

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hotard Hall uses Halloween benefit

It may not be Halloween for most students on Nov. 1, but Hotard Hall will be extending the festivities of the holiday an extra night this year. From 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday, Hotard will host a haunted house while a band plays in the forecourt. An entrance fee of \$3 or three canned goods will be donated to charity. This is one of many upcoming events involving the Residence Hall Association, RHA is coordinating with Freshman Leadership in Progress (FLIP) to sponsor Rock Varsity's Horns Off.

Thunderbirds

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cloud cover, since their fuselages made seeing them difficult at times. There was never a problem hearing them pass, however. The engines from the planes were deafeningly loud. The assembled crowd included many dignitaries, including former President George Bush, College Station Mayor Ron Sims and State Rep. Steve Ogden. Dave South, who presided over the pre-show activities, recognized the famous attendees, as well as several World War II veterans who attended the show. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. Formed on May 25, 1953, the team performs around 75 shows a year. Flying out of Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas, Nev., the 60-member troupe travels all over the world. Maj. Dann Carlson, advance pilot/narrator, said that he spent 230 days on the road last year. He refers to himself as the "roadie."

"(College Station) is awesome," Carlson said. "People (here) have been outstanding." Steinhiser, whose primary responsibility is the medical concerns of the crew members and their families, agreed. "It was the right time to go do it (perform in College Station), he said. "This is a great site here."

Halloween

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appropriately for the holiday. "Those that are under 21 need to be reminded not to drink. Those who will be drinking need to remember to plan ahead and designate a sober driver. Don't leave the decision for when you are already drunk," Hardt said.

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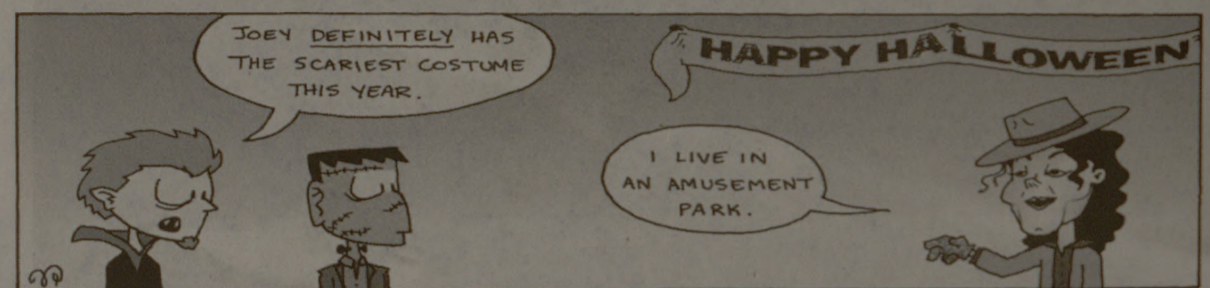
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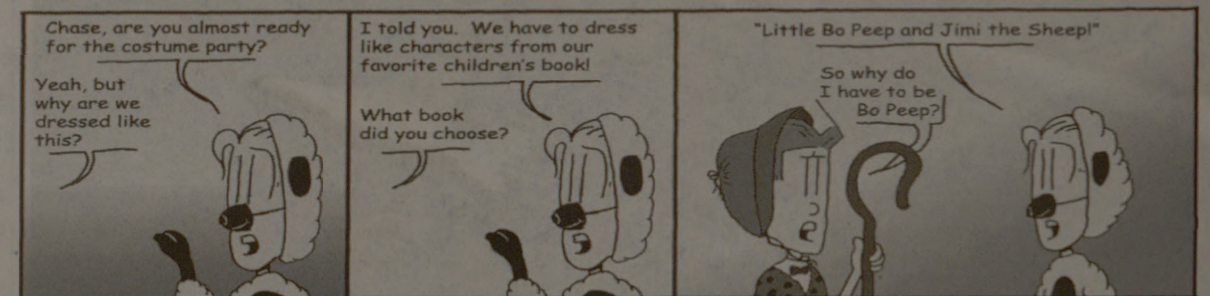
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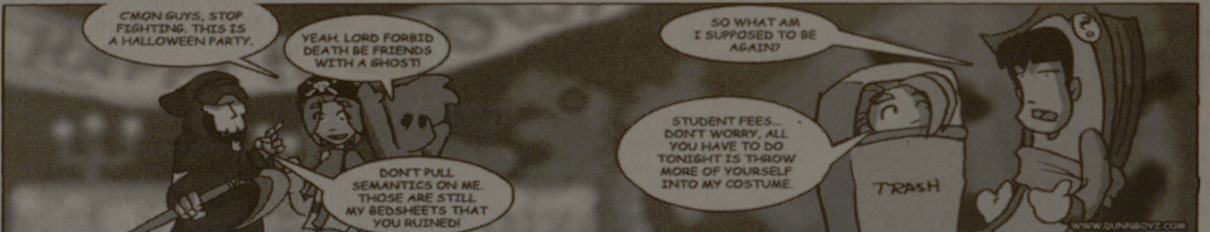
Crazy Jake

By M. Mouse



PUM BOTZ

BY: WILL LLOYD



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in the Corps of Cadets normally wait until the last minute to find a date. He thinks this will give them a better chance to get a date because it is the woman's turn to ask. Johanningsmeier's fiancée, who he proposed to on the field during half-time at the Pittsburgh game, will be taking him to Midnight Yell on Friday night, and they will be sitting with his Corps block for the game.

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Music industry files 80 lawsuits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The recording industry filed 80 more federal lawsuits around the country Thursday against computer users it said were illegally sharing music files across the Internet. Those 80 people were among 204 who had been threatened with lawsuits earlier this month by the Washington-based Recording Industry Association of America unless they contacted the trade association to discuss a financial settlement. The RIAA said the remaining 124 people had approached music industry lawyers about settling the claims. The group previously filed law-

suits against 261 others. It said Thursday it has reached settlements with 156 people, who defense lawyers have said agreed to pay penalties ranging from \$2,500 to \$7,500 each.

Such settlements require Internet users to destroy copies of illegally downloaded songs and agree to "not make any public statements that are inconsistent" with the agreement.

Still, with tens of millions of Internet users in the United States using file-sharing software to trade songs, odds remain exceedingly long that a particular user will be sued by the music industry.

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