistant with a bachelor's degree.

She has taken a little Spanish before and sits in the advanced group, but said the distinction is lost in class.

"There can be no hierarchy here," Howell added. "Our custodian speaks Spanish; when we're going off, we try to piece together a sentence - and he corrects us."

English professor Lezlie Couch concedes she has mangled more than her share of the Spanish language in class. Such foibles, she said, help class members see past each other's positions and pretensions.

"It's so cute to see them working hard and struggling and laughing together at each other's goofs," Couch said. "There is no politics in this room."

Kerr, a professor of Spanish and Portuguese, and Alberto Prieto-Calixto, an assistant professor of Spanish, hatched the idea and teach the class. They expected only a handful of people to voluntarily give up two or three lunch hours a week for a year. But 80 expressed interest. The class was capped at 45.

"One of the things they told us was, 'We live in a Hispanic culture.' I want to be able to listen to Spanish radio, to understand what is said at the grocery store, to talk with my neighbor," Kerr said.

But it's clear that the students are learning more than Spanish.

"I realize that when I'm teaching accounting to my students, I may be talking in a foreign language," said Sherry Fischer, director of Rollins' arts and sciences internship program and an accounting instructor.

"Alberto sometimes has to talk really slowly for us to understand. As a teacher, you have to get that."

Teacher becomes student. And student becomes teacher.

"I've been talking to some of my students in Spanish. When I walk in, they say, 'Did you do your homework?'" Fischer said. "I said, 'OK. I'll help you in accounting if you help me in Spanish.'"

Students find nude man and abused sheep in college farmhouse

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A 46-year-old man broke his parole after students at Hawkeye Community College found him having sexual intercourse with a sheep in the school farm hayloft.

Richard A. Broderson was arrested for animal abuse, a misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison, and criminal trespass, a misdemeanor carrying a maximum 30-day jail sentence, said Black Hawk assistant county attorney Daniel Davis. The county attor-

ney has not yet formally indicted Broderson on the charges, she said. Several students and a faculty

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member found Broderson at 8:04 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, naked in

the hayloft with the sheep tied up in a corner, police said. Police found a blue nightgown next to the sheep, but it was not clear if it had been worn by Broderson, the sheep or at all.

"The farm manager and the students just kind of stood there, shocked, until the police arrived," said Deb Martin, director of public relations for the Waterloo, Iowa, college.

The farm manager, a faculty member at the college, later exam-

ined the sheep and found that it was sexually assaulted, she said.

Broderson remained in the Black Hawk county jail as of Tuesday, Oct. 31. The county attorney office said bond was set at \$75,000, while the county jail reported that Broderson was being held without bond because of the parole violation.

Iowa has no specific laws pertaining to bestiality, said Waterloo police Capt. Steve Witt, and therefore charged him with animal abuse. "I don't doubt it happens, but in my 30 years on the job I can't remember anyone actually being arrested for anything like this," Witt said.

Auburn U. mascot to undergo... sensitivity training?

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Aubie the tiger, Auburn University's mascot of 21 years, has been choke-slammed all the way to sensitivity training.

Auburn junior Joe Darby, who along with two other students portrays Aubie at Auburn's sporting events, agreed to participate in sensitivity education classes after upset viewers complained en masse about Aubie's attire at a recent football game.

The group also agreed to submit all future scripts and props for approval before using them in games.

In Auburn's 17-10 loss at Mississippi State, television cameras caught a shot of Aubie wearing a t-shirt that read "Aubie 3:16," a play on World Wrestling Federation superstar "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, whose "Austin 3:16" T-shirt is one of the federation's most popular pieces of merchandise.

Of course, long before Austin 3:16 was delivering sit-down piledrivers and Stone Cold Stunners, there was John 3:16, the biblical verse proclaiming that "whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

E-mails and phone calls poured in. Viewers complained that Aubie's

"message" was a contradiction of the separation of church and state, as well as a covert promotion of Christian ideals.

"In retrospect, we can see where the shirt could be interpreted in other ways and we apologize to anyone we might have offended," said Darby. "This is one of those decisions we sincerely wish we had made differently."

Darby said that Aubie was also wearing denim shorts and knee pads in order to emulate Austin's ring attire, and that references to anything other than Stone Cold were unintentional.

But Darby and his teammates told advisor Debbie Conner that the trio would not object to sensitivity training.

Darby also announced plans to re-

spond personally to every complaint the university has received.

"What happened as a result of Saturday is as far from what Aubie is

represent Auburn in a positive and entertaining light. Hopefully, by taking these steps, we can avoid anything like this happening again."

But an editorial in the Auburn Plainsman, the school's student newspaper, says that Darby's only offensive act is apologizing to those who complained.

"What the hell are these people thinking?" read the editorial. "Both groups of complainers have misinterpreted a harmless attempt at comedy for a holy war."

"It's a cat. It's a joke. It was a mascot imitating a nationally recognized and embraced performer. Get over it."

In 1970s and 1980s, the phrase "John 3:16" became every bit as synonymous with American sporting events as American churches, thanks in part to Rollen "Rainbow Man" Stewart, whose rainbow wig and "John 3:16" signs became fixtures at sporting events nationwide.

In the mid-1990s, wrestler Steve Williams adopted the phrase as part of his new "Stone Cold" persona, and sales of his merchandise set new records for the WWF.

After existing for 18 years as a cartoon tiger in Auburn's football game programs, Aubie became the university's official mascot in 1979 and has been on the job ever since.



Aubie, Auburn University's mascot, pictured here at a game against Wyoming on Aug. 31, 2000.

really about as anything could possibly be," Darby said. "We have no interest in controversy. We want to

Dayton, Ohio-area school plans computer crime course

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Crime fighting and computer cracking skills will be mixed to create a degree program at Miami-Jacobs College starting in January, said David Williams, a computer crime investigator and instructor for the program.

Those who complete the year-long Miami-Jacobs program will receive a degree in computer forensics and the training to investigate computer-related crimes in the public and private sectors, Williams said.

Only a handful of colleges offer such a degree, he noted, predicting that it won't be the case much longer.

An open house introducing the program will be held Monday at 6 p.m. at Miami-Jacobs College, 400 E. Second St.

There will be an overview of the program and discussion of the requirements, Williams said.

Twenty to 30 people will be admitted to the first class, which will

feature about two dozen instructors.

Students will learn everything from "hacking" into computers and recovering deleted information from hard drives, to unarmed and armed self-defense and how to give testimony in court.

Potential students cannot have felony criminal convictions and must be at least 21 if they want to take an optional firearms course.

Students will receive the training required to obtain licensing from the Ohio Commerce Department, Williams said.

With the license they could work in a variety of capacities, including industry computer security, private investigation and police computer forensics.

Williams said he expects the course to attract a wide variety of people from both the public and private sectors, including government employees.

