

# Ghostly haunts will make your flesh creep

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Edward Howe once said "A good scare is worth more to a man than good advice." Students whose advisors lend credence to that notion have three chances to field test it this Halloween season.

Three haunted houses—or actually, two haunted houses and one haunted tent—offer disquieting Halloween diversion in the Eugene area. For consumer awareness, they are evaluated here by the Tombstone Rating System, from one to four.

**Springfield Jaycees Haunted House** — Springfield Mall; 7-10 p.m. through Tuesday; Admission \$1.50, \$1 with discount coupons available from Springfield merchants; proceeds go to Jaycee projects for underprivileged kids and senior citizens.

The Jaycees have transformed a giant tent into an impressive gauntlet of horrors. Small groups of potential cardiac victims wind through a convoluting corridor dripping with cobwebs and lined with "living exhibits."

The sound system adds considerably to the mayhem, sending churning, hellish noises through the gallery.

Especially effective is the Mad Doctor exhibit, where a grisly "op-

eration" separates the dedicated gore-lover from those just bolting through.

Rating:



**Boys' and Girls' Aid Society Haunted House** — River Ave. and Ross Lane (just off Belt Line); 6 to 10 p.m. through Tuesday; \$2 (\$1.50 for under 13 and over 60); proceeds go to the Society, which provides maternal care and adoption services.

Although a fire last Saturday nearly deep-sixed their project, the members of the Cedar Branch of the society worked feverishly last week to reopen their haunted house. Aided generously by community labor and materials, they packed two floors of horror into a one-story, winding hall of the bizarre.

Their hard work shows. They present an exceptionally scary display. The scenes reveal much detail and refinement of theme, and range from the frantically terrifying to the chillingly funereal.

There's something to petrify everyone. As a special treat, University math students may enjoy

seeing instructor Peter Sherman "at rest" in an eerie wake scene.

Rating:



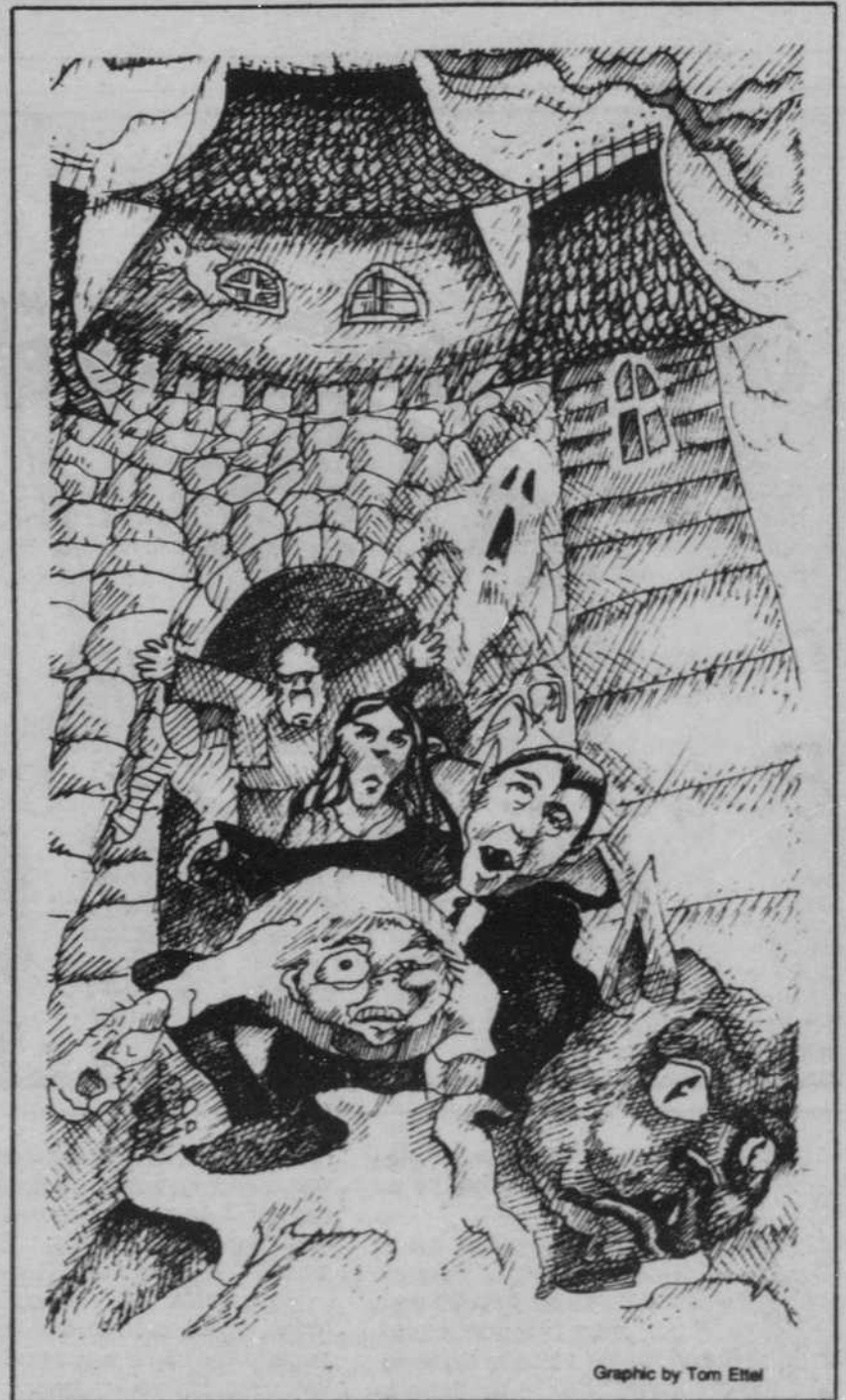
**Springfield High Band Haunted House** — 1975 N. 5th St. Springfield (1 block from Fred Meyer); opens 7 p.m. through Tuesday; \$2 (\$1.50 under 12), party rates, call 746-6637; proceeds go to the band's "March to Mexico."

This one's hard to beat. The students have converted an old house, which was vacant ten years, into a two-story trip through fear. "Just in case," for they supply guides fore and aft for each group making the circuit. The exhibits are imaginative and well staged, the lighting works well, and the spooks are, well, spooky.

The tour winds up and down creaking stairs, creeps through strange and spongy tunnels, and slinks under frightfully distracting things suspended from above.

This haunted house offers some unique scenes; the transformation of the Incredible Hulk comes off well, but the high point must be the kitchen, where two shrieking she-ghouls "halve" at each other with meat cleavers and other frightening implements in a strobe-lit, blood-spattered scene. Deliciously macabre!

Well-plotted and scary indeed, it gets the highest rating:



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## Finding ideal Halloween goody is tricky for would-be treaters

Kids are not the only ones that can end up looking like monsters on Halloween — so can the person who hands out the treats.

Concerned as you are about the drooling goblins' teeth, you defi-

nately don't want to hand out Mars Bars or Pay Days. But then suspicious parents dump homebaked cookies in the trash can, and with the price of raisins these days, they'll probably raid the kiddies'

bags and hoard the little boxes for Christmas baking.

First, the grocery store still hides a few wholesome munchies between "Cap'n Crunch" and "Miniature Marshmallows." The figs, dates, peanuts, cashews and crackers make appealing treats.

So what can be done Halloween night besides locking the door, turning out the light and studying in the closet?

Homemade goods such as peanut butter cookies, gorp balls and cupcakes also delight the R2D2s and spidermen — if they aren't confiscated first. Avoid wasting time and eggs and butter; label all baked or home packaged foods.

The ingredients help parents with children on special diets or who have allergies. Your name and address will help too, though not totally, to remove the yearly worry about razor blades and poisons that turn treats into gruesome tricks.

There is an admittedly un-American alternative to this sticky business of giving and receiving food on Halloween. Surprise the children with balloons, marbles, beads for making necklaces, pencils or paper airplanes. Or haunt garage sales and thrift shops for matchbox cars and costume jewelry. Children will treasure these treats long after the toothaches are gone and the stretchy string on heir masks is broken.

And if saying "oh, how cute you look" to 50 Darth Vaders and 30 Apollos isn't appealing, try putting up a black maltese cross.




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