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"macabre" makeup crayons, "midnight kiss" lipcolor, "flashy lashes" and garish nail colors. Her "official colors" are highlighted with a little silver stamp of approval. Fake skin, wigs and theatrical makeup will transform children into anyone they want to be. For the stouter hearts, vampire blood, "icky teeth" ("even your mom won't kiss you," the package claims) and a "wounds, stitches and cuts" kit will turn you into your worst nightmare.

HALLOWEEN'S NOT JUST for young children, however. The Corp of Cadets gets in on the action, too. The cadets' traditional Great Pumpkin Run is their way of celebrating Halloween. A junior cadet puts a huge pumpkin on his head, dons a white sheet and tries to run from his dorm to the band dorm without getting the pumpkin knocked off. The "pumpkin head" is surrounded by other juniors and

seniors from the outfit who carry torches to light his way. Band freshmen try to douse the torches and knock the pumpkin off of the cadet's head before he reaches their dorm. The pumpkin has never made it intact. The junior is always from company C-2 and the secret of how the "pumpkin head" is chosen is one that has never been divulged. Freshman from C-2 are sent on a mission to find the biggest pumpkin available. Last year's pumpkin weighed more than 100 pounds.

For the remaining children among us, Lou's Fun shop in Bryan has adult-sized costumes.

"We've had lots of traffic already," says Louise Sneed, whose sister owns the shop. "I think the adults are getting into it more than the kids are."

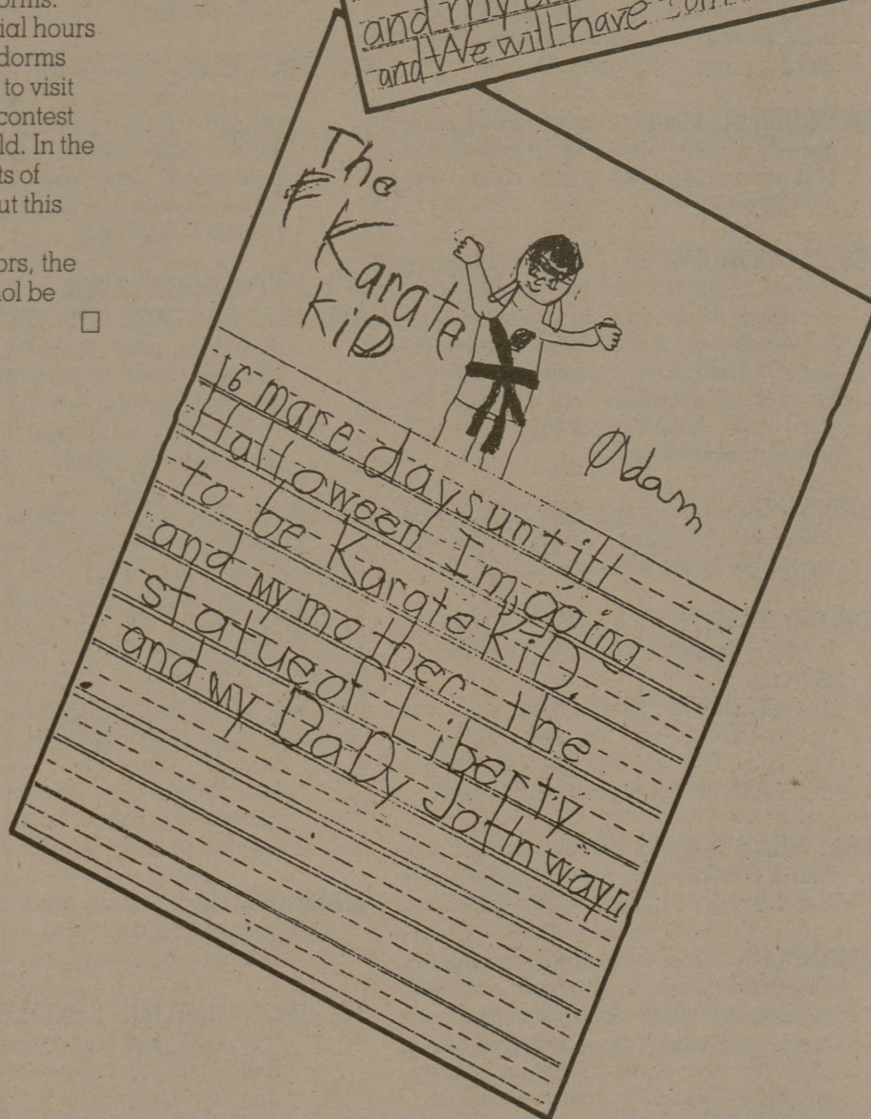
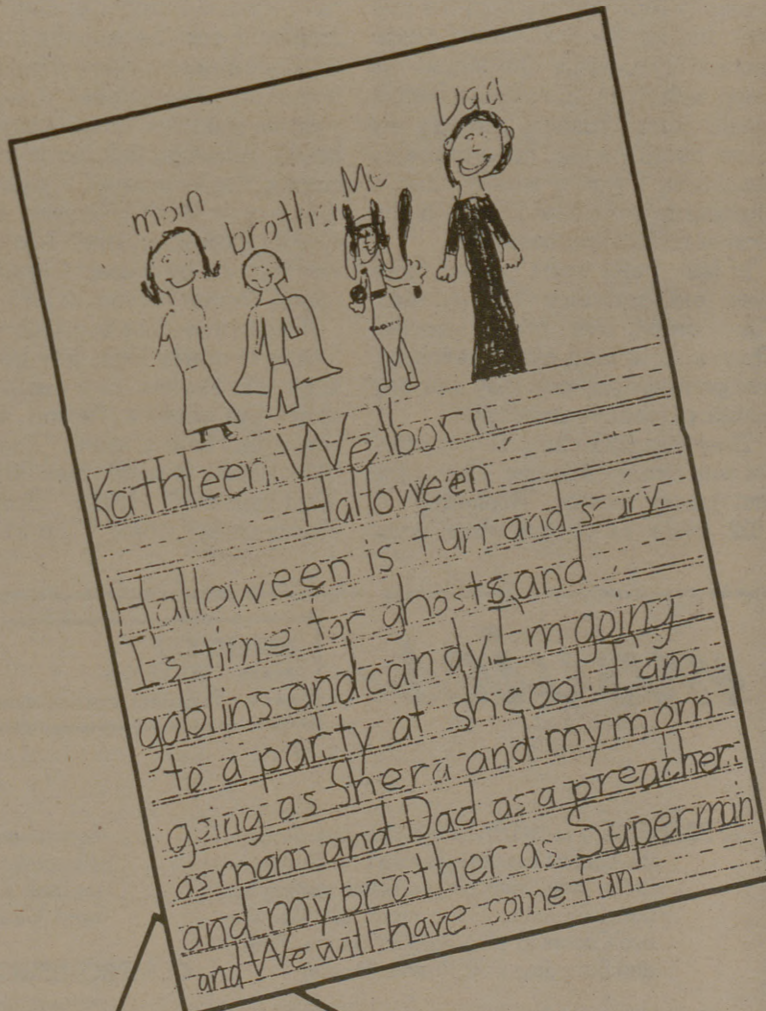
"Everybody's got a different idea of who they want to be. One'll come in and want to be a harem girl and another one'll want to be something else."

Sneed says the shop gets requests for everything from bunny girls to gorillas.

ON-CAMPUS RESIDENTS dress up and go trick-or-treating in the dorms. Guys have special hours to visit the girls' dorms and girls have special hours to visit the guys' dorms. A costume contest and street dance are also held. In the past, people have given shots of alcohol to trick-or-treaters, but this year, due to the difficulty in identifying and carding minors, the RHA has asked that no alcohol be handed out. □



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