

# Unusual costumes the norm at area shops

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On All Hallows' Eve, the ghosts and ghouls are coming out, but this year you may find a Ninja or a gorilla knocking at your door instead of the traditional witch or vampire.

Costume shops and store owners are hauling the attics to bring out their most popular Halloween costumes. At both New World Headquarters and Tinderbox Gifts, it's the Ninja warrior. The Fright Gallery already

## business

sold out of Jason hockey masks from Friday the 13th; at the Party and Wedding Corner, people are going bananas over a foam banana suit; and at the Prop Shop the favorite item is a star-decked wizard suit.

Though exact figures were not available, costume shop owners stress that they do up to 80 percent of their business during the few weeks before Halloween. This weekend, most of the costume shop stocks will be loose in State College, getting strange looks from the populace.

Both New World and Party and Wedding Corner rent out costumes throughout the year and concentrate on other products during other seasons.

New World, 118 S. Pugh St., is a store dealing in used and unusual clothing, while Party and Wedding Corner, 140 N. Atherton St., provides supplies for weddings and similar events.

Fright Gallery owner Douglas Albert annually transforms his art gallery on McAllister Alley into the Halloween costume display, a one-month-only shop for Halloween costumes and accessories.

Albert said he moved the Fright Gallery from Uncle Eli's, 129 E. Beaver Ave., another store he owns, because he could devote more space to Halloween merchandise.

Costume shop owners each have theories about what customers look for when they descend on the local shops during the October haunting season.

"Customers have an idea of how they want to look before they come in," said Bari Prop, proprietor of the Prop Shop, 2508 Buchenhorst Road. "Sometimes they find what they want and sometimes they change their minds while they're here."

However, New World owner Gary Filkins

said people often have no idea before they come into his store.

"Most people come into the store because they have a party to go to and they want to dress up," Filkins said.

"Most people come in at the last minute," said Bobbi Smith, manager of the Party and Wedding Corner. "It's indecisiveness. People come in and look, go back, come in and make another decision."

Smith sees a greater number of residents dressing up for Halloween.

"People are becoming more easy-going and willing to dress up," Smith said. "Many of the residents weren't willing to have anything to do with it before."

Filkins said older residents and students choose costumes differently.

"Adults rent the traditional costumes such as Mae West, saloon girls, the Sultan costume and Charlie Chaplin," Filkins said. "Students definitely border more on the bizarre."

Albert, who specializes in costume sales, said some customers are reluctant to buy costumes instead of renting them.

"There's a throwaway attitude about the holiday," Albert said. "Many people, especially students, think spending \$30 to \$40 on a Halloween costume is out of the realm of

reality when they'd spend the same amount on a bottle of wine or spend \$60 on a scalped football ticket."

All of the costume shop owners have at least one unusual item sure to gain attention.

Albert described his most unusual costumes as "whimsical and creative." One which sold out early was a red lame lobster outfit with a hood and "giant glove claws."

The most unusual costumes at New World, Filkins said, are a Miller beer can and a three-layer birthday cake with candle on top.

Prop said the most unusual item in her shop, which specializes in handmade historical costumes and period pieces, is an "outlandish" Henry VIII outfit.

Although costume shop owners can always count on these attention getters, as well as their basic vampires and ghouls, there are always a few outfits that do not work out.

Filkins said New World's failures this year were the prisoner suit, normally a success, and the Statue of Liberty outfits bought because of the excitement surrounding Liberty Weekend last summer.

At the Party and Wedding Corner, Smith said, people are passing over the "less colorful" items such as witch outfits.

Other stores, though they might not be completely taken over by the Halloween

spirits, also look forward to the holiday.

Steve Arts, owner of Tinderbox Gifts, 137 E. Beaver Ave., said a regular store draws in customers who are not just looking for a costume.

"We are pulling in customers for cards, candles, wrapping paper, decorations and candy," Arts said.

"Just because this is a gift shop, it doesn't mean you're not going to look for a costume here," Arts said.

Raymond Agostinelli, manager of McLanahan Drug Store, 414 E. College Ave., said the chain's downtown stores stock low-priced Halloween items because of the University traffic.

"We carry more of the less-expensive items," Agostinelli said. "Costume shops carry the more expensive costumes."

Agostinelli said costume shops usually carry a larger costume selection, including the more unusual items, but they stock similar makeup items and accessories.

Lower-priced items, such as vampire and bunny accessories, sell better for Agostinelli.

"Halloween is the only time of the year when people live out their fantasies if that's what they want to do," Filkins said. "It's the only holiday where people spend money on themselves."

# USG casts endorsement votes

By SUSAN KEARNEY  
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The Undergraduate Student Government Executive Endorsement Committee yesterday announced its support of candidates for governor, U.S. senator, and state senator and representative.

Todd Sloan, co-director of USG's Department of Political Affairs, announced the committee's endorsement of Republican Lt. Gov. William W. Scranton III for the gubernatorial race over Democratic opponent Bob Casey.

"We view Mr. Scranton as a new-generation representative," Sloan said.

USG President Matt Baker said Democrat U.S. Rep. Bob Edgar received the committee's endorsement for the U.S. Senate seat instead of Republican incumbent Sen. Arlen Specter.

Baker said the committee supported Edgar because of his strong stand against the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law and his opposition to cuts in student financial aid programs.

"(Edgar's) plan to revitalize the economy of Pennsylvania is a good one, too," Baker said. "He has been solid and consistent in his voting record."

USG Vice President Sue Sturgis announced that the committee is supporting Democrat George Field as representative for the 77th District over Republican incumbent Lynn Herman.

"We need a representative who knows the needs of Penn State and who is willing to fight the good fight," she said.

Field, who was present for the announcement, said: "This is going to make the race for me. This is the kind of support I need to go to Harrisburg. We're going to make a difference to Penn State."

The USG committee also endorsed Republican incumbent J. Doyle Corman for state senator because of his "track record" on student and University issues, said John Jablowski, co-director for Department of Political Affairs.

Last week, the committee endorsed Democrat candidate Bill Wachob for the 23rd Congressional District's seat.

Sloan said, "The endorsement committee feels with these candidates the Commonwealth will forge ahead."

Baker said that although the committee en-

dorsed three Democrats and two Republicans, the political affiliation of the candidates was not a factor in the endorsement process.

The 1986 USG endorsements were based on personal interviews with all the candidates except the gubernatorial ones and Corman, public speeches; debates; and a USG supplementary questionnaire that was submitted to USG by most of the candidates, said Baker.

"We feel that these candidates best represent the needs of the students," Baker said, adding that the purpose of the endorsements is to inform and educate students.

Baker said that in the past "students have traditionally voted for the candidates USG has endorsed."

The endorsement committee is composed of 10 USG executives: Baker; Sturgis; Bob Bender, executive assistant; Frank Cleveland, coordinator of the Student Alliance for Education; Sloan and Jablowski; Jenifer Bolden, co-director of the Department of Minority Affairs; Cary Hazzard, representative from the Department of Women's Concerns; Susan Papalardo, director of the Department of International Affairs; and Lizanne Daukas, treasurer.

# Plant closings topic of Wachob proposal

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PHILIPSBURG — Democratic Congressional candidate Bill Wachob presented a plan yesterday to limit the impact of plant closings across the country — a strategy he said could have saved the General Cigar Co. Inc. from shutting its doors to its 400 employees in this small town.

Wachob, who is running against William F. Clinger for the 23rd District seat, released his plan in front of the plant that will close in January.

At least no employees attended the press conference, but they could be seen working inside the factory.

"Plant closings tear at the very fiber of our communities," the candidate said. "We need to act much more forcefully in order to prevent future plant closings and to bring in new jobs to replace the lost ones."

The nation needs legislation that could prevent the dramatic impact a plant closing can cause in the small communities that depend on the industry to support the economic viability of the town, he said.

Wachob's three-part proposal includes requiring advance notification of plant closings and major layoffs, alternatives to prevent plant closings, and his previously introduced National Development Bank.

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