Ghosts and goblins gather at greek gala

Playboy bunnies, pirates, clowns and a wide array of original characters attended a Holloween party for special education students Saturday at Parker Elementary School.

The event, free for the children, was put on by the University chapter of Gamma Phi Beta sorority in association with Chi Psi fraternity.

Jamie Peterson, a junior majoring in French and education, organized the annual event. Peterson is "philanthropy chairman" of her house and donated her time and effort along with the help of 25 sorority members and approximately 20 Chi Psi students.

"Staging events like this is a good way to show the community we care and want to get involved. Most of these kids don't get the opportunity to go out and celebrate Halloween by the traditional trick-or-treating. This is a good way for them to enjoy the festivites," Peterson says.

the messy but enjoyable task of carving a unique pumpkin which the kids took home with great pride and smiling faces. The first through sixth-graders participated in party games, but Zappy the clown highlighted the event.

From The Clown Company, Zappy amused the children with a humorous selection of skits and routines that demanded participation from the audience. He also lit up faces by creating animal balloons and making all of the kids into clowns with the aid of colorful makeup.

Although most clowns get their laughs from "knock 'em dead" slapstick, Zappy feels that kind of comedy can influence the

"When kids see us do slapstick, that behavior is reflected almost immediately. Whether or not this is bad I don't know, but I try to avoid violence and promote kindness as my theme," the clown

When Zappy is not a clown he is

special education students at South Eugene High School. He accounts for his success as a clown to his experience with children and the fact that he enjoys what

"To me it is very rewarding to spend time with people and watch them progress.

Evidently, the children enjoyed him also. Jesse Barlett, 8, summed face is all made up and Zappy really made me laugh. I had a great Halloween!"

Peterson already is excited for next year's party.



Special education children get the chance to carve pumpkins at a party sponsored by a fraternity

Council sets priorities at goal setting session

By Michele Matassa

Financial management and economic diversification top a list of 10 long-range priorities set by the Eugene City Council this weekend at its annual goal-setting

Each fall, the Council determines 10 goals to consider while molding policy decisions over the next year, says Pat Lynch, council administrator.

The first goal, financial management and resource issues, deals with stabilizing the city's financial condition, Lynch says. The other top goal, economic development and diversification, has been a focus of the Council's for two year, he says.

The Council also aims to aid human resource services, to help "meet the needs of people who are caught in the throes of the recession," Lynch says.

The fourth and fifth goals on this year's list were included within the economic diversification goal last year but merited more specific attention.

Westward extension of 6th and

7th Avenues highlights the Council's goal to improve the city's transportation. Capital improvement, the fifth goal, includes development of "infrastructures" such as sewers and fire protection, Lynch says.

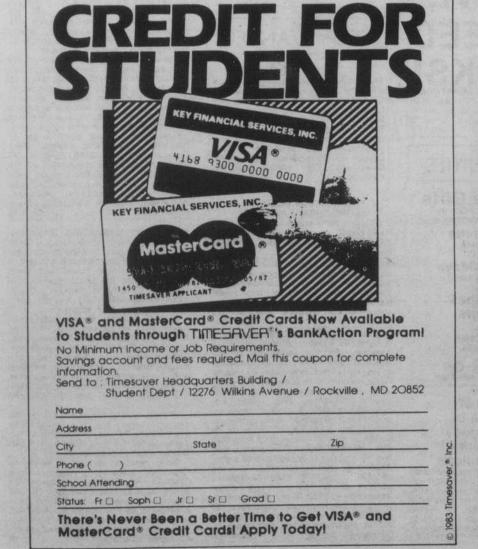
The Council also chose to emphasize grassroots crime prevention. "We will continue that focus, recognizing that with limited resources, there's a lot we can do with the help of folks in the community. It's really a problem that has to be solved in the home," Lynch says.

Other areas of importance include future community planning, intergovernmental relations, providing urban facilities to outlying areas and improvements of the Mahlon Sweet Field airport terminal.

This last category is linked with economic diversification because a modern air terminal is one factor in attracting business to the area,

The goal session lasted a heated 16 hours, with Council members deliberating ranking of the 10 goals, Lynch says.





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