Local documentary examines Halloween

By SHAWN SHIELDS
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If a guest at a Halloween party is wearing a motion picture camera on his shoulder and holding a sound boom in his hand, he is not in costume.

Chances are he is a cinematographer from the Documentary Resource Center making a movie.

The DRC, a State College-based organization, is finalizing preparations for a film it plans to make this fall celebrating Halloween.

Filming will take place during Halloween and will follow several State College residents as they prepare their homes and costumes for Halloween, said Carrie Crompton, DRC project coordinator.

"We'll basically be filming everything that goes on to get a composite picture of how this community gets together at Halloween," Crompton said.

Why State College?

"People get into it more here than anywhere else I've ever lived," Crompton said. "Perhaps because it's still an isolated area and people aren't afraid to be outdoors at night."

Because State College is a college town, it attracts people from different backgrounds who bring their traditions along with them, Crompton said.

"Lots of exciting traditions are still alive here where elsewhere they've fallen by the wayside," she said, giving as an example the evening trick-or-treat. A lot of cities have modified this tradition by holding trick or treat in the afternoon or, in some cases, canceling it altogether, she said.

Kenneth Thigpen, co-founder of DRC and a University English professor who deals with American folklore, attributes much of the local Halloween enthusiasm to students.

"(Students) make everyone else crazy, too," he said.

The idea for the film came from a 1965 documentary done by Murice Mook, a late University professor, who dealt with American Halloween rituals, Thigpen said. The film was a silent black and white with subtitles. Thigpen said he believes he can recapture and expand on the theme presented in the first film with the use of modern equipment.

Thigpen said his cameramen will be filming everything from the State College Halloween Parade to local fraternity parties.

"There are many different elements to Halloween," Thigpen said.

"It's a time of release for us. People, in a sense, act out their fantasies," Thigpen said. "Children who are normally told not to take candy from strangers are allowed to trick-or-treat. Halloween is a tradition and traditions die very hard."

The film's release is tentatively set for next spring. It can be viewed on campus at that time, and will be aired on WPSX-TV next Halloween, Thigpen said.

People interested in sharing their Halloween customs are urged to contact the DRC office at 234-7886.

'Banned book' celebration ends today

By KELLY LANKAU
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Imagine going to the library only to find some of your favorite authors missing from the shelves. Mark Twain, Charles Dickens, Danielle Steele and Stephen King — gone. Or perhaps, like Hester Prynne, they would carry a scarlet letter — B for "banned."

Today wraps up the last day of Banned Books Week '85 — "Celebrating Your Freedom to Read" — which brings attention to hundreds of books that have been challenged or banned in the past.

All this week the Penn State Bookstore has displayed many of the books in question. Books such as the Bible, *Gone With the Wind*, *Lord of the Flies*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and other classics, along with books by contemporary authors such as Judy Blume, Danielle Steele, Stephen King, Judith Krantz and Norma Klein are included in the display. These and hundreds more have been the subjects of controversy since 387 B.C.

Elizabeth Wilson, merchandise supervisor for the campus bookstore, said for the last two years the bookstore has taken part in the activities.

"We want to let people realize that they are limited in the choice of what they can read," Wilson said. "We don't endorse any of these books, but people should have their own choice."

Books have been banned for many reasons, Wilson said. Most complaints are concerned with sex, obscenity, objectionable language, racism and disregard for religion.

Some court decisions have removed the controversial books from the shelves while other decisions have supported the Constitution's First Amendment guarantee of individual freedom of expression, she said.

The organizations sponsoring Bannned Books Week believe most would-be banners act with good intentions of preserving the morals and values of their society, Wilson said. However, the result usually is the denial of another's right to read.

Even Happy Valley is no stranger to suicide

By JOHN MOLLO
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Last year nearly 40 University students — a figure considered conservative — contemplated or attempted suicide, a clinical psychologist at the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services said last night.

Dennis Heitzmann said the figure is only an estimate because officials are not sure how many attempts may have taken place without anyone being notified.

"It's ironic that here in Happy Valley we have a problem with suicide," Heitzmann said. "But it does exist, although it is no worse here than in any other part of the country."

Heitzmann said studies indicate that as many as 1,000 suicides are attempted throughout the world each minute. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in this country, claiming as many as 35,000 lives a year.

Heitzmann said suicides have taken an alarming increase over the last two decades due to factors such as the increased pace of life, the breakup of the family, and possibly — as recent University research indicates — news media coverage.

Women are almost five times more likely than men to attempt suicide, although men are more likely to succeed due to the choice of more violent methods, such as gunshot wounds. In Pennsylvania last year, people in the 20- to 24-year-old age group had the highest rate of suicides at 14.5 per cent, Heitzmann said.

Native Americans have a five times higher than normal rate of suicide, Heitzmann said. Other groups susceptible to suicide are the elderly, college students and professionals, who at the peak of their careers may feel a sense of loneliness, despair or emptiness.

"Although every one experiences temporary depression, it's rarely the chronic feeling of total despair these people feel due to their unique pressures and environment," Heitzmann said.

According to statistics, April is the peak month for suicide incidents and Monday is the day suicides are more likely to occur.

Heitzmann said a common myth about suicide is that suicidal people are mentally ill.

Heitzmann said that although suicidal intentions may be latent — manifesting themselves through reckless driving or excessive use of alcohol — there are signs to look for if someone is suspected of having suicidal tendencies.

For example, a person may give away personal belongings, Heitzmann said. Other signs are a change in behavior or personality and a declining interest in people, food or sex. Finally, a person may acquire a means to end their life, such as a firearm or a large quantity of potentially fatal drugs.

Heitzmann said that if someone suspects that a friend may be contemplating suicide, it is best to approach the person and urge them to talk to someone or seek professional help.

The University's Ritenour Health Center maintains a 24-hour crisis hotline and can be reached by dialing 863-0395.

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Rush:

Black sororities working independently

By COLBY STONG
Collegian Staff Writer

While sorority rush is normally a time for a hectic and fast-paced schedule, including mixers and many socials, the University's three historically black social sororities hope to ease their rushees into sisterhood by conducting their own individual rushes.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and Zeta Phi Beta sorority are conducting their own rushes, separate from the other 17 sororities, as part of the tradition of their respective chapters nationwide.

Alpha Kappa Alpha President Angela Janey said although they might be at a disadvantage because they do not participate in Panhellenic Council's rush activities, an increased black population on campus could increase the number of their rushees.

Panhel President Laurie Maser agreed that Panhel traditionally does not relate to the black student population but she said the Black Greek Council, of which she is a member, hopes to solve that problem.

At an informal social, Alpha Kappa Alpha rushees were interviewed on a one-on-one basis and learned what is expected of them, Janey said. At a formal social two weeks later, the rushees will learn about the pledge program.

Delta Sigma Theta also chooses to conduct its own rush activities, said sorority President Gina Masterson. The sorority does not alienate its members from the rest of the greek population, she said, but instead provides a special bond among black women.

"Most Blacks want some type of cohesiveness," Masterson said.

Rush activities for Delta Sigma Theta, which has 14 members, were held Sunday. A formal was held so rushees could find out about sorority life and what a pledge will be expected to do.

Zeta Phi Beta will also conduct its own separate rush activities. President Karen Campbell said the sorority is special because it has only seven members.

"We are the smallest sorority on campus and this allows us to have a very close sisterhood," Campbell said.

All Zeta Phi Beta's rush activities will be held Sept. 15, featuring games and prizes for rushees, she said.

Angela Jones (senior-telecommunications), a black student and member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, did not rush at one of the three black sororities.

Jones said she chose to rush at Alpha Sigma Alpha with one of her friends and the fact that it was a traditionally white sorority never bothered her.

"Color never really meant anything," she said. "(Being a member of a traditionally white sorority) has given me a chance to meet people I never would have otherwise."

Jordan says funding is inadequate

By LAURA O'BRIEN
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University President Bryce Jordan told the Faculty Senate Tuesday that funding received by the University is not enough to cover the additional expenses proposed for the 1985-86 academic calendar.

Jordan said the total income changes, excluding tuition, are almost $12 million while the total expense changes are almost $25 million. This difference leaves a deficit of almost $13 million.

The funding received from statewide amounts "goes a short way to a very large deficit," Jordan said.

There is a deep-seated and long-lasting underfunding, he said, for the types of academic programs the University is trying to offer.

The funding received by the University in 1982 was 19 percent below the national average, and Pennsylvania ranks 42 out of 50 states for the amount it allots to higher education, Jordan said.

He said he thinks the University still ranks below average in 1985.

The additional expenses in the budget for the 1985-86 academic year are attributed to five categories: employee compensation, general costs of operation, program needs, student needs, and expenses offset by income.

Jordan said the increases are necessary for "protecting and enhancing the academic quality of the University."

The employee compensation is for retaining faculty in hard-to-hold positions, Jordan said, and for equity considerations. He said allocations for faculty increases will be based entirely on merit.

The money for the general costs of operations is going to major maintenance, new facilities and fueling, Jordan said.

Jordan said efforts are being made to convert budgeting from temporary to permanent status for certain programs.

"It gives the unit heads a chance to do some planning," he said.

Allocations of $3.8 million went to program needs, with the largest amount going to relieve working pressures in the colleges of Business Administration, Science and The Liberal Arts.

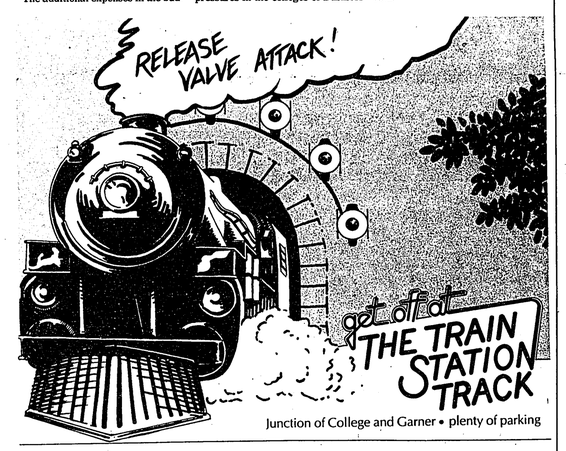
The funding will also go to the College of Human Development for enrollment constraints, especially in the department of hotel, restaurant and institution management, Jordan said. Entrance constraints are also being placed on the University's Behrend College near Erie.

Allocations were made to programs for recruiting minority students and to improve programs such as the University Scholars program, biotechnology and management information systems in the College of Business Administration.

Jordan said the $800,000 allocated for minority student aid falls short of what is needed. He said he is also looking to develop more support for general University student aid.

Jordan said the University continues to be a bargain compared to other colleges in the state in spite of the 7.73 percent tuition increase over 1984-85, which compares to a 9 percent national average increase.

"We need to be continually concerned about tuition costs," Jordan said.



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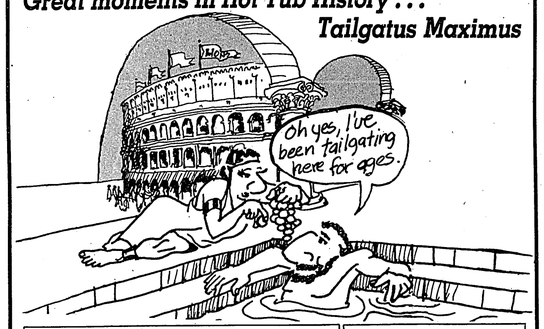

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   1. yes 2. no
   3. sometimes
3. I consume alcohol:
   1. never
   2. sometimes
   3. frequently
   4. almost every day
4. Which is most important in life?
   1. money
   2. fame
   3. health
   4. love
5. Which best describes your attitude toward school?
   1. I want to excel 2. I want to do well
   3. I just want to get by
   4. I don't care
6. My parents are:
   1. the greatest 2. fairly understanding
   3. out of touch 4. the worst
7. I think money is:
   1. very important 2. a nice thing to have
   3. not important 4. the root of all evil
8. What kind of music do you like best?
   1. rock 2. pop
   3. country 4. soul
   5. punk
9. The biggest drawback to casual sex is:
   1. it is morally wrong
   2. fear of disease 3. pregnancy
   4. no drawbacks 5. lack of partner
10. Is it okay for a woman to ask a man out?
    1. yes 2. no
    3. not sure
11. Physical attractiveness is:
    1. very important 2. fairly important
    3. somewhat important
    4. not important
12. How do you feel about religion?
    1. very important 2. important
    3. okay 4. not important
13. My main ambition is to:
    1. make money 2. get a job that I like
    3. find and wife/husband
    4. graduate
14. When it comes to marriage, I:
    1. will definitely get married
    2. will probably get married
    3. probably won't get married
    4. will never get married
15. What type of community did you come from?
    1. farm 2. small town
    3. suburb 4. inner-city
16. I worry most about:
    1. getting good grades
    2. having financial security
    3. being popular
    4. finding the perfect mate
17. Love is:
    1. just an exaggerated emotion
    2. the answer to all my troubles
    3. beautiful and sweet
    4. the reason for a lot of sadness
18. Where would you most like to go on a date?
    1. bar 2. party
    3. dinner 4. movie
    5. stay home with my date
19. How do you feel about fraternities/sororities?
    1. they're all snobs
    2. good for some people only
    3. they're okay
    4. not sure
    5. I'm a brother/sister and I love it
20. How do you feel about little kids?
    1. like them 2. can't stand them
    3. depends on the kid
21. Where do you go to meet new men or women friends?
    1. school 2. bars
    3. parties
    4. football/basketball games
22. On a typical first date, you would:
    1. meet for coffee or a drink
    2. have lunch
    3. see a movie or concert
    4. have dinner 5. other
23. The section of the newspaper I read first is:
    1. the front page 2. sports
    3. comics
    4. Ann Landers/Dear Abby
24. How do you feel about your sex life?
    1. ecstasy 2. satisfying
    3. lousy 4. non-existent
25. How do you feel about singles bars?
    1. great place to meet people
    2. meat market 3. never been to one
    4. my second home 5. no opinion
26. Abortion should be:
    1. up to the women
    2. the couple's decision
    3. illegal 4. not sure
27. I am most comfortable with:
    1. average people 2. the "in" group
    3. intellectuals 4. bums
28. Who can really make you laugh the most?
    1. David Letterman 2. Johnny Carson
    3. Edie Murphy 4. Joan Rivers
29. Do you find yourself:
    1. leading 2. following
    3. getting in the way
    4. dispassionately observing
30. What characteristic do you look for most in a friend?
    1. loyalty 2. sense of humor
    3. generosity 4. sensitivity
31. I consider myself:
    1. outgoing and witty
    2. shy and quiet
    3. studious and reserved
    4. rude and obnoxious
32. I usually:
    1. attack life 2. let life attack me
    3. get clobbered in the process
33. I most like to take classes that are:
    1. a challenge 2. an easy grade
    3. bizarre
    4. most beneficial to my future
34. What attracts you most to someone?
    1. physical characteristics
    2. money/status 3. intelligence
    4. common interests

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