

EVIL DEAD EVIL DEAD 2 ARMY OF DARKNESS EVIL DEAD SCARES UP SOME SCREAMS FOR HALLOWEEN

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What would the witching hours of Halloween be without the staple horror flick?

This primarily low-budget form of entertainment has thrilled and amazed audiences for decades. It is only right that every ghoul and ghoullette should not let this spooky opportunity pass by without experiencing the ritualistic thriller. From *Friday the 13th to Hellraiser*, the horror film industry has thrived on notoriety deriving from one thing: sequels. Perhaps one of the more overlooked horror series is the trilogy titled *The Evil Dead*.

Directed by Sam Rami (*The Quick and the Dead, Darkman, Hard Target*), the *Evil Dead* concept took form in 1983. The original film was put together on a \$350,000 budget and was organized and produced by Rami and a few buddies (including Bruce Campbell, the star of the series). Basically, we're talking about a bona fide low-budget flick.

If you are looking for a story line in this carnage-fest, prepare to be disappointed. Rami's attempt is to portray the story of a few college students' discovery of



A demon with acne from 'Evil Dead 2.'

the *Necronomicon* (an ancient "book of the dead" which was said to open the door to the world of the undead).

After most of the group is possessed by evil spirits and torn apart in new and interesting ways, Ash (the hero of the series, played by Bruce Campbell) confronts the demons in a claymation sequence that screams "fake blood rocks!" *The Evil Dead* enjoyed eventual success in London and the U.S., but the real booster came when the sequel, *Evil Dead 2: Dead by Dawn* was released.

Dead by Dawn made its debut in 1987 after Rami Campbell and friends acquired enough money and interest to produce a sequel. The plot of the movie runs almost parallel to its predecessor, but this time more emphasis was put into the "comic horror" aspect of the film. Ash loses his hand to the evil demons released by the *Necronomicon* and replaces it with a chainsaw. Ash's girlfriend, Linda, stars in a morbid dancing scene that makes you want to take a second look at relationships. It is this type of thing that make you realize that our hero Ash has received more damage than any other action/horror hero in history. And this is only the second film.

This cult icon trilogy concludes with the 1993 release, *The Army of Darkness*. To set an appropriate mood, the film was promoted with the phrase "trapped in time, surrounded by evil, low on gas." This time, Ash is hurled by an unseen force back in time to medieval England, where he is



You thought you were having a bad day. At least you don't look like this demon from the 'Evil Dead' trilogy.

immediately hailed as the "promised one." Once again, the *Necronomicon* is the culprit, and Ash is expected to deliver a castle full of eager followers from the evils of forces known as the "Deadites." Note: we are not dealing with originality, just a cool, yet corny, version of an overdone plotline. Groovy.

In addition to the overall tongue-in-cheek comedy aspect of the film, *Army of Darkness* sports an interesting soundtrack by Danny Elfman (formerly of Oingo Boingo). Despite its obvious inaccuracies (like the fact that Ash never reloads his rifle throughout the 33-shot ending sequence), this movie provides a substantial ending to a trilogy that has become a cornerstone in the horror film industry. Not only is it the perfect pick for that Halloween eve entertainment, the *Evil Dead* series will provide much needed insight for witching-hour strategies. Just don't hack apart the kids in sheets.

Halloween at CCC

Halloween is tomorrow night and, because Halloween is basically a night for children, there is not much for college students to do -- at least that is what we thought.

The Print asked several people what they were planning for Halloween, including 19-year-old pole vaulters Will Jones (left) and Vasilis Tsirimiagos (right).

"We are going to dress up as women and hunt for a party," they replied.

Most students who were asked also said they would be out on the town looking for a party, but Softball Coach Paul Fiskum said, "It's pretty much a kids' night." He and his wife plan to take their children to a neighborhood pumpkin-carving party and then out trick-or-treating.



Photo by Mandy Furrow and Jamie Campos.

Have a safe and happy Halloween-- The Print staff!!!

We want your blood



The ASG is having their annual blood drive on Monday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The drive will be in the Gregory Forum. For more information contact Brinda Fearn at ext. 2247.

Halloween Funky Facts

Compiled by Dan Clark and Joel Shempert



An in-depth, scientific expose of the Halloween candy industry -- not for the faint of heart.



Product Most Devoid of Natural Substances:

PIXY STIX

HONORABLE MENTION:

CANDY CORN (DEFEATED DUE TO ADDED EGG PRODUCT)

JELLY BEANS

Products to Avoid (due to overuse of stuff that's healthy):

BUTTERFINGER BB'S (ROASTED PEANUTS, CORN FLAKES, SKIM MILK)

MILKY WAY (WHEAT FLOWER, SKIM MILK)

TOOTSIE ROLLS (SKIM MILK)

TWIX (RIBOFLAVIN)

Ingredients We Don't Want to Know About:

SORBITAN TRISTEARATE (WHOPPERS)

CARRAGEENAN (BABY RUTH)

CARNAUBA WAX (NERDS, GOBSTOPPERS, RUNTS, CANDY CORN)

MAGNESIUM STERATE (RUNTS)

SOYBEAN OIL MONO & DIGLYCERIDES (PEZ)

TUMERIC COLORING (BLOW POPS)

Worst Possible Items to Hand Out On Halloween:

APPLES

CARROT STICKS

FAT-FREE CARMEL CORN

TOOTHPASTE

BAGELS

CONDOMS

More Useless Info.:

314: THE NUMBER OF LICKS IT TAKES TO GET TO THE CENTER OF A TOOTSIE-POP.

9: THE NUMBER OF SLURPS IT TAKES TO OBTAIN A BRAINFREEZE FROM AN ICEE.

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