

Best and worst of Halloween movies

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With Halloween rapidly approaching I at the entertainment corner am providing a list of some of the best and worst (and trust me, there's plenty of that) Hollywood has to offer to pay homage to the scariest

day of the year. I am contractually obligated to present my e-mail address with each segment I do, please DO NOT HARRASS ME if you get scared from one of the ten worst films (OR IF YOU GET INSULTED BY THE FACT GIGLI IS NOT ON THE LIST). See you in your dreams MWAH HA HA HA.

The people at our Tax Desk thought they were gypped with this segment. Here we go. Ten Best:

1. Halloween
2. The Amityville Horror
3. Night of the Living Dead
4. The Changeling
5. Ghost Story

Psycho



Rosemary's Baby



And for those who would rather laugh at Halloween, here are the Ten Worst:

1. The Rocky Horror Picture Show
2. Jason X
3. Candyman
4. Hellraiser
5. Scream

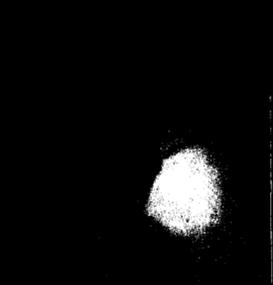
Cujo



The Devil's Rain



The Shining



The Exorcist



The Omen



Friday the XIII



Legend of the Mummy



Halloween H20



To trick or treat, that is the question

PSH students celebrate Halloween

By Jim Dougherty Jr., Staff Reporter

The sound of rustling leaves surrounds you as you walk to class. The smell of hot chocolate intrigues you while you feel the crisp autumn air. The taste of caramel apples and pumpkin pie fills your mouth, feeding that craving for something sweet. The sight of Friday night football excites you as you relax after a busy week of school.

It's that time of year again. The time when you can start to tell where everyone on campus originates. True Pennsylvanians can be seen still wearing t-shirts, even when the temperature drops into the 40s or 50s. Californians and those from southern states are noticeable by their heavy sweats and heavy coats. Fall has finally arrived and you know what that means. The Red Sox are finally going to the World Series again, and better yet, Halloween is near.

The idea of Halloween originated in the United States after Irish immigrants brought the custom with them in the 1840s, during

the midst of the Irish Potato Famine. Favorite pranks of the time included the tipping of out-houses and unhooking fence gates. Today, common pranks include toilet papering, egging, and smashing pumpkins (the prank, not the band).

One of the most common practices of Halloween is trick-or-treating. Trick-or-treating comes from a 9th century custom called "souling". On November 2, All Souls' Day, Christians would walk from town to town while begging for "soul cakes", or as I like to think of it, "ancient soul food." The amount of soul cakes a person received determined the amount of prayers they would say for the dead relatives of those who gave them soul cakes. Today, most trick-or-treaters receive candy, unless you lived in the dentist-filled neighborhood I lived in. Then you would receive a lecture on why candy is bad for you and receive a toothbrush for the time you spent listening to the dentists instead of getting more candy.

Each year, Halloween costumes become more creative. Just take freshman Aurora Gangloff, a Health and Human

Development major, for example. Gangloff plans to dress up as Malibu Barbie for her 18th time trick-or-treating. "I've been trick or treating since I was born," said Gangloff, whose favorite Halloween movies are the Leprechaun movies. She hopes to receive many Snickers bars in her bag, so that she can freeze them to make her favorite snack.

Although many college students are reluctant to go trick-or-treating for fear of being "too old", many recall their most creative Halloween costumes. Sherri Espenshade, a freshman DUS major and avid Reese's Peanut Butter Cup lover, recalled when she dressed as chewed bubble gum. "I wore pink pants, a pink shirt, and duct taped a shoe to my head. I went around, put my finger on people and told them 'I'm stuck on you.'"

Dan Berger, a senior Accounting major and Krackel bar aficionado, recalled when he dressed as Robin Hood. "I had a bow and some arrows, but by the end of my trick-or-treating, I was out of arrows. It's an unsolved mystery," he said. Berger provided some earth-shattering advice in saying "toilet paper is good-for many reasons," and

continued on to highly recommending Stir of Echoes. for a scary movie.

Others who do not participate in trick-or-treating find better use of their time, but still join in the Halloween festivities. "I like dressing up and scaring people. I have a fifty-fifty success rate. Hopefully, I can improve on that this year," said Michelle Ripka, a junior Criminal Justice major. This year, Ripka will be handing out candy instead of trick-or-treating.

George Young, Residence Life Coordinator, claimed that he is not a trick-or-treater. On being asked why he liked Halloween, Young said, "I like seeing the little kids dressed up and having fun. Seeing the tradition passed down through generations is a beautiful thing."

Whether you trick-or-treat or not, Halloween is a time for fun and enjoyment for all ages. Whether you go to hay rides or haunted houses, be sure to celebrate Halloween the right way this year. A number of parties are being held on campus. Be sure to be safe and not eat too much candy. You have to save room for the next big holiday, Thanksgiving. Until then, have a great time and share your cand.

Fall Fest brightens the day at PSH



PSH student Coleen Broderick decorates a pumpkin during this year's Fallfest. Pumpkin decorating was one of many activities free to students.

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Rain, cold and dreary clouds did not keep this year's Fallfest from being a success.

Students enjoyed festive activities, food and entertainment inside the Olmsted lobby and Gallery Lounge as rain fell on Fallfest's originally planned location in the Vartan Plaza.

"It's a shame that it rained on our parade," said SGA President Rodney Horton. "But it's our party and we'll cry if we want to."

Clearly, they did not want to. Instead of letting the rain get them down, students participated in festivities such as pumpkin decorating and guessing the weight of a large pumpkin.

A highlight of this year's Fallfest was the pumpkin-judging contest. Various campus organizations submitted decorated pumpkins for students to judge. Many of the pumpkins reflected the individual tastes and characteristics of the student organizations that made them. The International Student Services' pumpkin was decorated like the Earth, while the Capital Times pumpkin read the latest issue of the newspaper. Featuring a condom as a nose, the Student Health Services' pumpkin was made out of various kinds of contraceptives.

Finally, Recreation/Athletics contributed a pumpkin complete with a PSU swim cap and goggles. Students were also treated to complimentary food in the

Gallery Lounge. The buffet featured hot dogs, pumpkin cookies, caramel apples, apple streudel bars and hot chocolate.

As students enjoyed Fallfest activities, No Show Ponies, a Harrisburg band, treated the crowd to upbeat rock tunes in the lobby.

While students guessed how many candy corns were in a jar, members of SGA passed out free candy.

A large crowd gathered as representatives of campus organizations and clubs sat down in preparation for the pie-eating contest. The contestants sported "I Love Pie" t-shirts, and students cheered as the contestants dove into their chocolate creme and pumpkin pies. As some contestants began to drop out unable to finish their pies, Chi Gamma Iota's Andrew Dale and the Capital Times' Tom LeClair were nearly tied. However, Dale managed to finish his pie first, winning the contest.

Fallfest was sponsored and organized by the Student Government and Association and the Entertainment Council. It was also made possible by the student activity fee.

Fallfest gives students a chance to relax a little during the busy mid-semester said Horton. "It acknowledges the change in season and lets us have fun." For more information on how to get involved with campus activities such as Fallfest, contact the SGA in Olmsted E-136 or call (717) 948-6137



Photos by Kelly Nagurny

Harrisburg band No Show Ponies provided entertainment for students as they enjoyed Fall Fest activities.



Andrew Dale, winner of the pie-eating contest, nears the finish line. Dale competed in the contest as a representative of Chia Gamma Iota.



"Protection Pete" was a pumpkin submitted to the pumpkin-judging contest by Student Health Services. Pete was made of different kinds of contraceptives.