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For Halloween, celebrate and relax

Halloween Express employee Ricardo Andrade said he simply hadn’t seen it recently. But there were costumes of Mexicans sporting sombreros and mustaches to be found. A Native American costume featured traditional dress and a headband, which could be considered stereotypical. However, if we are considering the appropriateness of these costumes, which are not necessarily meant to be accurate, questions inevitably arise about other costumes. There were snake charmer costumes sold in the store that could be considered insensitive to Middle Eastern cultures. There were pimp costumes, which could offend African Americans. There were Leprechaun costumes, possibly offensive to the Irish who had to drop the “O” from their surname at Ellis Island for fear of discrimination. And, as “Chewy” mentioned, “White Trash” costumes could upset white people. But why stop at racism? The store sold priest outfits that no doubt would be worn to drinking parties. Pregnant nun outfits were available, surely an inaccurate, questions inevitably arise about the appropriateness of these costumes, which are not necessarily meant to be accurate, questions inevitably arise about other costumes.

Halloween as adults see it. Men’s costumes are often used for comedic purposes, while many women’s costumes serve as an excuse to wear revealing clothing. And what of overtly sexist costumes? Halloween Express sold one costume where the wearer – presumably a male – would dress up as a giant breast with a squeaking nipple. The package encouraged buying two at once so friends could go as a pair. A key and lock two-person set and a similar socket-and-wall-outlet combo obviously would not work for the LGBT community who are fighting for hard for their rights. If these examples, and indeed this entire argument, seem silly or provoke laughter, it is because they are intended to. Halloween is a break from the stresses of everyday life, a chance to be careless and free for a night and wear a creative costume. Ricardo Andrade, a shopper in the store and member of a Latino fraternity, may have said it best. “For me, I don’t take things to the heart… It’s just a break from the stresses of everyday life, a chance to be careless and free for a night and wear a creative costume.”

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Top 5 Halloween movies that kill

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Axe murderers, demonic fig-
ures, and crazy killer orphans are
not uncommon themes found in
Halloween movies. Countless
ights of waiting to use the
bathroom, in fear of Freddy
Krueger attacking while on
the toilet, stick out as genuine
fear. Some scenes of horror
are haunted by more superna-
tural elements. After decades of
horror movies that have caused
millions of viewers to shriek and
scream, The Collegian has
selected the top five movies
for the Halloween season.

"THE EXORCIST"

Despite the fact that “The Exorcist” is
almost 30 years old, it’s still distur-
banging.

The movie revolves around Regan
(Linda Blair), a young girl who uses
a Ouija board and invites a demonic
spirit into her body. Regan becomes
inexorably violent toward everyone
she comes in contact with. Doctors try
to explain the phenomenon but have
no answers.

Eventually, Regan’s mother (Ellen
Burstyn) seeks out the help of a pow-
erful priest by the name of Father
Merrin (Max von Sydow). Father
Merrin arrives at the home and wit-
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secures revenge on the teens
by attacking them in their dreams.

"THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT"

What’s worse than running through
the woods while being chased by a
menacing witch in the middle of
night? Watching it all on a handheld
camera. “The Blair Witch Project”
is famous for its low budget quali-
ties and shaky footage. It immerses
viewers into a story of three students
researching the Blair Witch. The stu-
ents begin by having a relaxed camping
trip until strange events occur that
threaten their livelihood. Weird objects
are left at their campsites over the next
several days.

Like any other horror movie, the stu-
dents experience car failure, disappear-
ance, and human body parts are found.
Overall, with the right atmosphere
and crowd, “The Blair Witch Project”
can be a really scary movie.

"THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE"

The first installment in the six movie
series begins with a psychotic killer
known as “Leatherface” terrorizing
young people in a rural Texas town.

The original film begins with a
small group of adults investigating
a gravesite. The group ends up pick-
ing up a hitchhiker. The hitchhiker
slashes himself and gets kicked from
the group vans. While looking for gas,
the group stumbles upon an old house
full of an insane family that includes
Leatherface.

Leatherface wields his chainsaw and
stalks the teens through every area
of the house. The film ends with the
female lead, Sally (Marilyn Burns),
breaking free from an unsettling din-
er with the family and hitching a ride
as Leatherface twirls his chainsaw in
frustration.

Although disturbing and censored
in some areas of the globe, “The Texas
Chainsaw Massacre” sits as the ideal in
the slasher genre in American cinema.
If people are trapped in a creepy
plantation setting with a manic, psy-
calic hunter on the hunt sounds like a
good time, then this movie is for you.

"THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS"

Practically everyone has seen Tim
Barton’s animated story of Jack
Skellington and his morbidly humor-
ous antics. In Halloweentown, it is
timelessly spooky pranks and
ghoulish dressing up. Jack grows tired
of the same theme and ventures into
Christmastown, where he discovers an
amazing world that he wants to bring
back to Halloweentown. He decides to
take over as Santa and institutes his
own version of Christmas.

This is an awesome film for kids and
results alike, and has gained new life
in cinema as a cult classic. The movie
isn’t scary when compared to some
other classics, but it has a dark feeling
to it that may disturb some viewers.

"NIGHTMARE BEFORE ELM STREET"

Wes Craven’s a “Nightmare on Elm
Street” follows the killer, Freddy
Krueger, who haunts teenagers while
they sleep.

After being acquitted by a judge,
Krueger is burned alive in his house by
the neighborhood families.

Krueger seeks revenge on the teens
by attacking them in their dreams.
The teens’ fight to stay awake and out
of harms way but can’t overcome their
need to sleep. Krueger picks off the
children one by one with his bladed
glove in ridiculously gory ways.

“Nightmare on Elm Street” is a great
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Best? Scariest? Worst?
Halloween memories

Lauren Goin and Macae Coleman

Freshman Lauren Goin said her most memorable Halloween was when she dressed as Big Bird. Her friend Macae Coleman, a junior health science major, said she trick-or-treated as a purple crayon when she was still living in Massachusetts.

By Sara Almario
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As the most haunted day on the calendar year rolls in this weekend, California State University, Fresno students reflect on their fondest and scariest Halloween memories.

For some students, their favorite time of the year when they were younger was Halloween. It’s the time of the year when people can be whoever they want to be and get candy for it.

As children, some students said they would wear comedic costumes rather than scary ones. While some students enjoyed dressing up and doing the traditional rounds of trick-or-treating, other students said the thing they enjoyed about Halloween were the practical jokes people played on one another.

Every year college students get the chance to dress up and party. However they feel, Halloween parties are a huge occurrence in the Central Valley, giving some Fresno State students a good excuse to wear costumes.

By Sara Almario
The Collegian

Food and nutritional sciences major Jia Lu on the other hand, enjoyed her own Halloween prank experience.

During a trick-or-treat trip when she was younger, she walked to a house with a stuffed scarecrow sitting by the door. When she reached for a handful of candy, the scarecrow jumped to its feet as if it had just sprung to life. “That was pretty scary, but it was a lot of fun,” Lu said.

Coincidentally, the scarecrow currently attends classes at Fresno State.

Jia Lu

Danny Vo

Interdisciplinary health and rehabilitation sciences major Danny Vo said he said his older sisters took away the enjoyment of Halloween with their practical jokes.

“I don’t like Halloween. I’m a big wuss,” Vo said with a laugh. “My sister would dress up every year in something and then pop out of nowhere to scare me.”

Danny Vo

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Junior kinesiology major Chris Wilson said his favorite Halloween memory was when he and his cousins would dress up as scarecrows, stay outside of their houses and then come to life to scare trick-or-treaters.

“My favorite reaction was when a couple of parents walked up with their little kid and we ended up scaring the parents more than the kid,” Wilson said. “They were screaming and the lady hit one of us. It was awesome!”

Salsa dancing
Halloween party

By Michael Hamlin Jr.
The Collegian

The California State University, Fresno salsa club will host their annual Halloween party at 9 p.m. in the Alice Peters building on Friday Oct. 30.

According to the Salsa Club president Enrique Martinez, there are multiple reasons the club decided to host the party again.

“It gives us a chance to interact with our members,” Martinez said. “It also gives us a chance to meet new people and possibly bring more publicity and attention to the club. There is also a chance we can gain new members by having the party.”

The event will include dancing, a Halloween costume contest and a drawing. The drawing will include several prizes.
**Hobb's Grove: Scaring visitors since 1999**

By Amy Block

Located just outside of Sanger, Hobb’s Grove has become a local destination for kids, teenagers and adults during the Halloween season.

Hobb’s Grove was recently named one of the Top 10 haunted houses to see in the United States by Haunted Magazine.

The ranking, which wasn’t based on how many visitors, was determined by whether or not anyone has been killed or hurt by the scarecrow's screams.

Although Halloween has come to the Grove by tradition. The Grove has been the favorite place for families to go to "scare" each other since it opened in 1999.

Hobb’s Grove is open six days a week from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Saturdays.

The attraction will be open through October 31.

VIDEO: See The Collegian's newscast reporter experience at Hobb’s Grove. [http://collegian.csufresno.edu](http://collegian.csufresno.edu)

**TESTING:**

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Recreation Center. "I don’t care," she said. "I don’t do drugs."

Bayne, however, said she can understand why the association would propose a drug testing policy for its employees.

"If you’re paying someone to work for you and they’re not having the right state of mind then they shouldn’t be working for you," she said. She said of workers intoxicated on the job: "You’re just wast ing your money because they’re not doing their job right."

As a Chick-fil-A employee, Bayne said she saw drug users among those subject to random drug testing should the policy go into effect. She said she might affect some workers, but she’s not worried about it jeopardizing her own job.

"You’re just wasting your time," she said. "I don’t do drugs."

**New twist in Fresno shooting case**

By Jim Gay, Brad Branan, and Paula Lloyd

The second manfatally shot by Fresno police this week was identified yesterday as the brother of a man who was shot and killed Wednesday in a shooting that police said was something new to experience in itself.

"It’s probably one of the scariest places I have ever been to," commented Hobb’s Grove Web site manager, Melissa Orgon. "You’re just wasting your time."

She added that the man is not having the right state of mind and that employees are not feeling intimidated.

"It doesn’t affect me," said Ricardo Andrade, a Fresno State student and a member of a Latino fraternity.

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**SALSA: Any level of dancer invited**

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According to the salsers, the prizes include two private salsa lessons, $100, one private ballroom lesson valued at $85 and one month of free access to Fresno State Salsa Club Salsa’s Nights.

Martinez said that the club is looking to expand by continuing a drawing into this year’s party.

"It allows us to give back in a way," Martinez said. "Hobbs is all about giving more to the people to the party."

So far, 35 to 45 people in attendance have won prizes.

"We really do care how many people show up," Martinez said. "Of course we would like to have as many people as we can, but no matter the number, we will have a great time."

Martinez believes that all students should attend the party and not be intimidated by the level of dancing.

"We have something for each level of dancer," Martinez said. "Do not feel intimidated if you are brand new to salsa dancing. No one will judge you. Everyone is there to help each other and have a good time."

Senior Kevin Young said he attended the party two years ago and was impressed.

"I had a better time than I thought I would," Young said. "It was something new to experience in itself." Martinez also had a message for students who are thinking about attending.

"If you have a costume, or if you want to learn some moves or already have the moves come out on Friday and have a good time," Martinez said.

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Fans should be happy with the BCS, right?

“No Country For Old Men”

Phil Weisburd / McClatchy-Tribune

The Right Tone
TONY PETERSEN

By Mallory Plant
The Collegian

The Fresno State men’s and women’s cross-country teams will be spending Halloween in Reno, Nev. The teams will make the trip across the Sierras to participate in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Championships. The men’s race is scheduled to start 45 minutes later.

The WAC Championships may be a one-day event, but the entire season has been leading up to this moment.

Men’s runner Frank Sanders, who has competed in the WAC Championships before, said preparing for the championships takes the whole semester and earlier in the year, the races are harder.

Jennifer Hernandez, a previous WAC Runner and winner who will also compete this year, said, “[It’s] what we’ve been working for all season.”

Both men’s and women’s cross-country have been preparing for the WAC Championship all season with the previous competitions and daily practice.

“We hit hard in the season and weeks before the [WAC Championships] we taper down,” Sanders, who will run in the WAC Championship, said.

Coach Sean McManus said that the team would practice everyday this week and take one day off. The pressure would be easier than normal.

The easy practice will be around twice the distance for the race. The distance in the WAC Championship for the men will be an 8K run, while the women will run a 5K.

“On a daily basis, the guys probably run ten miles, which is twice the distance, and the women run between six and eight miles,” McManus said. Just because every runner on the team practices does not mean they all get to compete in the championships.

Each of the competing is allowed nine racers and five of them are scored for the team, according to McManus.

Choosing the nine runners from each gender to attend the championships was not entirely a coach’s decision.

The nine runners that will compete for each team for the Bulldogs were decided by the best times at the Santa Clara Invitational, a last regular season event. According to McManus, members of both men’s and women’s squads, went to the last event and raced for a spot.

Last year, Fresno State’s men’s team finished third.

Utah State has won the men’s WAC Championships for the last four years. Sanders hopes that Fresno State can be champions for the fourth consecutive year.

“We’re looking at trying to give them an upset,” Sanders said.

McManus wants to see the same traits by Fresno State. “We’re trying to mount more of a challenge for them this week,” he said.

On the women’s side, Utah State has been strong and may take gold. The Bulldogs finished seventh.

To get State to the top, the team needs to focus on the training.

“Everyone needs to do what we’ve been training to do,” Hernandez said. “Even if one person falls back, someone has to come on and push.”

On the pre-championship coaches’ poll was released, ranking the teams in the WAC. On the men’s side Utah State was voted No. 1 and Fresno State No. 3. The women’s cross country team ranked New Mexico State at the top and had Fresno State coming in fifth place out of nine teams.

By Yongyi Yang
The Collegian

Fresno State athletes receive recognition, whether it’s a season high or a loss. Athletes get cheers from fans after a great win and words of encouragement after a tough loss.

But it is the team behind the team that might deserve some praise as well.

They are the student trainers in the sports medicine program at Fresno State.

Student trainers put in countless hours preparing athletes for practices and games. They will come in early to help tape up the athletes and stay late to treat an injury.

“We are required to work during spring break or vacation, the trainers still have to work during the break or vacation, the trainers 

For Old Men"

The student trainers at Fresno State might be the hardest working people on campus.

When other students are on break or vacation, the trainers are still on campus working with the athletes.

“There is no such thing as spring break or vacation for us. We keep up with the athletes during our breaks,” Portwood said.

Even though the trainers spend so much time working with athletes, they still have to make time for school.

Because the sports medicine program is set up so preciously by program director Scott Sailor, all the classes and hours work together. The semester do not conflict.

Student trainers are able to manage their time between school and working in the training room with a set up schedule.

“The only thing that the student trainers don’t have time for is a job.

“We can’t have a job. We spend a lot of time in here [the training room],” Portwood said.

But working in the training room is a job in itself. It helps prepare the trainers of what they can expect when they graduate or what they get a Job in the real world.

“This is what we want to do,” Portwood said. “We get a glimpse of what we want to do. It’s like a preview.

While the student trainers in the sports medicine program do not receive high praise and applause, they don’t seek it. A simple “thank you” will suffice. 

“I love them. They make practice in life so much easier,” senior track and field athlete Val-Pierre Dai’Re said.
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Bulldog Game Day

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Radio: KMJ-AM 580 and KGST-AM 1600 (ESPN Deportes)

Analysis by Logan Hopkins / The Collegian

Week 8 Preview

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Breakdown: Bulldogs

Utah State's hearts in the process.

Last time the Aggies and the Bulldogs met, it took a 58-yard field goal as time expired to settle the game. Fresno State's Kevin Grasszling booted a kick of redemption, giving the 'Dogs a 30-28 victory and breaking Utah State's hearts in the process.

Utah State hasn't forgotten what happened in 2008 and will be ready for retribution this time around. The Aggies come to town as 17-point underdogs, but they should still give the Bulldogs' defense fits.

According to Fresno State coach Pat Hill, the Bulldogs will have hands full trying to slow down quarterback Diondre Borel in the Aggies' spread offense.

"I think their quarterback is a really dynamic guy," Hill said. "His first game was against us last year."

In 2009, Borel is second in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) in passing yards per game, averaging 240 per outing. He is fifth in the WAC in passer efficiency with a 135.5 passer rating through five games.

Fresno State's defense fits.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Bulldogs will need to play sound team defense and rally to the ball every single play. Fresno State's rush defense has traditionally struggled against dual-threat quarterbacks and will need to play last on the edge.

If not, fans may be looking at last year's Aggies, with 104.9 rushing yards per game.

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If the Bulldogs are going to deny Utah State revenge in 2009, the defense must be able to stop Borel and Turbin when the Aggies run the read-option play.

Breaking: Aggies

Easier said than done.

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Advantage Fresno State

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Fresno State comes into this game on a three-game winning streak, its first three-game winning streak since October 2007. The ‘Dogs started the season with a lowly 1-3 record, but showed resilience and recovered, saving the season.

The difference in 2009 compared to years in the past is the addition of an injury-plagued 2008 season, head coach Pat Hill said that he and his staff would reevaluate its offensive and defensive schemes on the field for an entire season.

Whatever changes were made, they have seemed to help the ‘Dogs achieve their goal of keeping their players healthy, including tailback Ryan Mathews. The nation’s leading rusher hasn’t finished a complete season in his time at Fresno State (knock on wood), but will make his eighth start tomorrow.

Mathews, as he has in every game this year, will be the key to offensive success for Fresno State. He is averaging 161 yards per game, and could again go for his average. Utah State’s rush defense gives up 57.4 yards per game.

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