

'Give me your neck!'

Count Dracula, alias Mike Hathaway (upper left), stepped out from his web-enclosed dwelling at Hart Hall Tuesday to greet about 100 kids from the Wellbourne Road Mission.

The kids were welcomed by residents of Mosher and Hart Hall to the Hart-Mosher Halloween Mall Ball Dance and Trick or Treat festivities. Every ramp of Hart Hall had a different theme awaiting the little trick-or-treaters, ranging from a dungeon to a military environment.

Dr. Jarvis Miller, president of Texas A&M University; Dr. John Koldus, vice president for student services; and Ron Blatchley, associate director of student affairs, were among the judges who voted Ramp D, the Dungeon, as winner among the 10 ramps.

Mosher Dorm Council President Joanne Xavier and Hart Dorm Council President Mike Taylor headed the event.

"It was a lot of work," Taylor said. "We started getting things together on Sunday."

"It was also a lot of fun," he said. "It gave residents a chance to work together and get to know one another."

The kids went from ramp to ramp 7-8:30 p.m. After they left, there was a Halloween Mall Ball Dance for the residents of the two dorms outside Hart Hall, where Dracula was caught biting Beth Calindo (right), a freshman from Mosher majoring in secondary education.

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Halloween festivities



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LaGrange chicken ranch back
Book on Texas legend planned

DALLAS — The author of "The Happy Hooker" and "The French Connection" is planning a definitive history of one of Texas' most legendary establishments — the Chicken Ranch in LaGrange.
For almost 40 years men sought anonymous thrills about 90 miles southeast of Austin in Miss Edna Milton's famous whorehouse, closed in 1973 by order of Gov. Dolph Briscoe.
Robin Moore, who authored the above-mentioned best sellers and many others, is collaborating with scenarist Fred Halliday on what they hope will be a wide ranging history tentatively titled "The Chicken Ranch."
"It's nothing to do with the Broadway play, The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," Moore said. "We're mining a new mother lode of gold — we hope."
Since the house has been closed and Miss Edna no longer owns the land, Moore hopes to find a structure similar to the plain, farm-style house which was located — as almost any young man who attended the University of Texas or Texas A&M University can recite — "on the second dirt road on the left off state highway 71."
A recent meeting in Dallas was the first of several planned between the chronicler of the life of Xaviera Hollander, perhaps the epitome of big city "sophisticated" prostitution, and the straightforward former proprietress of LaGrange's somewhat folksy house.
"We hope to, expect to and plan to bring from her a whole new series of ideas," Moore said, as Halliday interjected "and the whole history of the city."
While waiting for Miss Edna — it was a tense, expectant period for

Moore — he discussed some of his earlier works.
Did he think he was getting a reputation as an author obsessed with prostitution?
"The Happy Hooker is an important book. If anybody really reads it, it goes beyond the story of a whore; it's a story of big-city corruption," he said.
Moore was working for New York City's Knapp Commission with then-Mayor John Lindsay when he became involved in Hollander's story, and he's proud of the results of the commission's graft and fraud investigations.
"We got one state supreme court justice off the bench and a bunch of police. I try to be a crusader. I don't just write a book to make money. I try to figure out other aspects."
Finally, more than an hour late for their appointment, Miss Edna arrived, a tall, thin woman apparently in her late 50s whose conservative pantsuit, scant make-up and schoolteacherish glasses seemed out of character on someone who spent 12 years running a bawdy house.
Whether Moore got the information he needed to sell his idea to publishers and film companies is not known, since the shrewd, cautious Miss Edna immediately made known her feelings about having a reporter present.
"There's some things you say for a book and some things you say for an interview," she said.
But she did sum up her expectations for the project:
"We want it to be where it's an interesting book, without naming names and having somebody say, 'I'll sue the hell out of her.'"


Fibre optics to open up a whole new era of communication style

OTTAWA — Threads of glass one six-thousandth of an inch thick will carry 350 residents of an obscure prairie town into a new world of home banking, electronic shopping, databanks — and television.
Scientists expect fibre optics, the hair-thin glass fibres carrying electronic impulses, to complete the computer revolution by next year.
Elie, the community west of Winnipeg chosen for the experiment which will cost as much as \$9.5 million, will, among other benefits, receive access to such mundane luxuries as single-party telephone lines, five channel television

and FM radio.
But the grand plan will have Elie residents subscribing to the Global Village envisaged by communications theorist Marshall McLuhan — home banking, teleshopping and videotex all in a sophisticated two-way television hook-up into a data bank.
"For the first time," Communications Minister Jeanne Sauve said, "one single umbilical cord will provide the electronic link between the consumer and the outside world."
Canada has many towns like Elie. While the nation's communications capabilities have grown 10 million times since the turn of the century, and per capita investment in the industry leads the world, more than a quarter of Canadians live in technological backwaters.
Experts are convinced that glass-fibres, capable of carrying between 50,000 and 500,000 one-way voice circuits, are the communication materials of the future. The fibers transmit clean signals over great distances without the problems of the present cable system — interference, jamming and eavesdropping.
The low cost of manufacturing glass fibres, coupled with the system's immense capacity, will dramatically reduce the cost of rural communications and eventually clean out city ducts jammed with cumbersome and expensive copper cables.
It may be another 10 to 20 years before fibre optics can be put to use in remote areas across Canada.
"You're looking at something which was conceived in 1977 and is to be evaluated in 1982," said Bob Ferguson of Northern Telecom, one of two companies competing for the trial contract.

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