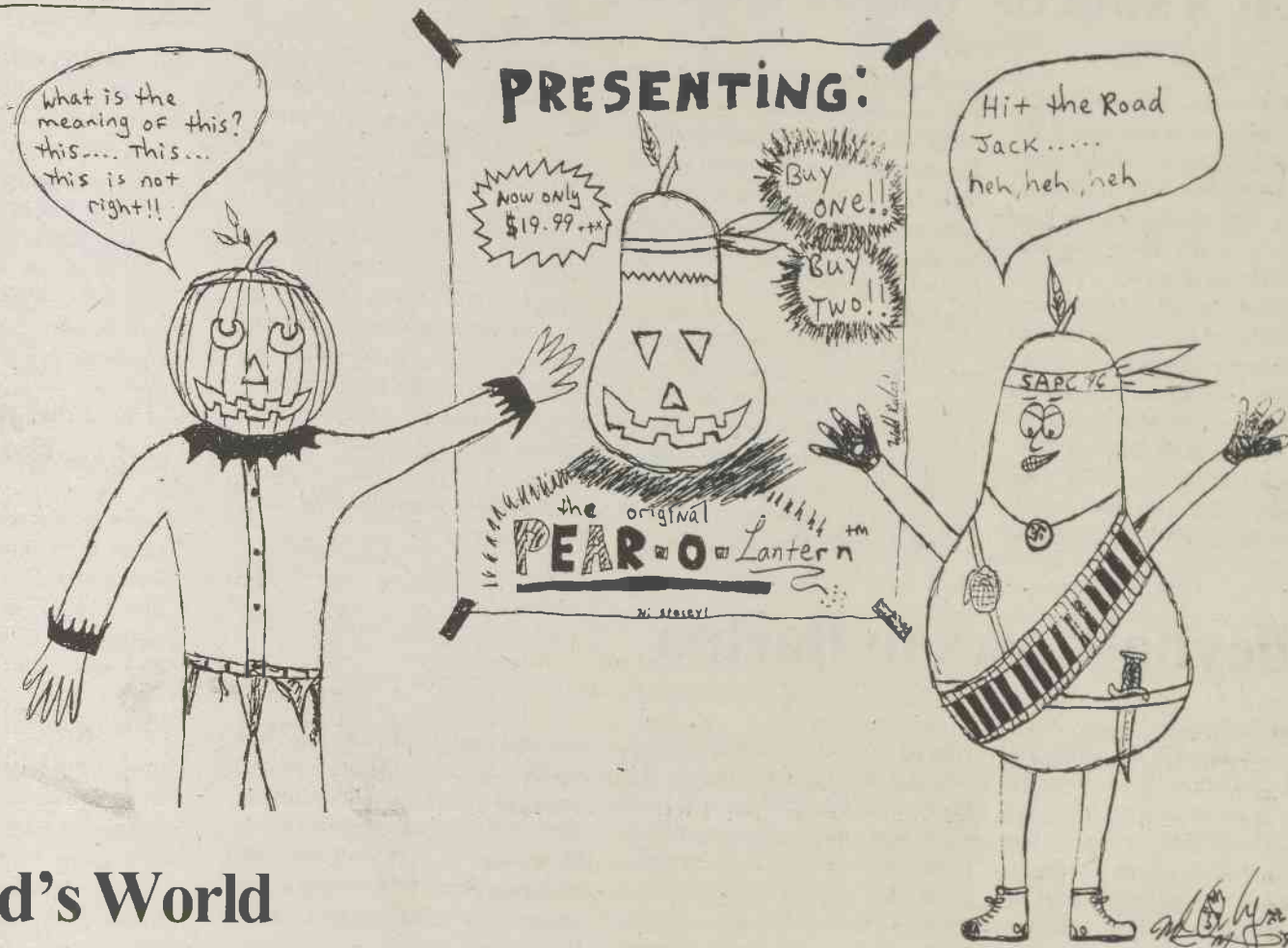


HALLOWEEN... IN The Fruit Bowl



Wald's World

Y!S!!! It's that time a year again. Can't you tell by the fun-filled ads on the T.V., the cartoons in the paper, the apathy in the air. Yup it's presidential election time and what a cast of characters we got to choose from this year. Let's see this year we got Slick Rick Clinton trying to become a two-timer (no pun intended), grandfather Dole, excuse me great-grandfather Dole, and some short, big eared, lunatic billionaire to choose between. Is it any wonder why I'm not registered?

No sir, the election won't be passing to soon for me. The non-stop news coverage and all the mindless negative ads, man it's just getting old. Isn't the whole point of this election to try and find the "best" candidate to lead this fine country of ours, not elect the candidate that fits the description, "well he's not so bad". The political parties spend hundreds of millions of dollars advertising for

their candidate and their views, and all they can say is Dole is a geezer, or Clinton is a stoner, don't you think they could be a little more creative. Hell, I think I'd vote for Eddie the Pear if he ran a straight forward positive campaign, at least he'd be focusing on the issues, plus, how can you not love the pear, he's just got it going on (there's your plug Marlon).

I don't know who I'd vote for if I was registered, now that I think about it. Are any of these candidates really fit to be president of the United States? I don't think so. My opinion has been completely distorted, by the media and hype anyways. Whatever happened to the Abe Lincolns, the FDR's, the JFK's? Why can't the American public find a person of these former presidents outstanding character and with the leadership they possessed? Maybe it's because these types of people, don't

want to be scrutinized by the press, and have their whole lives, good and bad, exposed before the eyes of the public. I feel that we put too much pressure on these candidates to have a perfect past, and don't worry enough about the policies and ideas they possess today. We lost Colin Powell this year because of this, and it will most

likely deter many other formidable candidates from running if we don't stop these attacks on personal character. I understand this is what makes news, and what sells papers, but these people running are who represent and stand for our country. If we make them look bad, we as a country look bad. So best of

luck to all of you voters out there, trying to find the best candidate to cast your vote for. I lie to you not, if the way campaigns are run doesn't change by the 2000 elections, I guarantee Eddie the Pear will be getting one vote. This has been Wald's World and I'm out like shout.

-Matt Sauerwald

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