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# Adults get to play dress up on Oct. 31

■ Halloween costumes range from easy, sweeping themes to detailed TV characters

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It is that time of the year again. Ghouls and goblins rise from their hiding places for one of the biggest parties of the year. Hal-

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loween 2000 is finally upon us. What will you be wearing this year?

From simple sheets to complex masks and suits, there are many different ways to dress for Halloween. More importantly, there are many reasons to dress up,

whether to have fun or to help someone in need.

“It's Halloween tradition,” freshman Silas Box said.

Box came up with a rather unorthodox idea for a costume this season. He was debating whether he felt like dressing as “white trash,” this Halloween. He decided on this idea because of what he is able to wear with it: a mullet.

“Mullets are so in,” Box said.

Often the most appealing costumes drain one's pocket book. When this happens, home made outfits are usually the way to go — the options are endless.

Dracula and Frankenstein are two popular costumes from movies. They are often the most popular on campus. Those who are not into the scary movie genre can turn to a sports theme. One unusual costume is from the movie “Slap Shot.” The Hanson Brothers, fictional characters from the movie, are original options for the season.

Those who are undecided as to their costume can opt for tradi-

tional favorites or even cats and rabbits. Last but not least, three strategically placed holes in any sheet can transform anyone into a living, walking ghost. But be careful, because sheets are ever so important during winter months and may be ruined with this costume, due to the possibility of rain and biting cold.

Fun seems to be the biggest reason for dressing up in a devilish outfit.

“It's about being creative and it's fun to make your own costume. Plus I want to get candy,” freshman Emily Gaskey said, who was debating whether or not to take advantage of this Halloween by wearing a costume.

But do Halloween costumes always have to be just for fun? Residents in Cloran Hall, a community-service-oriented hall in the Hamilton Complex, were debating doing something for the community while trick-or-treating.

“A girl in our hall wanted to get together and go trick-or-treating dressed up as tin cans,” freshman Jennifer DeBlois said.

She said the residents of the hall would donate any food they received to those who are in need from the Eugene area. Dressing up as tin cans would help show their spirit toward the needy and give Eugene residents even more of a reason to help out with their cause.

Not all students are planning on wearing costumes this season. A burdensome class load or empty wallet may lead to a costume-less Halloween for these students. Also, the inability to obtain or create costumes can contribute to this.

“I won't wear a costume because I'm a college student and I'm broke,” freshman Jessica Greenwood said.

Most outfits do not have to be lavish or even scary for the costumed to enjoy the Halloween season. Whether the outfit is for trick-or-treating or just trying to scare someone, a costume is one way for students to express themselves. It is a safe and enjoyable way to celebrate tradition and have fun during Halloween.

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### Fearsome farm Halloween

For an old-fashioned Halloween experience, take a haunted hayride through Springfield's Dorris Ranch orchards. Offered by the Willamalane Park and Recreational District, the event will take place Oct. 30 and 31, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The ride, which lasts 30 minutes, follows a path lined with jack-o'-lanterns and tours the

farm's orchard to view various haunting and historic scenes. After the ride, hot apple cider will be served in the pioneer barn, and crafts, games and a visit to Dr. Frank's lab will be available.

Reservations are required, so purchase tickets to this ever-popular event early. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children and seniors. Dorris Ranch is located on South Second and Dorris Street in Springfield. Call 736-4544 for more information.

### Witches strut their stuff

The 6th Annual Witches Ball will be held

tonight at the WOW Hall. All ages are welcome, and the event will feature a range of activities for witches of all ages. The bewitching evening begins at 8:30 p.m. with showtime at 9 p.m. Admission is on a sliding scale from \$6 to \$10 at the door. Kids under 12 free.

The event is sponsored by the Cauldron of Changes, a non-profit organization focused on developing Wiccan and earth worshipping communities. Land of the Blind, a tribal trance band, will headline the musical aspect of the evening.

The WOW Hall is located at 291 W. 8th Ave.

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