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Housing residents to hand out candy

■ **TRICK-OR-TREAT:** The event will provide 'safe, dry, friendly' fun for kids who live in family housing

By Tom Potter

Student Activities Reporter

Throw in some candy, costumes and the residence community and you'll have the University Housing trick-or-treating night. You'll also have an opportunity for residence hall residents from all backgrounds to meet.

Residents from Carson, Earl, Walton and the University Inn residence halls will decorate their halls and provide candy for the kids of family housing families, who will be trick-or-treating tonight.

"I think it's important that everyone knows all the types of communities of student families out there," Program Coordinator for Family Housing Tymi Montgomery said. "[We need] to broaden everyone's scope."

Montgomery said the many families who live in family housing should be recognized as being students as well. The residence hall trick-or-treating activity would be a good opportunity for all residence hall communities to get to know others living in family housing, Montgomery said.

Trick-or-treating in the residence halls also has advantages over trick-or-treating in local neighborhoods, Montgomery said. The activity is planned, and kids and parents know exactly where they will be going, Montgomery said.

"It's a safe, dry, friendly environment," Montgomery said.

There are 650 families from the East Campus, Westmoreland and Spencer View family housing communities that have been tar-



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Jenny James decorates McCallister lounge for a Halloween party.

geted for the trick-or-treating. But only about 300 families are expected to participate.

"It's gotten so big, I thought, 'Wow, let's get the residence halls involved,'" Montgomery said.

Those participating will be shuttle-bused over to the residence halls if they don't have transportation.

There will be early trick-or-treating at the University Inn from 3 to 5 p.m.

In Carson Hall there will be different games for the children from

6 to 9 p.m., including a cookie eating contest.

Kids will then be able to trick-or-treat in various halls. Candy will be provided by each hall.

The kids who participate will also get to judge which hall they think was decorated the best.

"These are kids that don't get a chance to go trick-or-treating normally because they live in the residence halls," said Holly Cresto, a program assistant for Carson Hall, who helped plan the program along with Montgomery.

KWVA turns up technology, campus visibility

■ **RADIO:** The campus station, 88.1 FM, is using money formerly allocated to a general manager position to upgrade its equipment

By Angie Suchy

Student Activities Reporter

If station staffers have their way, campus radio KWVA 88.1 FM may soon be cranked up on every student's stereo, and the station will gain the respect its staff feels it deserves.

At the very least, the station will be purchasing new computers and computer software. Student employees are also looking to update their digital recording equipment, which may include a new sound board for higher quality sound, said station General Manager Frank Lenzi.

The ASUO Student Senate recently approved a money transfer from a KWVA general manager's position. The money can now be used to purchase new equipment.

KWVA staff had originally planned to hire a full-time employee as a permanent general manager to oversee the situation, Lenzi said. Instead, station managers decided to change the position to a stipend-based salary for a student employee, using the bulk of

the general manager allocation to revamp the station.

In the immediate future, the station plans to increase the quality of programming by offering more public service announcements, campus promotion spots and announcements of student group and community events, which are free of charge, Lenzi said.

"We hope the station will have a tighter, clearer sound in all facets of programming," he said. "But we don't want to sound cheesy like some top-40 station." Long-term station goals include the desire to attract more student interest and make the station a "more useful radio classroom," Lenzi said.

Once the new equipment is installed, station staffers hope to attract more journalism students interested in pursuing radio careers, Lenzi said.

"KWVA is not generating as much interest as I'd like to see," he said.

One ongoing station goal is to increase the visibility of the station on campus. The station has been in operation for three years.

"We hope to raise the level of professionalism," Lenzi said.

The transferred money will also be used to pay for station promotions, bumper stickers and possibly concert sponsorship and a new sound effects library.

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