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Abandon all hope, ye who read herein...
Two $25 prizes for best Halloween costumes

Craig VandeVenter
Staff Writer

Kicking off this year’s Halloween at the Boone DMACC will be the annual Student Activi-
ties Council Courter Center costume contest. The SAC held the event last year with substantial participation among not only the students but the faculty as well.

The three categories participants are judged under are include

- the best female student costume, the best male student costume, and the best faculty costume.
- Winners of each category will be awarded $25 gift cards. The costumes must be school appropriate and cannot be indecent in any shape or form.
- “People’s costumes can be store bought or they can be homemade. It doesn’t matter,” said Steve Krafcisin, the current SAC adviser.
- Krafcisin was last year’s winner of the best costume category. He dressed as a 1970s ABA professional basketball player equipped with team sweats and a giant fake Afro.
- “I was a pretty good Gene Simmons one year,” said Krafcisin; he has yet to decide on what he will be dressing up as for this year’s contest.
- Last year’s Halloween festivities consisted of the Courter Center costume contest but also a tasty apple eating contest.

Front window, far left side: Sandi Johnson

Sandi Johnson is a woman many students have seen in their first days at the Boone campus. She has been here for forty years.

Her first duty is helping the dean and students. She works behind-the-scenes to make sure your daily class schedules aren’t interrupted and making sure events aren’t scheduled for the same place at overlapping times.

She can be found most days in the front office, at the far left window, helping students like Justin Thompson “She always recognized my name [from church]. We’d always play the name game.”

She graduated from the Boone Campus in 1971. Then in ...
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**THE VIEW FROM THE STANDS**

**Rays Reach World Series**

Zach Harder
Sports Columnist

Sunday night the Rays fended off the Boston Red Sox to advance to the World Series for the first time in history, as they won game seven in the ALCS with a score of 3 to 1.

The Rays led in the series three games to one, before the Red Sox came back in game five after trailing by seven runs and managed to manufacture eight runs in three innings. The Red Sox won game six, John Beckett on the hill with Jason Varitek's homerun that gave the Sox the lead and eventually the win. It looked as if the Red Sox were going to wiggle their way into another World Series.

There has only been five times in history where a team has come back in a series from being down by more than two games. The Red Sox have been two of them. After the two elimination game wins, it seemed as if the Red Sox were going to muster up comeback number three as Dustin Pedroia homered to left field in the first inning.

The Rays would fire back in the bottom of the fourth when Evan Longoria hit a double to right field that would get Carlos Pena home to tie the game at one each, but the Rays wouldn’t stop there. The very next inning Rocco Baldelli would hit a single that gave the Rays the lead. In the seventh inning Willy Aybar hit a solo homerun to give them a two run lead.

The Rays pitching gets a lot of the credit for the win after a big out from Matt Garza, and a clutch finish from rookie David Price. Garza gave up a homer in the first, but that was the last thing the Red Sox would get from him. He went on to strike out nine before being yanked in the eighth inning by manager Joe Maddon. They brought in four other pitchers that inning, including the young hero of the night David Price. With bases loaded and two out, Price would strike out J.D. Drew to end the inning. Then went on to get the save in the ninth to get the Rays their first appearance in the World Series in franchise history.

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**DMACC Tournament Results**

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**Number 3, Monika Dricicil digs the ball while number 16 Molly Steffens attempts to get out of the way during the tournament on Oct. 10-11, hosted by DMACC.**

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**Justine Young and Amber Lynne Boevers set the ball after a fierce attempted spike. Amber Lynne leaps for a set.**
Eden's Top 10:

1. Behind the mask: the rise of Leslie Vernon (2006): This funny poke at the stereotyping of horror movie villains via "reality TV style" turns cleverly askew when the tables are turned on the film crew. This movie is definitely a cult classic.

2. Exorcism of Emily Rose (2005): Based on a true story about a girl in Germany who died during an exorcism. This story is purely frightening based on the mere humanitarianism involved rather than the full Monty viewed in most horror films.

3. Friday the 13th (1980): One of the classics of a masked killer avenging a death long since past. Call it cliché but that fact of the matter that this was one of the true trail blazers when it comes to slashers.

4. Halloween (1978): Another classic horror film about a killer that kills for no reason. This movie is considered a horror due to the fact that Michael Myers has no reason for killing and as always the unknown is scary.

5. Killer Clowns from outer space (1988): This movie is plan 9, all packed into 180 minutes.


7. representatives (1996): Another poke at the slasher films with all the pop culture references you can handle. This film also breaks the many "rules" the horror genre has and broke every one.

8. Night of the living dead (1990): A true remake. Why? Because this movie expanded on the plot of the original with more butt-kicking zombie action!

9. Bride of Frankenstein (1933): Yes, I chose a sequel because its sympathetic view of Frankenstein's monster is heartwarming and ultimately forgiving to the monster's dastardly deeds. Besides what would pop culture be without the bride's hair?

Honorable mentions:

Amber's Top 10:

1. Nightbreed (1990): This is my all-time favorite horror film. It captures the essence of the book "Cabal" and is a movie about the real monsters — humans — from the "monster's" point of view.

2. The Lost Boys (1985): My favorite vampire flick. It's only in the unique visuals that hasn't disappointed me in any area (good acting, plot, character developments). It presents itself as what it is: a fun, sexy, imaginative film with a comic touch.

3. The Ring (2002): The first horror film that had scared me — and I meant really scared me — since The Omen. I loved the urban legend feel of it and I was talking about the movie Urban Legend), it gave it a sense of realism, as though it could really happen.

4. The Omen (1976): Terrifying. Scarier than the remake, filled with creepy scenes of demonic activity. For full effect, watch it with the lights off at night. Alone, if you dare!

5. Halloween (1978): Classic slash-flick. You can't miss this film, inspired by the Celtic holiday Samhain. It is the prototype slasher-film of the 70's, starting a string of following films such as Friday the 13th.

6. Child's Play (1988): This film, while it may seem silly, has excellent horror potential because it turns what should be a kids' toy into a nightmare. It gave me nightmares, though I thought the film was funny while I watched it.

7. Children of the corn (1984): Ginger Snaps Back isn't as good as the original, though it has its own high points and great costuming.

8. Children of the Corn (1980): This movie is plan 9, all packed into 180 minutes.

9. Ginger Snaps: Ginger Snaps Back is a source of childhood nightmares, though I thought the film was funny while I watched it.

10. Halloween (1978): This is my all-time favorite film. A creepy film, much scarier than the remake. The original emphasizes what the remake lacks: the satirizing of American culture. The plot is a bit different, though the concepts remain similar. It still maintains the horror of the living dead, driven to feast upon the living. You may recognize one of the characters from his cameo part in the remake. Ginger Snaps and Ginger Snaps Back: The Beginning (3rd) (2000) and (2004): Ginger Snaps is an awesome werewolf movie. It's smart and makes it turns what should be a kids' toy into a nightmare.
Halloween is celebrated not only here in America, but in countries around the world as well. Their traditions are different from America’s traditions. The information shown below is according to timehistory.com and jackolaterns.net.

All Saint’s Day

All souls day, the catholic holiday, is celebrated with variations in most catholic nations around the world. It is celebrated on Nov. 2, and was first celebrated around 800’s and is largely believed to have started by the Catholic Church as a means to replace the traditional catholic festival of the dead. The celebration of all souls day is to honor the dead and spirits of saints and martyrs. The celebration varies from culture to culture.

The most common variation of All Souls Day is in Mexico, Latin and South America and is known as the day of the dead and is celebrated from Oct. 31 through Nov. 2. It is believed that on Oct. 31 the souls of dead loved ones rise from their graves and return to their homes.

In preparation for this the families of the deceased construct alters in their homes and decorate it with flowers and photographs and on it they place an assortment of the loved ones favorite food, drinks, and candy. In addition to this the family decorates, and cleans the graves of their loved ones, and burn incense to help the deceased find their way home. On the final day families gather at the grave site and have a picnic to reminisce about the lost loved.

Unlike Latin and South America other countries tend to follow the catholic traditions with only a slight variation. In Italy they make cakes in the shape of beans known as the beans of the dead. In southern Italy families set up a huge feast for the souls of the departed and then go and attend church for the remainder of the day if they come home and find that the meal has not been consumed it means that the spirits rejected it and it will mean bad luck for the family.

In Estonia they have a folk tale about people going to church on Nov. 1, All Saints Day and encountering ghosts sitting at the pews and listening to a ghost priest. In France a bell man would walk the streets on “All Saints Day” (is a variation on All Souls Day) warning people about the coming of the spirits in which people would rush into their homes and jump into beds and shut their eyes.

Guy Fawkes Day

In England they have a unique Halloween like holiday known as Guy Fawkes Day which takes place on Nov. 5. England celebrates this rather then Halloween which they stopped celebrating after the Protestant Reformation. Guy Fawkes Day got its start on Nov. 5, 1606 following the execution of Guy Fawkes, an English traitor belonging to a catholic group which attempted to blow up the parliament building in an attempt to remove King James from power. On Guy Fawkes Day the English people burn effigies of Guy Fawkes.

Children in some parts of England run around carrying a small effigy of Guy Fawkes and ask for money. This is the closest thing that can be found in England to the American tradition of trick or treating. Though early American settlers practiced Guy Fawkes after America became a nation of its own the tradition faded and eventually died. It is also celebrated more or less the same way in Australia and New Zealand.

Asian Traditions

Halloween traditions are not just limited to western cultures. There are a multitude of other cultures with similar traditions. In China there are two Halloween like traditions the first being Teng Chieh which is celebrated on Oct. 15. Teng Chieh is a festival in which families place food and water in front of photos of their dead relatives. The other is the Festival of the Hungry Ghosts which is celebrated on the fifteenth day of the seventh month of the Chinese calendar. It is believed that on this day the souls of the dead wander the world in search of recognition and care.

In the Philippines it is customary to light candles in the remembrance of their loved ones around Halloween. In Vietnam they celebrate a festival known as Vu Lan which is celebrated at the same time as the Chinese Festival of the Hungry Ghosts, in which it is believed that it is possible to save a loved one from hell by praying for the loved one on this day.

In Japan there are two Halloween like traditions the first being the O-Bon Festival which is either celebrated from July 13-15 or from Aug. 13-15. The O-Ban festival celebrates the memory of dead relatives and supposedly got its start with a legend of a Buddhist monk who while meditating envisioned his mother hanging upside down which is considered to be hell in Buddhist beliefs.

The reason for this was that she had consumed meat in her life which is a Buddhist taboo. According to the legend the monk journeyed to hell and bought his mothers freedom. The celebration begins with the family going out and decorating the grave with fruit, cakes, and lanterns.

The following day spirit alters known as a tamadana are constructed within the home on which a memorial plaque (photo) is placed along with various vegetarian dishes and cucumbers shaped in the form of a horses which the spirits of their loved ones are invited to ride. On the final day of the celebration people gather together and perform a ceremonial dance known as the bunadori.

The celebration concludes in the evening when celebrators light paper lanterns to help guide the spirits back to the other shore. The other holiday this is celebrated on the autumn equinox is called Higan. It is a time when families visit the graves of their dead loved ones and clean up the grave site.

African Traditions

A form of “Halloween” is also celebrated in Nigeria. The Odo Festival the Igbo village is celebrated to mark the return of the dead to those still living. The festival consists of celebrations meant to welcome those returning from the spirit world. Part of these festivals includes various plays featuring people wearing various costumes. In these plays men play the acting roles while women act as the chorus.

However, the exact day of this tradition and duration is unclear but it is said that the spirits of the dead are believed to stay for six months. When they finally depart it is in a very emotional affair, because the people believe that they will not return for another two years.

Caramel Apples

What do I need?
- 12 apples
- 2 (14 ounce) package individually wrapped caramels, unwrapped
- 4 tablespoons milk
- 1 (72oz) package of m & ms
- Wax paper
- Butter
- Baking sheet
- Popsicle sticks or craft sticks

What do I do?
1. Remove the stem from each apple and press a Popsicle stick into the top. Cover your baking sheet with well-buttered piece of wax paper.
2. Place caramels and milk in a microwave safe bowl, and microwave 2 minutes on high to medium high, stirring once. Make sure all the caramel is melted. If it is not perfectly melted, put in microwave for another minute. Allow to cool briefly.
3. Roll each apple quickly in caramel sauce and keep repeating until well coated. Place on prepared sheet to set.
4. Before the caramel is fully dried, sprinkle some m & ms on your apples. Not enough? Try rolling your apple in them.

Shane Meier
Staff Writer

Halloween Around the World

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Caramel Apples

Eden Hinrichs
Executive Editor
Josh Marker  
Staff writer

I could bore you with a bunch of boring facts about what type of computer that the Xbox 360 is running with as opposed to the PlayStation 3.

The best way to figure out if the 360 is better than the PS3 or visa-versa, was to go around and to ask students what they thought about this subject. Most of the students surprised me with what they had to say.

One student, Clayton Goos in particular, he claims that the PS3 is better than the 360 because it already has a wireless connection, and it has a blue ray player in it.

Which for those of you that don’t have a clue what that is, it is a fancy way to make the already existing DVD player have and turn them into 1080 compatibility, just another way to make us pay more money, for not too much greater of a product.

However, it still has that capability, and the 360 does not. On top of all this, the online gaming for the PS3 is free whereas the online for the 360 is costly, but better quality. As Goos said, “The PS3 just has more bangs for your buck!”

I asked 30 people and I found out that 75% of them choose the PS3. Even though the price of the 360 has gone down to $199.00, and the PS3 still has a starting cost of $399.00.

I am proud new owner of the 360 so I may be a little bias. I love the online gaming. I was talking with some of my neighbors about the games that they had and they were telling me that the internet we have doesn’t work well with the PS3, it cuts out and has a lot of lag. My Xbox is direct connected to the source without wireless, and my connection speed is amazing.

There is always up and downs to every gaming until you will ever buy. However, there is one thing that many people don’t think about, and that is the effects it can have on a person’s life.

I don’t know how many gamers I have talked to that were normal people with active lives, before they got the gaming disease. After they got it everything went downhill for them, all they could talk about was games they had played, people they had beat and how they couldn’t wait to get back to playing it.

They would tell me stories of staying up all night sometimes till six in the morning, just to beat another level or kill another guy to raise their stats, causing these kids to stop going to class, social events and even work. I have heard of some guys who stand up a woman just to play more video games.

This was very shocking to me because I had no idea the effects that these games had on the average player, turning them into drones playing to get there next fix of “Guitar Hero” or “Gears of War.”

A lifetime can pass by if you don’t look around and start chatting to real people instead of online people you will never meet. I am one of those average kids that are starting to turn, but I see this and I will change, but for now all I can say is, “I am Josh Marker, and I am now a gamer-aholic.”

Have a good one Y’all.

Marker, and I am now a gamer-aholic.
Horoscopes

By Shane Meier

Aries: You have annoyed a traffic signal today, and as punishment for the next week you will catch nothing but a stop signal.

Taurus: A strange foreigner will regale you this week with the phrase ‘All your base belong to us.’

Gemini: Four guys called the four elemental lords are stalking you this week but they are so polite that just want to meet you.

Cancer: Whatever you do don’t eat at Pizza Dinosaur even though they’re everywhere.

Leo: This week you will go on a quest to save your neighbors from zombies.

Virgo: Be careful around mailboxes this week for terrorist have been recruiting mailboxes as suicide bombers.

Libra: If you are ever lost or confused remember the universal answer to all questions is 42.

Scorpio: The reason you cannot find your sheep is because they were eaten by wolves, run over by a truck, and became corporate lawyers.

Capricorn: Your life used to be very exciting but now is dull, but don’t worry for a pretty alien is going to change all that.

Aquarius: 11100 00101 11001 001110 0011001 111001. (10 characters)

Pisces: You need to take a break, you’re stressing yourself out go and have a Kit Kat bar.

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Late Registration dates: Jan 12- Jan 17, noon
Domestic abuse Incidents

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Among these chairs, two cases are very recent. The victims, Michelle Davis and Lacrissa Davis, both were murdered over the last six months.

Michelle Davis, 41, was shot on Sept. 19, 2008, while driving on I-235. Police arrested her estranged husband, Randy Davis. Michelle Davis was in the process of finalizing her divorce from Randy Davis.

Lacrissa Davis, 27, an Ames Casey’s clerk was shot to death on July 28, 2008, by her boy friend, Tom Hayes, who had threatened to kill her if she went to work.

He shot her and then escaped on a bicycle. He was later confronted by a Nevada police officer. Hayes shot the officer and stole his squad car. When the police finally managed to stop the suspect, he committed suicide.

One woman’s story

One Boone Campus student, Justine Martin, nearly became one of these statistics. Martin was once an addict to drugs like meth, pot and crank. “[My partner] drank a lot and I didn’t. It was an endless cycle,” said Martin.

“He was aggressive all the time because I couldn’t keep my mouth shut,” Martin said.

Martin had her nose broken and was even run over by him. “He kicked me out of the truck (while it was moving), reversed the truck and ran over me. He came back for me and took me to the hospital.”

He threatened to kill her on multiple occasions, but she finally had enough. Martin decided to leave him and he decided to kidnap her children. She got her children back with help from police.

ACCESS helped

Martin sought help from ACCESS on two occasions. The first time she asked for help when she was about nine months pregnant and her abuser kicked her so hard that it had left a permanent dent in her shin.

She stayed for a week with ACCESS before leaving to stay with her mother. She got back together with her abuser.

The second time with ACCESS they helped get her children back. Martin obtained a never-ending restraining order that the abuser broke only once when he broke into her house. She was thankful that the cops watched her house and helped her out a lot.

Martin became clean shortly after leaving him and has been off drugs ever since. As a student, Martin hopes to become a drug and alcohol counselor to help people who are trapped in a similar situation as she was.

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