

Hellish Halloween happenings

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It's time once again for Halloween, the evening of magic and merrymaking, when haunting is at its fullest. Witches, ghosts, and goblins twist the imagination and orange and black decorations deck the halls. Trick-or-treaters travel door-to-door in hopes of receiving delightful treats and maybe even playing a couple of tricks along the way.

Halloween parties are the place to show off that special costume, and even celebrate the night in complete disguise. If your Halloween plans amount to sitting home, handing out candy and watching videos of the Halloween movie series, here are a few suggestions that might liven up your holiday.

Visit the Haunted House sponsored by Power 97 in the Meadows Mall parking lot next to the Broadway Tire Center. It will be open through Halloween night. On Halloween night, Power 97 will provide a DJ to liven the festivities. It is open from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m., and the charge is \$6.

For the mature audience, stop at the House of Terror on Maryland Parkway and Karen Avenue. The House of Terror will be open

to terrorize from 6 p.m. to 12 p.m., and the charge is \$4.50.

The Ethnic Council and Student Government are sponsoring a Halloween bash on Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. It will be held at the Moyer Student Union, Rooms 201, 202 and 203. The charge is \$1 with costume, \$2 without costume. All proceeds go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The MSU is prepar-

ing games for the evening as well as a DJ, and refreshments.

On Wednesday, Oct. 31, KUNV is sponsoring a Halloween party. The night will be filled with live music by Constant Moving Party and Penelope's Boyfriend, and dance music will be provided by DJ's Warren Peace and Travel Agent. KUNV will be giving away 100 compact discs, cassettes and albums. The eve-

ning begins around 9 p.m. and the charge is \$5. I.D. is required.

The Palladium will be specially open on Wednesday, Oct. 31, to celebrate Halloween with a "fun evening to be had by all." There will be a special witches brew, and prizes for the many categories in the costume contest. The party and dancing starts at 9:30 p.m. with a charge at the door. I.D. is required.

For Shark Club fans, there will be activities on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Tuesday is "Thriller Night," which will feature "Follies" dancers who will be on hand to entertain with numbers choreographed for Halloween. Wednesday evening will convene with the usual activities, including a costume contest and more. For more information, call 795-7525. I.D. is required.

The University Inn Zone will feature the Oldies Band, "Flash-back" to celebrate Halloween on Tuesday, Oct. 30. There will be drink specials, T-Shirts to give away, cash prizes and much more. The party begins at 9 p.m. For more information call 788-3022. I.D. required.



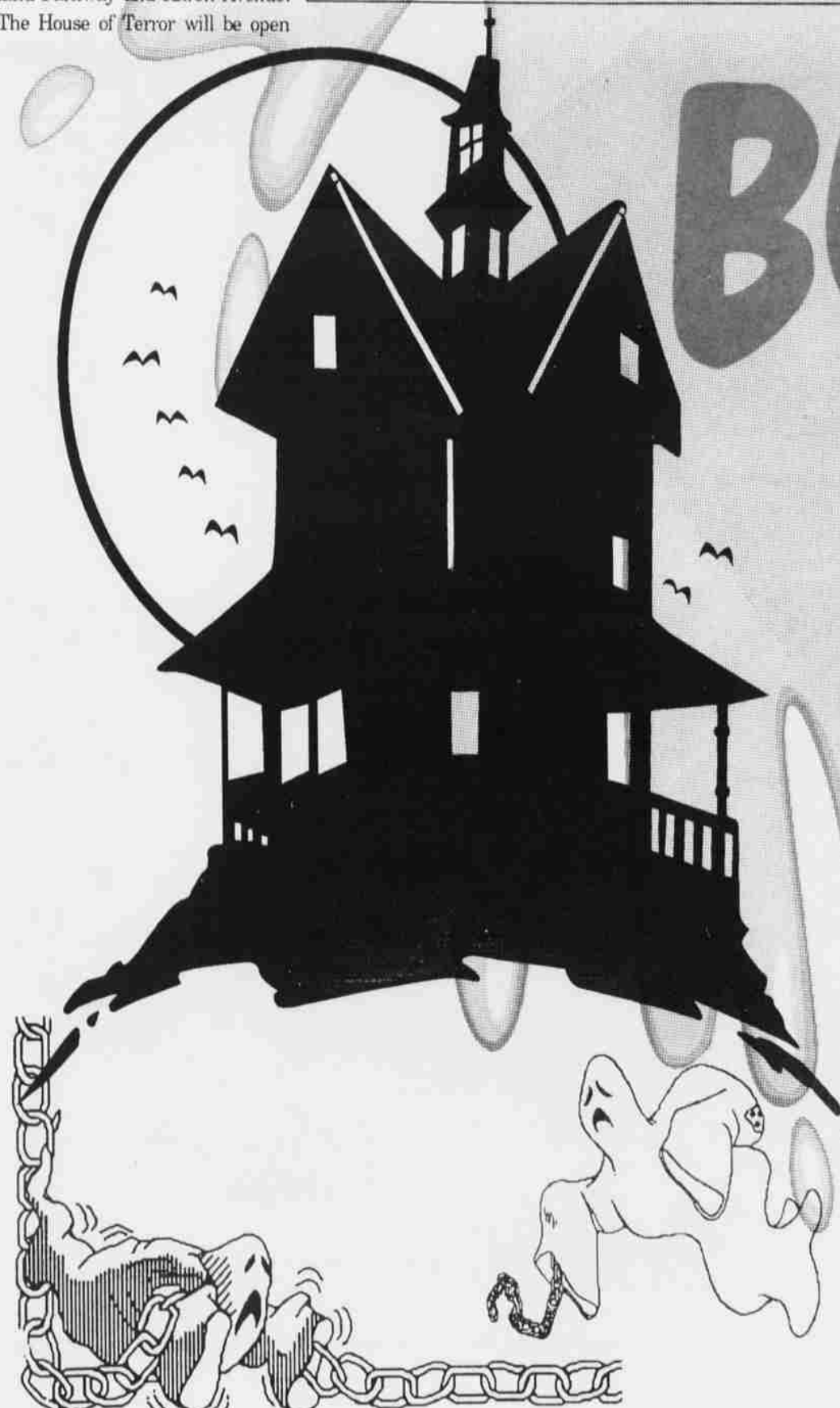
What to see for Halloween

UA Theaters

- The Witches(PG)
- Arachnophobia(PG-13)
- Repossessed(PG-13)
- Ghost Dad(PG)
- I Come in Peace(R)

Syufy Theaters

- Graveyard Shift(R)
- Night of the Living Dead (Now in color!)(R)
- Tales from the Darkside(R)
- Lord of the Flies(R)
- Ghost(PG-13)
- Arachnophobia(PG-13)
- Pacific Heights(R)



BOOO!

A bit of Halloween history

The spirits and ghosts

The 2,000-year-old Celtic Feast of the Dead is probably the source of today's Halloween celebration. The feast began on Oct. 31, the eve of winter and of the Celtic New Year. The Celts thought this night a "crack in time" when the dead could revisit the living.

The tricks or treats

In the 9th century, the church christianized the feast by naming Nov. 1 the Feast of All Saints (or All Hallows) and Nov. 2 the Feast of All Souls. Children would go "a-souling" or begging for sweet soul cakes in return for prayers for the dead.

They would chant:

*Soul, soul, for a souling cake
I pray, good missus, for a souling cake
Apple or pear, plum or cherry
Any good thing to make us merry*

Since the alternative was to make them mad, we can see the origin of "treats" or "tricks."

The jack-o-lanterns



Jack-o-lanterns have various origins. An old Irish tale goes like this: There was once a mischievous man named Jack who was barred from heaven for his stinginess and from hell for his practical jokes on the devil. He was condemned to walk the earth with his lantern until Judgment Day.

- In northern England and Scotland, the term, jack-o-lantern, was used to describe the night watchman.
- A story from rural England insists that "long ago" the menfolk would go to the annual fall fair and get too tipsy on cider to find their way home. The womenfolk would make lanterns from pumpkins, or "punkies," and set off in the night to find them.

SOURCE: U.S. Naval Observatory; World Book