

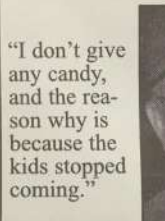
Faculty Poll: Halloween

What treats do you give out on Halloween?



Chris Whitten

"Small arms. Occasionally small legs."



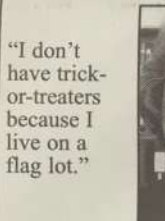
David Smith-English

"I don't give any candy, and the reason why is because the kids stopped coming."



Jan Bishop

"The little fun-size chocolate bars."



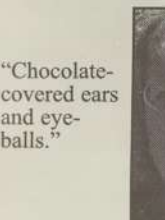
Katie Hovanic

"I don't have trick-or-treaters because I live on a flag lot."



Nora Brodnicki

"Nothing."



Sharman Graham

"Chocolate-covered ears and eye-balls."



Terry Mackie

"Chocolate. Tootsie Rolls are chocolate."

Local Halloween haunts



Kimberly Maier Clackamas Print

The haunted house at Oaks Park, Scream Land, is ready to make you scream with colorful and scary monsters.

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Local residents looking for a good scare this Halloween have their pick when it comes to attractions featuring scary ghouls and ghouls and ghouls.

For ultimate thrill-seekers looking for a heart-pounding exhibit full

of blood, torture and screams at every turn, Scream Land at Oaks Park is the way to go. Leave the kiddies at home for this one, folks.

Tickets for the "Thrillology," which features three terrifying haunted houses, can be purchased for \$18. Disturbing figures are hidden in every nook and cranny of the house, and the actors take the gig very seriously. Every detail of this haunted

house is intended to scare the pants off anyone who dares to enter.

The sets at Scream Land are very realistic. The exhibits featuring autopsy tables actually smell like formaldehyde, another turn of the corner fills the nostrils with the aroma of gasoline or a rotten swamp.

Scream at the beach is having its fifth anniversary this year and

is rumored to be scarier than Scream Land. Located in the Jantzen Beach State Park Center, this attraction offers something for all ages and screams of terror. The web site, www.screamatthebeach.com, has a scary map that allows parents to choose what house will be appropriate for their child's temperament.

In addition to the haunted houses, there are three live shows, a tarot card reading, a gift shop, snacks and games. The exhibit continues through Oct. 31 and tickets are available online. \$20 gets you into most of the attractions and group discounts are available.

Willamette Falls Television Station on Main Street in Oregon City is hosting a not-so-terrifying house on the night of Halloween starting at 4:30 p.m. and lasting until 7:30 p.m. The theme is the "Wild West" and the whole event will be filmed on live television.

"It's appropriate for all ages to have what I like to call the 'fear factor' without all the blood and guts," commented Studio Manager Melody Ashford. "Kids really love it because they get to be on TV."

Ashford has been organizing and hosting the theme houses every year since 1998. There is candy handed out after the exhibit, and it's free, a very good price."

15th century dummy's guide to witch hunting

"Tombstone" Tombe

Co-Editor-in-Chief

Whether you call it the "Malleus Maleficarum" or "Der Hexenhammer" (to-MAY-to, to-MAH-to), "The Witches' Hammer" is a hell of a read.

The "Malleus Maleficarum" was the definitive guidebook used by the church to hunt witches in the 15th century. The small-mindedness of people never ceases to amaze me, especially when these same small minds carry so much imagination.

The guide is divided into three parts. The first part deals mainly with the philosophy and theology behind witches and witchcraft — "proving" them to be real, and outlining various powers of witches.

It's kind of funny that early in the book, the foremost concern is the sexual power of witches (the Inquisition did a terrible job of suppressing its fear of powerful women).

There's even a section dedicated to "Whether Witches may work some Prestidigitary Illusion so that the Male Organ appears to be entirely removed and separate from the Body." That's one mean party trick.

My favorite quote from that section: "There is no doubt that certain witches can do marvelous things with regard to male organs." Yeah, baby. Work that magic.

The second part explains how witches' powers work and how to defend against them.

Unfortunately, many of the "remedies" are just the usual stuff.

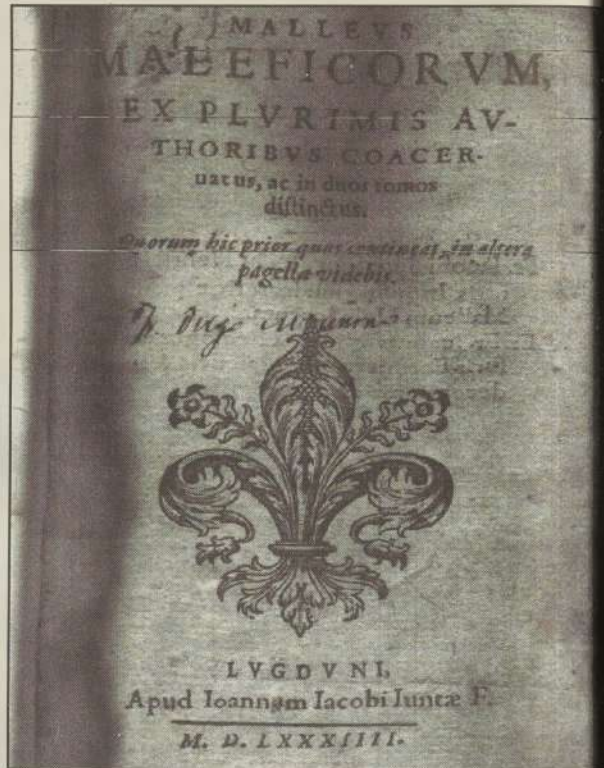
For instance, let's take a look in the section titled, "Remedies prescribed for those who by Prestidigitary Art have lost their Virile Members or have seemingly been Transformed into the Shapes of Beasts" (useful in the odd chance you get turned into a newt).

The best advice they can give is "a good confession," with the caveat "that they should as far as possible come to an amicable agreement with the witch herself." So remember, guys, if Mr. Happy & Co. go missing, the witch has you by the *cojones*, both figuratively and literally. At least there's good news. If you do get turned into a newt, there's a fair chance you'll get better.

The third part is a legal guide; it outlines how to proceed with the trial, sentencing, legal rights of the accused, etc. Pretty dry stuff, for the most part.

In a typically patriarchal manner, the witch had to be stripped of all clothing and every hair on her body shaved, "for in order to preserve their power of silence they are in the habit of hiding some superstitious object in their clothes or in their hair, or even in the most secret parts of their bodies which must not be named." (Sigh.) They were so afraid of it, they couldn't even say its name. Freud would have a field day with this.

Overall, the "Malleus Maleficarum" is an interesting



"Malleus Maleficarum" magnificently morbid, mental-minded

read (although in my opinion, the "Compendium Maleficarum" is a bit easier to handle). There's a lot of "case studies" and other stories nestled away within the various sections. Oh, and ladies, if you want to get *really* pissed off, read the section titled "Concerning Witches who copulate with Devils. Why is it that Women are chiefly addicted to Evil Superstitions?"

Some of the highlights include:

(1) "... since they are feeble both in mind and body, it is not surprising that

they should come more under the spell of witchcraft."

(2) "Women are intellectually like children."

(3) "All witchcraft comes from carnal lust, which is in women insatiable."

Oh, and the three vices of wicked women that make them susceptible to the lure of dark side: infidelity, ambition and lust (with emphasis on the latter). Hmm. Methinks they doth protest too much.

So, with those criteria in mind, how many of you ladies out there qualify? (Let's see a show of hands.)