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All Hallows' Eve is a holiday rich in tradition and history, including huge bonfires to scare away evil spirits and the return of the recently dead to carouse on earth once more before moving on to another world. (See Halloween history, Page 10B).

These and many other old traditions have led to the creepiness surrounding our Halloween celebration today.

The joy of celebrating Halloween is often left to the young, traveling door to door for candy and junk food, sitting in a darkened room hearing tales of slowly creeping spirits out to seek revenge, or wandering through a 'haunted house' putting their hands into a bowl of 'brains' and 'eyeballs' (peeled grapes and cold, cooked spaghetti).

But while most 'adults' may choose to stay at home and give out candy or check out a local club for some music and laughs, there are still those for whom the bell tolls each Halloween.

The information in the following pages is mostly for those who find, for whatever the reason, that Oct. 31 is a holiday to celebrate each and every year.

For many the fun of Halloween is being able to dress and act like a completely different person. It is a chance

to don a new persona, to become the person you have always wanted to be or the person you have always hated. It's a chance to go wild and let it all go.

Finding the right costume is half the battle. Your costume should empower you, it should make you feel like a new person. (See costume store listing, Page 3B).

But once your dressed, what then? You need to find the right spot to show yourself off. For some people it's a party at a friends house. But because Halloween often falls on a weeknight the parties are usually held on the weekends, leaving a void on Halloween night.

Well fear not. There are many clubs and hang-outs in the Eugene/Springfield area that sponsor annual Halloween parties (See calendar, Page 9B). Music ranges from rock'n'roll to rhythm and blues.

Many of these night spots are also sponsoring costume contests. Categories range from the best Simpson family member lookalike to simply



the best costume of them all. Some of the prizes are quite hefty, like a trip to Hawaii. (See contests, Page 9).

Finally for those who are simply attracted to Halloween because of its association with fear and creepdom, there are some good new and re-released horror movies at the theaters. The classic *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* will be running Halloween night at the Bijou Arts Cinema. If you've never seen it this would be a good time to catch it, because Halloween is it's final showing. (See movie listing and review, Page 5).

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