

Fright-night videos are sure bet

What are the scariest things in the Eugene-Springfield area? I mean besides OCA members.

That's right; horror flicks. Because last year when you went trick or treating you came home with raisins, carrots and befuddled stares instead of good, old-fashioned, rot-your-teeth-in-a-matter-of-minutes candy, this year you'll have to stay home with a video.

The following are some suggested viewing options that you can watch while ignoring all the little kids dressed up as Batman and turtles with nun-chucks while pleading for sympathy and a Snickers bar.

10: *Halloween*: The granddaddy of all slasher and holiday serial killer movies. It established Jamie Lee Curtis as one of the first "scream queens." One of the last decent pictures director John Carpenter had left in him. He later went on to direct last year's blockbuster *Memoirs of an Invisible Man*.

9: *Dawn of the Dead*: In a strange sort of way, this is a good election year pick. Filled with almost as much social commentary as gore (but not quite), this is director George Romero's best moment with comedy, pathos and terror blended quite nicely in a shocking package.

8: *Amityville Horror*. Whether this is a true story is certainly de-



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Watching some of the scariest videos found at the corner video store is a good way to avoid the candy-seeking youth crowd on Halloween.

batable. But what remains is an effective haunted house movie. If you really want to scare yourself, keep repeating, "It's based on a true story. It's based on a true story."

7: *Evil Dead*: All aspiring filmmakers can be full of envy while watching this hilarious exercise in camera work and gross-out gore. This low-budget film is yet more proof that money spent on a movie has nothing to do with quality. An absolute must see.

6: *Puppet Master*: Speaking

of low-budget horror movies, there is a production company called Full Moon Entertainment that is releasing one cheesy horror flick per month straight to video. For the most part, they are fun, bloody and decidedly tongue-in-cheek. They also have high production values for the money put into them. The *Puppet Master* series is the best of the bunch.

5: *Psycho*: This list needs a

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