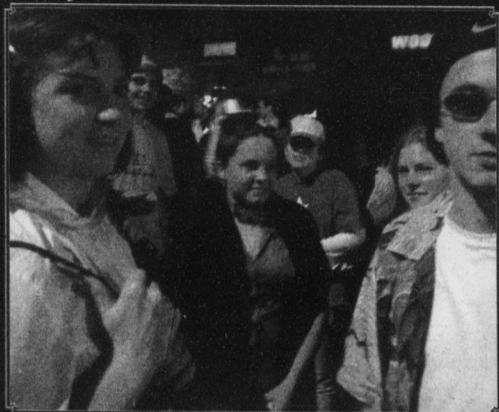


HALLOWEEN TIPS

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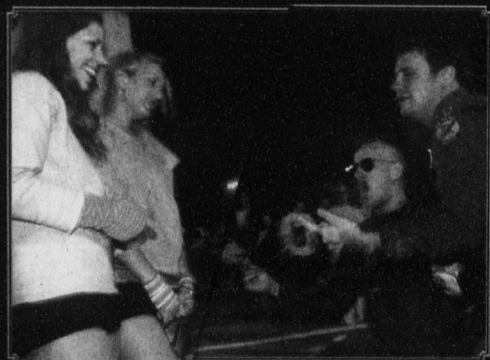
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FOR FIRST-TIMERS

- 1 Pick a boring costume and make it trashy. You could be Elly May Clampett from "The Beverly Hillbillies" but remember to do it Erika Eleniak-style: dirty.
- 2 Make sure you get to Franklin Street. No one likes a friend who is too busy to see the pagan rituals or outlandish costumes that were thrown together by people 30 minutes before they rolled up to Franklin Street. And you won't get to share all of the memories of thousands of others who were there.
- 3 Stay out as long as humanly possible. If you go back to your dorm too early, you might miss the funniest thing you've ever seen.
- 4 Pay attention to everyone's costumes. You might think of a new way to do a tradition or boring costume and be a standout next year.
- 5 Sacrifice practicality for fashion. Your feet are going to hurt the next morning, but that shouldn't stop you from wearing the highest high heels you own. If you go as a 1920s flapper, don't wear a pair of New Balance running shoes.
- 6 Go to thrift shops. Time After Time is a prime place to go if you're looking for vintage clothing. The PTA Thrift Shop is another place for some really good deals for clothes and the little things that could set you apart — and it's for a good cause.

-Compiled by staff writer Megan Ellis.



BEST COSTUMES

- 1 Sexy Devil
- 2 Sexy Nurse
- 3 Sexy Cop
- 4 Sexy Water Commissioner

WORST COSTUMES

- 1 Terrorist
- 2 Hobo
- 3 Drunk
- 4 Sexy Water Commissioner

-Compiled by A&E staff.

- 1 Stock the fridge before you go out. It's not worth waiting in line for four hours at Cosmic Cantina when you get the late-night Halloween munchies.
- 2 Go to Franklin Street, and wear a sweet costume. Girls: Just do something different. We've all seen the "sexy" devil, girl scout, nun, Nelson Mandela, whatever costume a million times. How about some originality? Maybe go as a really ugly tramp. Guys: The above rule does not apply to you. If you want to dress up as a sexy nun, more power to you. The more spandex (or in this case "mandex"), the funnier it will be. And don't go as Tom Cruise from "Risky Business." If you can't put more effort than that into a costume, don't bother. Also, Tom Cruise is lame.
- 3 Don't drive. One of the many benefits of being an actual UNC student on Halloween night is — in addition to having a safe place to flop once the revelry is over — you don't have to drive to get to Franklin Street. To say the least, motorists will experience heavy delays.

4 Carry a camera to capture some of the better costumes you might see. You never know when a picture of one of your classmates dressed as Tarzan and passed out in a puddle of his own vomit might come in handy.

5 Consider not going to Franklin Street. It's terrible. It's generally just a bunch of drunken idiots looking for any excuse to get into a fight or "accidentally" touch the boobs of one of the thousands of sexy nuns. Everyone is packed together so tightly that no one can move, and everyone smells really bad. Those rules also apply to National Championship celebrations.

6 Don't try to bust through the police search lines. Just stop and be polite. Last year, a guy dressed as a traffic barrel (i.e. he had picked up a traffic barrel and was wearing it) tried to burst blindly through the barrier. He couldn't see through the barrel, obviously. And the police, who were checking for alcohol and weapons, wasted no time in taking him down. Actually, I hope someone will be dumb enough to do that again this year — 'cause it was awesome.

7 Go to class the day after. You are almost guaranteed some bonus points when no one else shows up.

8 Use the toilets the city so generously provides. It's just common sense. You don't really want to have to explain the three public urination charges on your criminal record during your next big job interview.

9 It's a good idea to bring a change of clothes with you on Halloween, whatever your plans might be. The walk of shame is a lot more obvious when it's being made the next morning by a sexy devil or a dude draped in mandex.

'STRAIGHT EDGE

There are lots of ways to have fun on Halloween without getting all crazy on Franklin Street. You could listen to a mix tape of frightening tunes, for example. Rob Zombie and the Misfits are good for starters. Then there are the hours and hours of scary (and terrible) movies to be watched. If that doesn't keep you occupied, content yourself to eat mounds of fun-sized candy. It's just as good as regular candy, but smaller.

-Compiled by staff writer Bryan Reed.



THE TECHNICAL STUFF

Tens of thousands are expected to participate in this year's Halloween festivities on Franklin Street. The festival runs from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Here are some things to keep in mind, adapted from www.townofchapelhill.org:

1 Don't drive to the festivities. Streets will be closed to vehicular traffic at 9 p.m. Franklin Street will be closed from Raleigh Street to Mallette Street. Columbia Street will be closed from Cameron Avenue to Rosemary Street. And Raleigh Street will be closed from Cameron Avenue to East Franklin Street.

2 Don't bring booze. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the closed area. Other things to leave at home: weapons, glass bottles, paint, fireworks, explosives (a big no-no), flammable substances, animals and coolers. Even if they're part of a costume, items that can be used as weapons will be confiscated.

3 Catch shuttle buses between 9 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. Buses will run from the Jones Ferry Road lot in Carrboro, the Southern Village (U.S. 15-501 South) lot, the Friday Center park-and-ride lot and the University Mall lot. The cost is \$3 for a one-way trip and \$5 round-trip.

4 Move your car before 6 p.m. Vehicles parked in the festival area will be towed starting at that time. The minimum recovery cost is \$103.

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