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Halloween is just around the corner and OU students, faculty and staff have found many interesting ways to celebrate.

The traditional ways of celebrating this frightfully fun holiday have seemed to pass over many students.



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If OU voters in a mock election hold any truth to the outcome of the nationwide election held next month, Democrats will lead the country for four more years.

Two hundred forty students and faculty cast their votes for president and senator when they took part in a Student Congress run mock election last week.

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Student decides not to eat at ARAMARK run eateries.

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Union to vote on tentative agreement

By DORCAS GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

The clerical technical workers (CTs) of the UAW union local 1925 will hold a general membership meeting Monday to discuss the tentative agreement between the union and OU. A ratification vote will be taken immediately after.

Negotiations had been on going since June 3. The CTs have been without a contract since June 30.

Two of the main concerns were under the article of Job Postings and Filling of

Vacancies. The existing contract states that only bargaining unit employees may bid for posted positions within the first five working days of the posting date, before they can be opened to non-bargaining unit applicants.

According to local 1925 union president Susan Forgette, the negotiating team members fought all summer to keep this as it currently reads. They were not successful.

Under the tentative agreement external applicants may be considered for posted vacancies along with bargaining unit

applicant. Unless the external applicant is better qualified the bargaining unit employee will receive preference. The ultimate decision is made by the hiring supervisor.

"It seems like this is a way for OU to bust the union," said one union member who wished to remain anonymous. "But on the other hand if external applicants are hired, they'll eventually be a part of the union. I just wonder why they(OU) fought so hard for it."

Willard Kendall, assistant vice presi-

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June 30 • CT contract ended

Sept. 3 • CTs report for work for fall semester

Sept. 6 • Outside mediator called into negotiations

Oct. 3 - 4 • CTs pickets Board meeting and WOCOOU all campus picnic

Oct. 24 • Tentative agreement

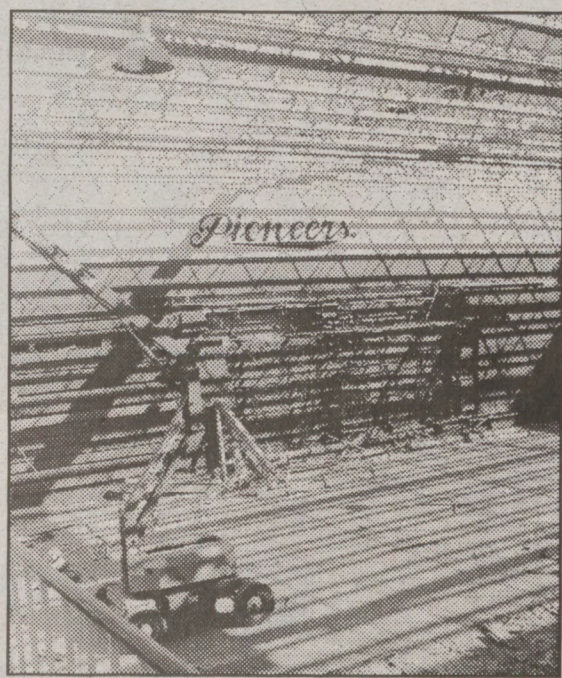
Construction begins



Crews started the construction process Monday by first tearing portions of Leply down.

While North American Dismantling removed the roof and some walls of the gym, Barton Malow began pouring the approximated 8,000 yards of concrete that will become the foundation of the new Student Fitness and Recreation Center. After the foundation has been finished the actual building process will begin.

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ARAMARK chosen to staff science building

By DORCAS GRAHAM  
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For the first time in more than 20 years OU's American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) union local 1418 was required to bid against outside contractors for custodial jobs in and on campus buildings.

"It sucks," said David Szczesny, union president of AFSCME local 1418. "Yes, it's cheaper to outsource, and it's also easier to worm out of a contract than to lay people off." Szczesny feels that outsourced employees are more disposable because OU can easily terminate the contract if it is dissatisfied with the performance of the workers.

OU's Campus Facilities and Operations (CF&O), requested bids from outside compa-

"They're not going to get the quality or the loyalty with outsourcing and there's going to be higher turnover rate."

- Susan Forgette  
UAW local 1925 president

nies for custodial positions for the soon to be completed science and technology building.

AFSCME local 1418 bid as well, hoping for a chance to fill the five to eight positions that will be needed. Its bid was rejected. The union competed against two other corporations: Total Building Services, based in Detroit and ARAMARK, a national corporation that also staffs OU's food service. The administration approved ARAMARK's proposal.

"ARAMARK had the best references from other universities," said Alan Miller director of CF&O. "They were the most responsive to our needs."

Yet others strongly oppose bids being taken on union jobs. "It's a shame," said Susan Forgette, president of UAW local 1925.

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Students ignore Devil's night

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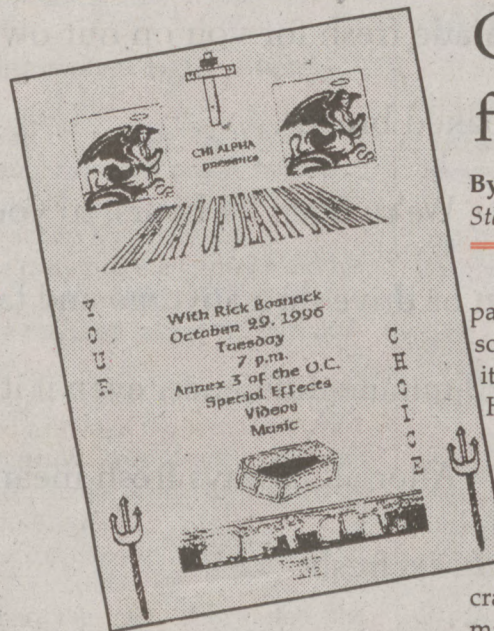
The old Devil's night tradition of shattering pumpkins, toilet papering dorms and smashing mailboxes seems to be something OU students have ignored on campus.

In past years, the problems OU Police encountered the night before Halloween few, if any, said OU Police Chief Richard Leonard. He expects this Oct. 30 will be no different.

Leonard believes OU students find better things to do on the eve of Halloween. He believes students are too preoccupied with other campus activities to take part in the traditional Devil's night mischief.

"We don't usually have problems on devil's night," said Leonard, "I think students are too busy studying."

OU Police plan to go about business as usual that night with no extra officers on duty.



DAY OF DEATH: Believing that Halloween is satanic, Chi Alpha instead held a mock funeral yesterday to honor god.

Groups celebrate Halloween from different perspectives

By REBECCA DEVANTIER  
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To many, Halloween is a time for parties and trick-or-treats. But to some religious groups on campus, it's not so fun. In fact they believe Halloween is Satanic.

For others, like the Wiccans, it's as sacred to them as Christmas and Easter is for Christians. Wicca is a non-traditional religious group that practices witchcraft. Wicca is a combination of folk magic and Druidism.

The Druids from ancient Gaul began most of the so-called Halloween traditions many people practice today. They called their festival Samhain. It is the celebration of

the summer's end. They used pumpkins, corn stalks, and built huge bonfires to scare away the ghosts, spirits, and elves.

Today, Samhain is celebrated by Wiccans that believe its members are witches and worship their god and goddess.

The last day of October is set aside for this holiday. It is also day before All Saints Day, a religious holiday in which Christians honor all of the saints. They primarily focus on those saints who don't have days named for them. Some Christians also honor the people who died during the past year.

"I will not celebrate dead people," said Sarah Ferency, guest stu-

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