HAUNTED HAPPENINGS -

Just who (or what) do you wanna be Saturday

houls, goblins, and ... Richard Nixon?

No, this list is not an association game, it is merely a sampling of the hundreds of masks available to party-goers this Halloween.

Chuck Leach, owner of the Chazpro Family Fun Shop on 13th Avenue and Patterson Street, claims his store offers more than 100 different masks to choose from.

"Political masks are a little hotter this year, obviously," Leach said. "It's funny, because even though this is a liberal-minded community, the conservative masks seem to sell the best.

"I guess the liberals just like to wear the masks to make fun of all the conservatives," he said.

With a selection ranging from Ronald Reagan to Jesse Jackson to George and Barbara Bush, students are able to express themselves across almost the entire political spectrum.

Most of the political masks are in the \$15 to \$30 price range. However, perhaps reflective of his Persian Gulf War defeat, a Saddam Hussein model can be nabbed for less than \$10.

Of course, the Fun Shop also provides a complete assortment of the usual Halloween characters.

"Old men and old women masks always sell well," Leach said. "And werewolf masks and their variations usually go fast."

In addition, the shop has a collection of Star Wars characters and a wide assortment of horror movie monsters.

If \$30 is too much for your Halloween budget, though, lesser-priced outfits are easy to find. Most convenience stores offer paints and hats when the end of October comes around, and a simple costume can be made for only \$10.

"You can do a good job for \$10 to \$15," Leach said. "With a wig, a half-mask and a little makeup, anything is possible."

Leach said most students go with a wig and various special effects, ranging from bullet holes to brooms, for their costumes.

And if time and money are a serious problem, the ever-popular Zorro mask is available for less than \$5.

Chazpro also has a number of complete costumes for frantic shoppers.

"Most of the costumes go for about \$25," Leach said, "I'm surprised the fraternities haven't gotten into the 'Roman Nobleman' outfits, in the tradition of *Animal House* and all



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Leach said sales of masks, costumes, wigs and the rest of the Halloween gadgetry have been about average this year, although he is expecting a big rush as Halloween draws near.

"We'll be open until 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, although if someone doesn't have a costume by then, they're probably going to be in trouble," Leach said with a laugh.

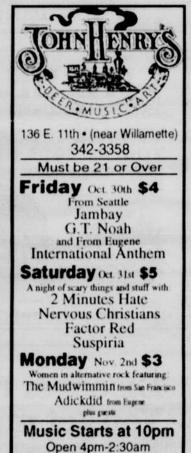
-Peter Nussbaum



"Aaaaaahhhhhhhh" is the response this mask will probably evoke at Halloween parties







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