Halloween History

Though it may be hard to imagine, Halloween has its origin way back in the pre-Christian era. Many peoples, notably the Celts, had a religious background, and would take part in festivals of sacrifice and analysis of events leading up to a return to nature. We don't bring up Halloween in school, but it was celebrated for centuries in the mythology of the Celts.

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Halloween is ignored. It's almost October 31, and that means it's time for all you gigglers to resurrect yourselves for another night of mirth and mayhem. Halloween is ignored.

Parties are a common and popular occurrence at this fiendish time of year. It's a great way to kick back after a long school year. Many people will be holding a party this weekend. Most of these are in honor of the Celtic culture. They got the idea of light bonfires (thus scarifying evil spirits away), bringing souls back from the dead, and calling the animals back from nature. They really had thrilling lives. These festivals were also holy official times when evil spirits, including a version of the Christian devil, were invoked for its own purposes. There were no reliable accounts of the devil being summoned for extracurricular activities. However, these religious festivals were dominated by the popular tendency of Man to take religion out of ceremony but keep the ritual.

Christian took the idea of the holy-holy day at the end of October, and placed two holy days after that to form the triple feature of All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day. The middle day is still very important, while the latter is only moderately important. Halloween is ignored.

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HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA
SLAVIN CENTER, OCTOBER 30
8 P.M. - 1 A.M.

Three kinds of costume prizes:
★ Best Individual Costume
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Also raffles and other prizes

Admission:
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In our omnipotence, we shall deal with this in a Western-Fields philosophy. Fields said, "Anyone who hates kids and dogs can't be all that bad." West said, "Goodness had nothing to do with it." Stephen Fields said, "Love the one you're with," which has nothing to do with anything.

Moving along, let us now put our collective minds together and decide what the little darlings would like. And then it can be decided what they will get on Halloween.

Hersey bars are a favorite, especially on a warm night. The fact that the candy bends in half doesn't seem to make much difference to the kids. The chocolate always did melt in their hands without waiting until it hit their mouths. Anyway, whatever they don't eat can be used to grease windows, but not Halloween fun!

Another favorite is gum. Huge wads of it can be found in the streets. When bloodhounds, Saint Bernards, Elery Queen, Sherlock Holmes, the Providence Police Department and the meter maids of West Warwick have failed, many a lost child has been traced by their trail of gum with individual teeth marks.

Dentists, who aid in the above, are kept busy the week after Halloween. It seems that children like the chewy taffy that pulls their fillings out of their mouths.

Fruit is not well liked at all. Apples are the worst received, and it would be well-received. Maybe not eaten, but definitely well-received.

The strangest gift of all is money. Many children have found ingenious ways to get more than just a quarter, by changing costumes. The costume change goes from bum to rural poor, to merchant, to nouveau riche, to one of a well-established family of Newport. Who says kids are innocent?

A quick review: Halloween, liberal, whistles, children, apples, peaches, pumpkin, pie, gum, licorice, chocolate, grease and windows. Maybe that's why Halloween comes only once a year. Can't be doesn't everyone like children?

Treat Your Guests Well

By Mary Dodge

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The Vile Vial:

An Alchemist's Nightmare

By Rosemary Lynch

It was a dark and stormy night. A howling wind whipped through the trees, making them creak and groan. Raindrops fell from the sky, soaking the ground. Actually, it was a beautiful night, but the storm was putting everyone off. The creaking branches added to the ominous atmosphere.

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I stood up, ignoring any possible stares from the team. "KA-BOOM!" I fell again, having tripped on my shoe-lace. Now I really felt bad.

The pale guy was shooting baskets. What a shot! He never moved the net when he shot. Everything was a swish.

I went back to my game, now realizing I was a dead weight on the team. Play on offense avoided me like the plague; I was the sworn fiend revolving around me on defense.

That jerk really had a great shot. All alone at the basket, too. I ran up and down the court a few times. Someone then called time out and we rested a bit. It was tough on the players. All ran and gun, with little slowing down.

He stopped. The ball was cradled between his armpit and his side, and he was motionless. He was watching.

"You playing?" asked a teammate.

"Yeah."

I ran to the end of the court. No, wait. I had to be at the other end. I stood there. But, wait. I had to be moving. We had the ball!

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The game was over. I let someone dribble right through me for the twentieth point. We lost, 20-9.

The Campus Council Backs AED Blood Drive

In Hopes of Increasing Donations

On Wednesday, November 3, the AED Council will be conducting their annual blood drive in Room 203 Slavin Center. The drive will begin at 9 a.m.

Charles Reichart, O.P., the faculty advisor for the AED Council, is enthusiastic about the possibility for increasing the amount of blood donated. "Most people do not realize the tremendous benefits of giving blood," said Father Reichart. "By donating blood, a person and their entire family, is fully covered for a period of one year for any blood they might need."

There is an added incentive here, though. The Campus Council will give every donor a free pitcher of beer that night at the Wooden Naval.

Bob Lalkin, president of AED, stated, "Our two last blood drives last year needed only 1 percent of the pint of blood. Our goal is to double that in this drive."

"Please Come and Help!"
The hour is midnight. Flashes of light are outlining a tower and its lights surround a tower. Villagers with "thousands of faces" are surrounding the tower. "What is this?" one might ask.

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Eighty Years of Horror: Celtic Rituals

By David St. Germain

The Wolfman was born in 1941. Lugosi was dead. Boris Karloff was healthy and active, and the genre declined with the final appearance of Bela Lugosi. The era of the horror movie was gone. Many of them were low-budgeted, and the genre was essentially dead.

Although these films were a welcome change from the trash of the '30s, many of them were poorly written. Just how good can be seen in The Tower (1963), a film produced by Alan Shiel. Not since the 1880s has the horror genre been as popular and as exciting as ever. This Halloween, horror movies will be shown at theatres, on TV, and at campuses all across the country.

As long as man is still curious about his own dark side, about the nature of good and evil, and about the nature of the unknown, the horror film will continue to thrill and chill viewers.

This Halloween, while watching a horror film, take a cut of the paging form from The Bride of Frankenstein: "to a new age of gods and monsters."