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Halloween Edition









# Students share plans for spooky season

By **Conner Goetz**  
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

With the trees surrounding Old Main bursting with red, gold and orange and Halloween lurking right around the corner, students are scrambling to put together last-minute plans.

While previous generations of Penn Staters were lucky enough to have Halloween land on a Friday or Saturday, current students are not so fortunate.

Halloween is on a Thursday this year, which presents a myriad of problems for students with class the next morning.

Since Halloween's date falls awkwardly on a weeknight, students have to decide whether to go out and blow off their 8 a.m. classes on Friday morning, or spend their Halloween doing homework and wait until the upcoming weekend to celebrate.

Ryan Gaudlip is caught in this predicament, and is stuck "doing chem lab until 10:30 p.m.," he said.

Gaudlip (sophomore-chemistry) said he hopes his lab work won't upset his plans for the evening. Although he has a chem lab, he has faith that it will be done by the time his friends come up to visit, since they are planning on going out to party.

While Gaudlip's party plans are in motion, he still is unsure what his costume plans will be.

He said he intends to stop by McLanahan's see what costume options they have there before he heads out for the evening.

Not every student has spent all week scrambling for a costume.

Nicole Konchanasz already has hers planned, and has arranged to coordinate with two of her friends. She said she is excited to go out with them Thursday night.

Inspired by the Penn State Thespian Society's recent production of "Heathers: The Musical," Konchanasz (senior-marketing) is dressing up as Heather Chandler, with her friends portraying Heather Duke and Heather McNamara.

Originally, Konchanasz and

her pals were "thinking about being Spice Girls," but the idea was scrapped since they would have needed two more members in their group.

Unlike their senior classmates, freshman on campus cannot spend their Halloween at one of the numerous events hosted by the various bars downtown.

While this puts a damper on some students' plans, others are more than happy to spend their evening at another popular Penn State party scene — the fraternities.

Emily Cooper is one such individual, and plans to "to go to the frats" this weekend after rendezvousing with her friends at their dorm.

The greek life community and its social scene has been a cornerstone of Penn State for generations, and a new class of students is excited to get in on the action.

Cooper (freshman-kinesiology) is looking forward to a fun, new experience.

"It's exciting. I'm in college, I've never had Halloween here," she said.

Fraternity and sorority events are a mainstay on any college campus, but Halloween at Penn State stands out from the pack.

"Halloweekend is kinda a big deal... so it's common for frats to throw parties," Dylan Helfrick said.

Helfrick (sophomore-finance), a member of the Alpha Epsilon Phi fraternity, is eagerly looking

forward to a weekend of spooky celebrations.

Not everyone can get in on the fun unfortunately.

Moriah Lukasik is a resident assistant on campus, and has to spend her Halloween on duty.

Even though her plans of going out downtown on Thursday evening were dashed, Lukasik (senior-biobehavioral health) has found other ways to have a good time.

"Me and the other RA on duty on duty were doing reverse trick-or-treating [with the residents on our floor]," Lukasik said.

This creative variation of a Halloween tradition involves Lukasik going along her floor, knocking on students' doors but instead of receiving candy, she gives them treats.

The remainder of Lukasik's Halloweekend will be just as exciting, since she hopes to attend her friend's party, for which she has made a killer costume.

"I'm going to be Eleven from 'Stranger Things,' but more 80s-rific," she said.

Lukasik is a committed proponent of spooky season, and would love to see the rest of the Penn State community get involved in the festivities.

Student life could host a "costume contest in the HUB," Lukasik suggested.

"I know the bars at home have Halloween competitions with cash prizes, that's incentive [for students to participate]."



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**Nathaniel Cameron, 6, of Lemont**, bowls with pumpkins as part of 'Safe and Seen in the Ballpark' on Sunday, Oct 27.

## How old is too old to go trick-or-treating?

By **Kyle Hutchinson**  
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Halloween has always been one of the more exciting parts of fall — and many people's childhoods.

However, sooner or later, most teenagers and young adults abandon the tradition in favor of partying or sitting at home, passing out candy.

Peyton Bothur said he believes that after elementary school, teens should halt their trick-or-treating.

"I would consider about 13 to be too old to trick-or-treat because you're a teenager and probably in middle school, and that's about the age people stopped where I'm from," Bothur (freshman-global studies and international relations) said.

Bothur said she hasn't gone out since even earlier — at 11 years old — citing a lack of interest, her parents' wish to stay home rather than go out and her parent's willingness to just buy candy for her and her brother instead.

"Both my brother and I just lost interest at that age, and my parents said they would just buy us candy instead of having to go out," Bothur said.

Bothur still has fun on Halloween night — just in a different setting.

Although she doesn't actively

trick-or-treat anymore, she said that doesn't mean she can't have fun with friends.

"I don't miss [trick-or-treating] because I'd rather spend time with my friends having fun, rather than walking around in the dark and cold," Bothur said.

Kayla McCreary said once a kid is able to drive themselves, it probably signals their trick-or-treating time is nearing its end.

"I would consider 15 too old to trick-or-treat, or around the time you start learning how to drive, because that's when most kids start to do their own thing and need their parents a lot less," McCreary (freshman-global and international studies) said.

Although she hasn't trick-or-treated since she was 13, McCreary valued her time and the experiences made from it.

"I miss going out and trick-or-treating because it's one of those really good childhood memories that you can't experience the same way you did when you were a kid," McCreary said.

McCreary recognized that people's attitudes change the older they get, and different ways to have fun on Halloween night will appear as kids get into high school and beyond.

"Trick-or-treating is definitely more fun than partying as a kid, and partying is more fun at this age than trick-or-treating,"

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## Best Halloween candies to spread the spooky spirit

With spooky season in full swing, candy can be found in many classrooms and offices around campus.

Candy can bring us a sense of childhood nostalgia, and can also be just what you need to turn a bad day into a good one.

To celebrate Halloween, the Editorial Board decided to reflect on what candy brings us the most joy this time of year — and yes, we did fight over some answers.

“On the chocolatey side, few candies truly deserve to live up to the hype that Kit Kats, Reese’s cups and M&Ms have. I could end up with a bag of mainly those three and be content — they’re the true heroes of trick-or-treating. Also, I don’t think I felt like I got the full trick-or-treating experience if I didn’t come home with Starburst and Sour Patch Kids in my bag. If I managed to find Sour Warheads, that was a real victory.” - Elena Rose, Editor in Chief

“I was always a big fan of trick-or-treating when I was younger, so back then I wasn’t really too picky about what candy I was given — but Reese’s, Kit Kats and Snickers always got me a little bit more excited. But now, my favorite candy is easily M&M’s. There are so many different flavors and variations to choose from — peanut M&M’s are still my favorite, but the new

hazelnut spread flavor is a must-try.” - Tyler King, Managing Editor

“Sugar and I are no longer friends, so if asked now I would go with a nice Lily’s chocolate bar. That said, I love Reese’s Cups. Chocolate and peanut butter together is literally the greatest combination across the entire sphere of food. Don’t give me the pieces. Don’t give me the dark chocolate kind. Just give me a good, old-fashioned Reese’s Cup. Plus, they’re Halloween colors, so that automatically raises their stock.” - David Eckert, Digital Managing Editor

“I love all things chocolate because it is not nearly as bad for my ~ diabetes ~ as many other candies are, which are often packed full of sugar that would put me in a literal coma. If I had to pick a favorite it would be Lindt Lindor truffles, Kit Kats or Almond Joys — which were particularly easy to get because most other kids didn’t like them.” - Lindsey Toomer, Opinions and News Social Media Editor

“I will addictively eat most types of candy if presented with the option until I feel gross. Sadly, I now get sugar headaches from candy, meaning I am no longer able to eat it in large quantities. But I am always down to snack on the occasional fun-size Three Musketeers bar, Skittles pack or Tootsie Pop.” - Maddie Aiken, News Editor

“My favorite Halloween candy was skittles growing up because I liked the red ones a lot and tolerated all the other flavors. When they switched the green flavor from lime to green apple it hurt me deeply.” - Lauren Fox, Assistant News Editor

“Lemonheads are and will always be the prime Halloween candy. You get two completely different palettes, they last longer in your mouth than chocolate and frankly, the lemon taste can be really refreshing. Lemonheads have always had a special place in my heart whether it was the candy I had as a kid or that my dad stole my box of Lemonheads on the flight here two years ago.” - Lilly Forsyth, Features & Investigation Editor

“I love the good ole, classic Hershey’s bar. I have a funny Halloween memory with this. When I first started dating my boyfriend, Nolan, he thought it would be cute to get me my favorite candy in bulk to celebrate Halloween. The trouble was he got me Special Dark instead of the regular kind. I felt so bad because I didn’t want to turn down his gift! Now we laugh about and I tease him whenever he buys me chocolate.” - Chelsea Kun, Arts & Lifestyle Editor

“My favorite Halloween candy is the little bags of pretzels people give out... is what a crazy person would

say. My real favorite is Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups. I like all sizes, EXCEPT for the holiday specials (pumpkin, Christmas trees, etc.) because they throw to chocolate-to-peanut butter ratio all off and that ruins the whole thing.” - Matt Lingerman, Sports Editor

“I love M&Ms. There’s something about them — the hard external shell coupled with the soft chocolate on the inside — that makes them the ideal candy. They’re also not overly sweet like eating a straight Hershey’s chocolate bar and not bitter like eating straight dark chocolate (which I’m also a big fan of as long as it’s not too bitter). I know people rave about peanut M&M’s and other types, but you can’t knock the original, so I’ll take some M&M’s every day of the week.” - Jake Aferiat, Assistant Sports Editor

“There is nothing better than a house that had Kit Kats. I remember sitting with my friends and trading all of my other candies just to get as many Kit Kats as possible. Also, Whoppers get way too much hate — I would horde all of the ones my friends threw away and I’d eat them over the course of the next month or so. Many stomach aches were had.” - Shane Connelly, Assistant Sports Editor

“I was just a classic Hershey or Kit Kat guy. I would always remember which

house had those every year and that’s where I would go. I would also trade for them with friends. That was really the only Halloween candy I ate growing up.” - Dylan Jacobs, Football Editor

“When I went trick or treating as a kid, the best houses had full size crunch bars. Crunch bars are one, the best candy bar turned ice cream bar, and second, they are a candy rarely had outside of Halloween. Having the full size bars also shows that the owners of the house care enough to have real candy bars for trick or treaters as opposed to ‘fun size’ candy.” - Jack Hirsh, Multimedia Editor

“Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups are the best candy in the world obviously. Anyone who doesn’t love the peanut butter and chocolate combination is absolutely crazy. Trick or Treat ‘Yo Self.” - Caitlin Lee, Photo Editor

“My favorite Halloween candy has always been Twix bars. My brother and I used to trade our candy after trick-or-treating and the large Twix bars were always the coveted item—definitely worth at least a few Reese’s pumpkins. When I was young and reluctantly doing errands with my mom, she’d surprise me with a Twix bar from her purse to share to curb my boredom.” - Aabha Vora, Assistant Photo Editor



MY VIEW | Madeline Messa

## We forgot Halloween is supposed to be fun, not political

When I noticed this column would come out on Halloween, I knew I had to write about it. I thought of relevant topics. Cultural appropriation with costumes?

Nah, too touchy. The dangers of sending kids out trick-or-treating without parents to supervise them? Everyone

already knows. Then I paused. Wait, these are all political. Since when is October 31 so political?

I feathered the cobwebs that obscured my childhood memories and remembered what should be obvious: Halloween is meant to be fun.

Horror movies, pumpkins, Reese’s, costumes and the thrill of the night are what should have come to mind. When I was a kid ringing doorbells, the scariest part of this ghoulish holiday was a rubber spider brushing my leg.

The most chilling thing to me as an adult is the observation that everything surrounding the holiday has become political.

My costume last year — a “fake news” reporter — was political. My fedora, suspenders and copy of a parody newspaper were funny, yes, but still political.

It was a far cry from my childhood when I dressed up as a fairy princess and my brother donned an inflatable dinosaur.

Just a few years ago, kids could realize their fantasies and be whatever they wanted. Standards have become so stiff, however, that a simple bride costume is thought to promote forced child marriage.

If that sounds like an exaggeration, it isn’t. Kmart in Australia

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Madeline Messa

pulled a bride outfit from shelves after an online petition complained it was inappropriate and encouraged sex trafficking.

Even sugary candied apples and king-size

Hershey bars have turned sour. I remember when the candy inspections began. I lugged my treat bag home and spilled it out to sort by chocolates and hard candy, my mouth watering at the cavities-to-be.

But I was stopped from diving in until my parents could give each sweet a once-over. News had been warning of laced wrappers and razor blades pressed into apples. A night meant to be spooky

because of cotton cobwebs and exclamations of “boos” is now frightening for all the wrong reasons. A night for the kids has become yet another political statement.

Let’s take Halloween back. Let kids be kids. Let the little girls who want to be a bride be a bride. The problem is that we have grown up and now insist on complicating what we once knew to be simple.

Instead of dragging children and Halloween into adulthood, we should recall our own childhood trick-or-treat outings. Forget what implications we can make and instead remember what is clearly intended.

Let’s put a hold on being offended and enjoy the haunted houses and the jack-o-lanterns.

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# Rec Hall... or Rec Haunted?

By Gianna Galli  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

During this time of the year, Penn State fears more than just the Big Ten.

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

As they prepare for weekly matches in an apparently haunted Rec Hall and join in on the Halloween festivities outside of volleyball, a few Nittany Lions might have to call Ghostbusters.

Instead of turning Harry Potter or aliens into creative costumes or fixing up some cobbler as a tasty seasonal dessert, each play a different role in these young student-athletes lives.

"When I was younger the Harry Potter movie with the werewolf came out, I was scared so much and now if there is a full moon I sprint inside and my teammates make fun of me for it," senior defensive specialist Keeton Holcomb said.

Holcomb understands werewolves don't exist, but this fear constructs a certain mindset that sometimes never disappears.

"I grew up with my parents watching live documentaries such as Expedition Unknown," Holcomb said. "I love those TV shows so it all started as a child and I definitely believed in supernatural stuff more after watching them."

Holidays such as Halloween can feel nonexistent for busy college students — especially a student-athlete that is maintaining a loaded schedule — but one of Kaitlyn Hord's past nightmares is a memory that she relives every Halloween.

"I have an experience when I was four with aliens and I can't



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remember if it was real or not," Hord said. "I heard this thing come down stairs, so I got up and I see this green blob leaving slime as it walks into my kitchen and then I grab a pan, bang it and I still don't remember what happened after that."

For Hord, the extraterrestrial experience is one she can't look back on without getting goosebumps, but during the holidays, Serena Gray can't help but be spooked in believing her loved ones like to hang around.

"I used to have this aunt that really was terrible at cutting pie and for the holidays she would cut the pie a certain way or if it was a

cobbler, she would scoop out the middle," Gray said. "The year after she passed, the cobbler had a scoop out of the middle as if her legacy lives on."

Whether it's a nightmare or a ghostly experience, Jenna Hampton and Allyson Cathey aren't ones for the scary tactics or sticking around for long when it comes to any part of Halloween.

"I am a wimp and I'm really scared of spooky stuff such as ouija boards," Jenna Hampton said. "I run away from it but that's because I believe in it."

Cathey is up for a classic tradition of going door to door with her brother, but for this holiday, that

is where her and her family draw the line.

"With the whole Halloween ordeal, my family is not a huge 'let's decorate the house' type of family," Cathey said. "We will take my brother trick or treating but as far as supernatural and ghost stuff go, we don't believe in that."

This season, Penn State will face Iowa on Friday — the day after Halloween — and the Nittany Lions are pretty content that they don't have to play at home.

According to the men's volleyball coach, Mark Pavlik, Rec Hall might have more afterlife to offer downstairs than it does life, upstairs.

"After re-doing our locker rooms and flipping the bathroom area with the shower area, the flooring was broken up and underneath was a stairwell that no one knew existed," Pavlik said. "Eventually it was discovered that it was there from the original building and led to storage and catacombs in the sub-basement."

But the mysterious aura doesn't end there for the historic structure of 91 years.

"I was sitting in here one day doing work and the next thing I know I see the walls start swaying back and forth," Pavlik said. "That was the day there was an earthquake in Virginia and it still doesn't add up that we would have felt those tremors all the way up here and to me that was creepy."

Despite the eerie sensations, Pavlik knows that after sleeping over in Rec Hall some nights during the season, there's nothing to be afraid of.

"This is such a part of my career here, its friendly and what I have always looked at as my home," Pavlik said. "I'm willing to bet because so many people have memories of great things in here, they are friendly ghosts."

However, this doesn't leave out the fact that some of the highlighted events to take place in Rec Hall aren't attributed to some invisible members joining the roster.

"It's funny because I like to tell the guys when you look at plays that happen it's because of their hard work, but you can try to contribute it to a helpful hand from the supernatural," Pavlik said.

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**Aaron Molloy (8)** congratulates his teammate Callum Pritchatt on scoring the first goal to put the Nittany Lions ahead 1-0 at Jeffrey Field against Rutgers on Sunday Oct. 28, 2018. Penn State defeated Rutgers 2-0.

## Molloy remembers Halloween in Ireland

By David Pollak  
THE DAILY COLLEGIAN

When Aaron Molloy made the decision to come to Penn State, he was forced to adapt to American culture.

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In his four years at Penn State, he's adjusted to America on and off the field, but he never forgot about where he came from and the traditions from Ireland.

One of those traditions is the passion his fellow Irish natives have for Halloween.



Jackson Mills/Collegian

**Aaron Malloy (8)** contests to take the ball at Jeffrey Field on Wednesday Sept. 26, 2018.

"I'm from Dublin and in a lot of different areas they collect a lot of wood in the weeks heading up to Halloween," Molloy said. "We have a bonfire that night and all the kids would go out and get their candy and then sit around the bonfire afterwards."

In Ireland, the bonfire was used as a way for the community to come together to fend off bad fortune and evil spirits. It's also said that the embers from the fire were spread the next day across the fields to keep away bad luck for the Irish farmers.

Although there are similarities between Halloween in America and Ireland, Americans may not understand the true meaning behind it holiday, such as why they dress up.

Halloween originated in Ireland over a thousand years ago, when the Celts celebrated Samhain. Its main purpose was to mark the end of summer and the beginning of winter months.

During the eight century, the Catholic Church recognized November 1st as All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows. Therefore, the 31st of October represents 'Hallows Eve', present day known as Halloween.

Every year, children of all ages dress up as something out of

the ordinary, such as witches, ghosts, etc.

However, there's a significance to their popularity.

This tradition dates back to the Celtic Druids in which they disguised themselves as devils and spirits to blend in with them, just in case they came across one during Halloween night.

Before kids head out for trick-or-treating, it's common to eat an Irish dish called Colcannon. This consists of boiled potatoes, raw onions and curly kale, which is a type of cabbage.

There's a catch to it though. Sometimes, coins would be placed in the dish for the kids to find. For other, rings were placed in them and whoever finds the ring is bound to be married within the year.

On Halloween night, after trick-or-treating is over, it's common for American kids to play games at a party or play manhunt in their neighborhood. In Ireland, one traditional game called that's played is called 'snap apple'. An apple is suspended on a string and children and children try to take a bite out of the apple while they're blindfolded.

For Molloy, Halloween while growing up was just a great time to gather with friends and family. "It's pretty traditional that way, with my life growing up," Molloy said. "It's pretty fun."

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## Penn State shares Halloween memories

By Alexis Yoder  
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FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Following the conclusion of an up and down regular season, Penn State will get a much needed break before the start of Big Ten Tournament play — but the Nittany Lions

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

will still be put to work.

For a full training session, players will be ditching their traditional cleats and jerseys and will instead wear costumes that are coordinated by class for a contest to celebrate Halloween.

"Each class has a coordinated costume. We will all show up to practice in our costumes and try to train in our costumes as much as we can. Even the coaching staff dresses up," junior Kerry Abello said.

The contest is something that is taken seriously by the team, especially by the seniors.

"Last year a few people dressed up for Halloween. It's always difficult because sometimes we're on the road and sometimes we're at home," senior goalkeeper Amanda Dennis said. "This year we're definitely gonna have a class costume competition. The seniors are of course gonna dig it."

Many of the players revealed some of their favorite costumes and memories.

As kids, they were able to dress up and pretend to be something else for a night. This was their chance to become their favorite superhero or animal.

"I was a big Supergirl fan, so probably Supergirl or Wonder Woman. I was very into superheroes so there were a lot of those," Cori Dyke said.

"I was an ostrich jockey. It was like one of those blow up things where my legs were the legs of an ostrich so it looked like I was riding an ostrich," Ally Schlegel added. "I wore it in sixth grade for a Halloween parade at my elementary school so I thought it would be really funny."

Amanda Dennis has a more personal reason behind her favorite costume. "I was a turtle one year, turtles are my favorites... So probably my turtle was

my favorite," Dennis said. "For some reason turtles are like my family animal. I actually have a tattoo of a turtle on my back so it was kind of just funny."

One of the best parts of Halloween is the endless search for candy.

Dressing up and going house to house for the best treats was one of Ally Schlegel's fondest memories growing up.

However, don't let the phrase "growing up" fool you. Schlegel did not let her age stop her from trick or treating even as she got older.

She saw the opportunity as one to spend time with friends and make memories.

"I trick-or-treated up until I was a senior in high school... I had a neighborhood squad where we went and terrorized the town," Schlegel said. "We started right when the sun was about to go down and we went everywhere. We had pillow cases full and we got all the candy."

Some players not only dressed up as their favorite characters when they were young, but they were also surrounded by families who made the holiday even more enjoyable for them.

"My dad actually used to dress up as the neighborhood Michael Myers. None of my friends knew it was him and he would just go around and scare people," junior Frankie Tagliaferri said.

"I always went trick-or-treating with my sister. My mom always made us put a sweatshirt on

over our outfits because I am from Chicago so it was always super cold. We'd always complain about it but by the end of the night we would be having a super fun time. When we would get home we would always sort our candy and trade with each other," Abello added.

The holiday has been embraced by not only the team but the staff as well. When asked about her favorite Halloween activity that the team does, Ally Schlegel did not hesitate to mention their team manager.

"I think the best part of the team and Halloween is our trainer Andra [Thomas]. She loves Halloween and always has an insane costume," Schlegel said.

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Midfielder



# CLOWNING AROUND

Reliving the clown rally of 2016 and its lasting impact on the freshmen of the time

By Adriana Guidi  
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

As Penn State seniors prepare for Halloween, one memory from Halloween’s past lingers on their minds — the clown sightings of 2016.

In October 2016, there were several reported clown sightings throughout Penn State’s campus and downtown, which were confirmed by the State College Police. The sightings corresponded with a national trend of people dressing up as clowns in order to scare people.

Members of the current senior class were freshmen at the time, and this strange occurrence on campus was one that they will never forget.

Michael Willis went to the rally on Old Main lawn for the clown, and his involvement in the event was memorable for many who attended for his speech, overall enthusiasm and how he wrote “f\*\*\* that clown” on his chest.

Willis (senior-civil engineering) said his involvement was very in the moment.

“I didn’t think much of it, but then I biked past my friends who were dressed up and armed with



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**Michael Willis (freshman-engineering)** leads a chant on the steps of Old Main on Monday, October 3, 2016. After hearing a report that a clown was seen, students started rushing towards Old Main lawn in search of it.

hockey sticks telling me that they were going to get the clown,” Willis said. “By the time I got back to my dorm, everyone had flooded to Pollock, I had no idea what was going on so I decided to participate.”

From Pollock, things moved to Old Main — where the real event started.

“We were all doing our thing around Pollock for a while and then somebody shouted ‘Old Main!’ and naturally, all of us

sprinted to Old Main,” Willis said.

“I happened to be one of the first people there, so I got to be high up on the steps.”

Willis gave a memorable speech that night, which was also spur of the moment.

“I told my friend that someone should give a speech and he immediately decided to start the speech chant. Everybody quieted down, and I improvised,” Willis said.

The police were monitoring the rally, but never had to intervene or stop the event, as Willis said they never posed any actual harm. The “wholesome nature,” according to Willis, was his favorite part of the whole event.

“It was a Monday night, everybody was sober and just wanted to have fun,” Willis said.

“It was great, it was an excuse for a bunch of freshmen to be rowdy together and have fun.”

Kevin Allen was not as involved with the rally as Willis was, but will never forget how exhilarated students were over the event.

“The tunnels of East Halls, people were climbing and standing on top of those. We ran to South Halls, College Ave, and back up,” Allen (senior-global studies) said.

“Sometimes I’ll cringe when I look back on it or watch the video of me on Old Main, but overall it was a really good memory and a wild way to start college,” Willis said.



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**Students** gathered outside Old Main after hearing a report of a possible clown sighting.



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**Students** gathered at Pollock Halls after numerous sightings were reported.

## Students’ favorite Halloween films

By Greydon Tomkowicz  
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With fall and Halloween comes the perfect stay-in-and-watch-a-movie weather.

The air is cold, the sun sets early – the stage is set perfectly for some horrifying and hilarious Halloween films.

Halloween provides the potential for many different kinds of movies. Netflix has an entire genre dedicated to “Halloween Movies” during the month of October — including options from stereotypical horror movies to Halloween comedies.

Students have many thoughts on what the best Halloween film offerings are.

Max Cason stands by a tried and true classic.

“My favorite Halloween movie is ‘The Thing,’” Cason (sophomore-liberal arts) said. “But only the 1980s version. The new one just isn’t as good.”

Claire Farinha said she also thinks the 70s and 80s movies are the best.

“Asking me to pick a favorite Halloween movie is like asking a parent to pick a favorite child,” Farinha (sophomore-biology) said. “I really like ‘Evil Dead,’ ‘Halloween,’ and ‘Reanimator’ in particular.”

Madalyn Freeman took a lighter approach to the older Halloween movies.

“I love ‘The Addams Family,’” Freeman (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said. “But the original one — not the new one.”

Kara Miller took a more wholesome and family-friendly approach to Halloween movies.

“Personally, it doesn’t even feel like Halloween if I haven’t watched the Charlie Brown special,” Miller (sophomore-engineering) said. “It’s The Great Pumpkin’ is a seasonal staple.”

Also fans of the more family-friendly side of Halloween movies are Nora Rompolski and Isabella Orozco.

“I really like ‘Hocus Pocus,’” Rompolski (sophomore-liberal arts) said. “It’s a total classic and it doesn’t seem like Halloween without it.”

“I totally agree,” Orozco (freshman-science) added. “‘Hocus Pocus’ is the way to go with Halloween movies.

Noelle Musolino and Casey Sennett also chose a more family-oriented option.

“For me at least, ‘Halloweentown’ is the best movie for this time of year,” Musolino (sophomore-global and international studies) said.

Sennett (sophomore-anthropology) agreed, adding she watched the movie growing up and “nothing can top it.”

Rounding out the list are two popular animated choices.

“I really like ‘The Nightmare Before Christmas,’” Lia O’Leary (sophomore-Japanese) said. “It’s just scary enough but not a horror movie.”

Natalie Shoch also chose an animated classic series.

“I watch these all year around, but ‘Scooby Doo’ is the perfect thing to watch,” Shoch (junior-English) said. “They’re light-hearted and funny, but still provide a little bit of the scare factor around Halloween.”

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# What scares Penn State?

*From bugs to morning classes, many students have something that gives them the creeps*

By **Braden Dyreson**  
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Franklin Delano Roosevelt once declared, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”

At Penn State, students are haunted by more than just fear itself.

From 8:00 a.m.’s, midterms and 15-page final essays, there are plenty of things to fill the scholastic nightmares of Penn State students.

Laura Turnitza is traumatized by all sorts of aviaries due to a childhood experience.

“Personally, I’m afraid of birds just because I got attacked by one when I was younger,” Turnitza (sophomore- enterprise risk management) said.

“I have a very bad fear drown- ing,” Vincenzo Tavella (junior- industrial engineering) added.

Other recurring phobias were snakes, spiders and heights.

Kyle Quinn has a phobia of eight-legged arachnids.

“Spiders [scare me],” Quinn (freshman- aerospace engineer- ing) said.

Jake Donovan expressed a similar fear.

“I used to be afraid of nee- dles, but not as much anymore,” Donovan (freshman- atmospher- ic science and meteorology) said.



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“And then snakes kind of creep me out now.”

Andrew Fox explained his fear of all sorts of creepy-crawlies. “Spiders are weird. Snakes are weird. Anything that has a weird amount of legs,” Fox (junior- mechanical engineering) said.

Blake Kosor and John Fedorek both discussed their biggest

fears, and lack thereof.

Kosor (senior- mechanical en- gineering) said he is “scared of centipedes,” while Fedorek (se- nior- mechanical engineering) responded to Kosor saying, “You’re scared of centipedes?”

Fedorek followed up by saying that he is “not really scared of anything.”

Ethan Zerbe is another student who said he is not really scared of anything.

“I definitely don’t have any phobias... I mean I’m not re- ally super fearful of anything in particular, I guess. I’m not really scared of spiders or heights or anything like that.” Zerbe (senior- telecommunications) said.

While many students shared fears of bugs, snakes and more, Shouyu Huang has probably the most tangible fear of all — his dad.

“My father,” Huang said. “[He asks things] like, ‘What are your grades?’ or ‘How’s your school-life?’ so he scares me a little bit.”



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