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# ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE OUTBREAK: WHERE WOULD YOU HIDE ON CAMPUS?



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With 2020's track record of surreal events, a zombie apocalypse isn't too far-fetched. In considering your plan for survivability, the building you choose makes a huge difference. Assuming water and electricity remain on, where would you hide if half the campus population started craving brains? Although I should really keep my considerations under wraps for an advantage, I've decided to share my thoughts for the greater good:

## The BECC

Unless zombies have the ability to tap in through multiple checkpoints with their student IDs, the BECC might just be the most secure building on campus. The entry system that once seemed excessive and unnecessary suddenly makes sense in the apocalyptic landscape. Once you're safe inside one of the classrooms, the large whiteboards are perfect for mapping out an elaborate attack plan. If you happened to pack your laptop while fleeing, you could make this plan into a full-blown Microsoft PowerPoint presentation to display on any of the hundreds of flat-screens. In terms of food, there are vending machines at every turn, so you wouldn't have to go too long without hot Cheetos. Until the coffee beans run out, you can even maintain your caffeine addiction at Delawder's Deli Coffee Shop.



## The Michel Student Center

Given the various food options in the student center, it makes sense that this will quickly become the most popular hideout spot. An apocalypse is a good excuse to live exclusively off of Chick-fil-A nuggets, right? With the majority of campus adopting this same mentality, the rations will run out quickly. Suddenly, you'll find yourself eating a cup of Moe's beans or one of those bagged hard-boiled eggs from the P.O.D. when the good stuff goes. The student center also lacks individualized spaces, and will likely result in a battle over the 10 meeting rooms in the basement. Unless you're okay with playing out scenarios "Lord of the Flies"-style, the student center is a hard pass.



## Markin Family Recreation Center

It might just come down to physically fighting the zombies. Either that, or running away from them as fast as you can. For both the fight and flight scenarios, spending time in the gym is sure to increase your odds of survival. Let's not forget the modest food options: Jerry's Juice Bar and vending machine snacks. Bagel sandwiches aren't really worth spending dining dollars on, but you'll be happy to indulge under apocalyptic circumstances. Another incredible bonus in hiding here: the showers. Why should an apocalypse require you to lower your hygiene standards? While the fools setting up camp in other campus buildings will likely be sponge-bathing in bathroom sinks, you'll be basking in subpar water pressure.

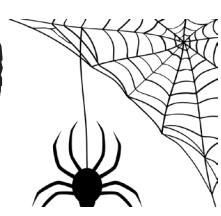
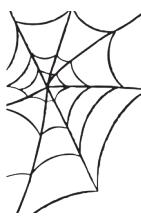


## The Cullom-Davis Library

There's a high likelihood that BUsecure won't survive the apocalypse; it barely survives regular semesters. At least by hiding out in the library, there are thousands of books you could read to kill the time. I'm sure there's even a survival guide or two. Like Markin, the food options in the library are modest, maybe even a little worse. Stacks Cafe doesn't offer many food options, but for those of us who couldn't survive without caffeine, it does have what we consider "the necessities." From a combat perspective, the second floor of the library is also a great vantage point of the campus; you can see most of Olin Quad. Check out the zombie situation happening over by Bradley Hall, and then swiftly continue reading your classic novel.



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# THE WINCHESTERS VISIT THE HILLTOP

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"So, get this," Sam said to Dean. "There have been reports of suspicious events at this university in Peoria, Illinois."

"Weird things happen on college campuses all the time," Dean replied. "How are you sure this is our sort of thing?"

Sam got out his laptop and showed his brother Scout articles about several students going missing from Bradley University and stories of the ghosts on The Hilltop. Dean thinks the stories are made up and passed down from upperclassmen to scare the freshmen, but the reports were enough for him to fuel up the Impala.

The brothers arrive at the campus, and Dean smirks at the sight of the Bradley squirrels running around in the fallen leaves. One of the squirrels looks up at Dean and puts its paws up as if begging for food. Dean smiles, but it quickly turns into a scowl after the critter lets out an alarming screech.

"These things are little monsters," Dean nudged Sam. "Are we sure they aren't the cause of the missing students?"

Sam just rolled his eyes and continued walking, but he had to stop suddenly—doing an awkward tall-guy stumble in the process—when two squirrels skittered right in front of him.

The monster hunters headed to the library to see if the special collections had any campus lore that could be of any help. They didn't

find anything super useful other than the legends of the third floor of Sisson Hall, Constance Hall, the seventh floor of Harper Hall and the Hartmann Theatre being haunted.

They posed as FBI agents and talked to BUPD for more information and to get access to the buildings. Sam asked the officers what they knew about the missing students, and they said they didn't have any leads and turned the case over to the Peoria police department.

Even though Dean thought the spirits in the buildings around campus were pure fiction, the two searched each one for signs of ghosts or hex bags. There was no EMF reading in any of the four locations, so it had to be something else.

Dean suggested they visit the Greek houses since the only commonality between the missing students was that they were last seen at a frat party.

Walking into a fraternity house, they received strange glances, and one



drunk frat guy yelled, "Nice costumes, old dudes! But isn't it past your bedtime?"

Dean was about to lunge toward the 20-some-year-old when Sam held him back and said, "It's not worth it, Dean. There's obviously nothing going on here. Let's move on."

Just as they walked out, they heard a scream. They quickly followed it to find a vampire leading a female student to its nest.

It turns out one of the houses on Fredonia was not a Greek house, after all. The alpha vampire moved into the abandoned house just a few months ago to build a nest full of college students.

After seeing the alpha and putting it all together, Dean said "What a creep," and proceeded to fight the bloodsucker.

The alpha pushed Dean down, but Sam had his brother's back and started fighting as well. The other vampires started to defend their alpha, but they were inexperienced fighters. Dean went for the kill when Sam let out a scream.

"WAIT! If they

haven't fed, they can be given the cure," Sam yelled to Dean.

"Well, that makes this a little harder," Dean muttered.

So, he stunned the young vampires while Sam tried to fight off the alpha. However, Sam was getting quite a beating and was losing steam. The alpha took a shot and pushed Sam hard into a wall, hitting his head.

"SAMMY!" Dean cried. He rushed over and acted quickly, decapitating the alpha before it could make a move.

"You good?" he asked Sam as he pulled him up.

"Fine," Sam sighed, giving a little nod. Luckily, the students hadn't fed on any human blood and the Winchesters had the ingredients to make a cure for all of them.

They were grateful to be back to themselves and one student asked, "What exactly do you do? Is this like your job?"

Dean replied, "Yep. It's all about saving people, hunting things, the family business."

Sam made sure they got back to their dorms and houses safely while Dean burned the body of the alpha for good measure.

They met back at the Impala and gave each other a nod before getting into the car.

Dean drove off, and as they were heading to their next destination on the road, the song "Carry on Wayward Son" began to play on the radio.

## THE FIVE WORST COUPLES COSTUMES THIS YEAR

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In an exhaustive article, Oprah Magazine lays out 75 getups guaranteed to "win all the contests." With such an extensive list, not all of them are winners. Here are the worst five:



### 1. "Day of the Dead"

People often think of Día de los Muertos as "Mexican Halloween," but it's important to realize that culture is not a costume and Día de los Muertos is its own event entirely. While these outfits themselves are lavish and well-done, the fact still stands that these two people took a culturally significant festival and played dress-up. Let's reserve Día de los Muertos for those who celebrate on Nov. 1-2.

### 2. "Joker and Harley Quinn"

It's a toxic relationship and Joker is abusive. Stop idolizing it. Also, it's weird that, despite just about everyone and their mother hating Jared Leto's appearance and performance in "Suicide Squad," people still love dressing up as him.



### 3. "Robber and His Loot"

In addition to being lazy costumes, it objectifies one partner as a prize of great value to be taken by the robber. The gendered possessive pronouns here don't help.



### 4. "Chef & Lobster"

The connotations of preparing your child to be eaten are incredibly disturbing. I don't think the baby is on board for this, either.



### 5. "Hunter & His Prey"

First of all, dressing up as animals is always weird. Second of all, look at that face. He is going to murder you and put your head on his wall.

# CORPSE HUSBAND: THE HORROR NARRATING YOUTUBER STEALING RESTFUL NIGHTS

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Move over, Morgan Freeman—there's a new voice in town that the internet wants to have narrate their bedtime stories.

The YouTuber and singer that has taken the internet by storm goes by the alias "Corpse Husband," or more simply, "Corpse." After appearing in various videos playing Among Us with YouTube gamers, his popularity has only increased.

His fans have been known to have him trending on Twitter quite often, and his songs have been spread through TikTok videos. However, he started on YouTube in 2015 reading true horror stories sent in from fans or found on the internet.

Corpse has a deep and low voice and remains faceless, which is a big part of his branding. He said he remains faceless out of anxiety but knows that it benefits his storytelling. It lets his audience use their imagination and focus on the tales of horror.

With Halloween season here, his horror story videos are perfect for getting just a little bit spooked.

Since his videos usually feature experiences sent in by fans, they don't include paranormal encounters, but that in itself makes it creepier.

Here's the best Corpse Husband videos to listen to for a night of suspense. Warning, these stories mention violence, stalking, kidnapping and more of the like, so listen with caution.

**3 True SCARY Tinder Stories That You Can Learn From | Scary Online Dating App Stories (Ft Eden)**

These Tinder experiences can probably be the closest to what college students experience, so it's definitely relatable to dates gone wrong.

I will say, it's a little hilarious to hear a grown man

that is sulfur hexafluoride (the gas that has the opposite effect of Helium) personified saying he's a teenage girl, so immersion can be a challenge for the listener. However, that's made up with a guest narrator appearing later.

## 5 CREEPIEST Most Popular True Scary Stories On Reddit | Best LetsNotMeet Horror Stories

The music in this video makes these stories very compelling, which is my favorite part of this video in particular.

When there's a mention of high-pitched screams, the music has sharp and sudden notes, which makes the experience jarring. The music also stops when the person in the story gets scared, which leaves the audience to stop in fear also, or it starts back up when they have a moment of realization.

## 3 True INTENSE Horror Stories From People Who Encountered MURDERERS | Scary True Stories

These stories actually are intense with either tales of close calls or less fortunate events, leaving us to wonder if the people involved were going to make it out of their situation in one piece.

The build-up is big with the first and the last story, which both get into some gory details about the incidents that were told. It definitely makes you cautious of strangers at night or who you get close with.



# SPOOKY DATES THAT WON'T LEAVE YOU SCARED SICKLY

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Regardless of your relationship status, spooky season is upon us, and it's time to take full advantage of it.

Did your summer fling become a full-time romance? Are you already courting someone for cuffing season? Maybe you're in a long-term relationship and are ready to celebrate a tradition? Or perhaps you and your friends are all living up the single life but want to have a photo shoot or pet a cute goat?

Here are some COVID-19 friendly activities to do with your boo!

🎃 Grab some pumpkin pie or a bag of candy corn and invite them over for a Halloween movie marathon. Whether it's horror movies or childhood favorites, pick some flicks, sit back and relax.

🎃 Tanner's Orchard is a fall favorite for Bradley students. Pet some goats, get a pumpkin doughnut and get lost in the corn maze.

🎃 For a more adventurous outing, take a walk at a nearby cemetery. Why not go to Springdale and visit Lydia? Just be sure to watch out for black cats crossing your path.

🎃 Bake an autumn treat with your sweetheart (pumpkin bars are my go-to). If you aren't the best in the kitchen, you can always pick up some sugar cookies from the local grocery store and decorate them together.

🎃 Traditional pumpkin carving is always a good time. Pick up a pumpkin from a local pumpkin patch or at the store and have some fun. If carving isn't quite your thing, then grab a brush and get to painting.

🎃 Want to soak up those autumn views? Take a cruise down Grandview Drive and enjoy the changing colors.

🎃 Sometimes a walk is just what you need. Check out Laura Bradley Park not far from campus. Better yet, bring a blanket and a snack and make it a picnic!

COVID-19 might be putting a damper on 2020, but that doesn't mean you can't have a fun fall with your boo. When life gives you lemons, you make lemonade. When life gives you pumpkins, you make pumpkin pie.



# HALLOWEEN MOVIES FOR THE FAINT OF HEART

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"This is Halloween. Halloween. Halloween!" It's spooky season! This Halloween looks a bit different this year given that we're in the middle of a pandemic; however, there's no better way to celebrate safely than by watching Halloween movies!

Now, if you're anything like myself, I absolutely hate the feeling that comes from watching horror films; nevertheless, I still love the holiday. In this article, I've compiled a list of spooky season movies (all available on Disney+) that won't leave you wetting the bed but will still give you all the Halloween chills!

## 1. 'Hocus Pocus' (1993)

This cult classic explores the journey of Max, a teenage boy who doesn't believe in the superstition of Salem's most popular witches, the Sanderson sisters. When he lights a candle that resurrects them on Halloween, Max, along with his sister and friend, must race against time to stop the evil witches from becoming immortal beings.

## 2. 'The Nightmare Before Christmas' (1993)

A Tim Burton classic, this stop motion animated film, which doubles as a Christmas movie, details the journey of the King of Halloween Town, Jack Skellington, who stumbles upon a portal into a place called Christmas Town. Bored of the Halloween tradition, he brings the Christmas spirit to Halloween Town, in hopes of becoming the new "Sandy Claws".

## 3. The 'Halloweentown' Series (1998-2006)

Speaking of Halloween Town, this series of four movies explores the life of the young witch Marnie and her siblings as they balance living a normal life while being sucked into the captivating, spooky alternate universe of Halloweentown, where their witch Grandma lives.

## 4. 'Twitches' and 'Twitches Too' (2005 and 2007)

These two movies follow the lives of twin sisters who first discover each other and then find out they are witches on their birthdays, which also happens to be on Halloween. Also discovering their new homeland of Coventry is in danger, they must save the day in enough time to celebrate the birthdays on Earth.

## 5. "The Haunted Mansion" (2003)

A lot of people overlook this Eddie Murphy classic when selecting Halloween movies to watch, but this is one that should certainly make everyone's list. When realtors Jim and Sara Evers tour a new property with their children, they end up getting more than they bargained for as they discover the property is haunted. The whole family has to overcome their fears and solve an antiquated mystery so that everyone, both living and dead, gets a happy ending.

## Bonus TV Halloween Specials

### 1. 'That's So Raven'- "Don't Have A Cow"

After Raven and Chelsea are the only students not invited to Alana's Halloween party due to Raven's bad history with Alana, they decide to use a magic spell to get the coveted invitation. However, after making a mistake with the spell, they turn into cows.

### 2. 'The Suite Life of Zack and Cody' - "The Ghost in Suite 613"

After hearing stories that there is a ghost in Suite 613 of the Tipton Hotel, Zack and Cody, along with London, Maddie and Esteban, decide to spend the night in hopes of seeing the rumored ghost.

### 3. 'Wizards of Waverly Place' - "Halloween"

Although "Wizards of Waverly Place" may arguably be a Halloween show, this episode reveals that the Russo family's haunted house just isn't scary enough to continue each year. Determined to keep their haunted house alive, Alex visits the Wizard World to hire real ghosts to scare the children of Waverly Place.



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## ONE-ON-ONE Is 'HOCUS POCUS' ACTUALLY GOOD?

**Absolutely**

**vs.**

**Nope**

In 1993, Bette Midler "put a spell" on us, and 27 years later, our fascination with "Hocus Pocus" has not ceased since.

Although it was initially regarded as a box office failure, the movie gained attention from annual airings on Disney Channel and ABC Family. Within a few years, "Hocus Pocus" solidified its position as a cult classic, and it's not hard to see why.

The concept of witches coming back to life to suck the life out of children is innately terrifying. As a child, it gave me nightmares. However, as I got older, I realized the comedic value of "Hocus Pocus."

The Sanderson sisters are undeniably hilarious. Bette Midler, Kathy Najimy and Sarah Jessica Parker were just beginning their long and successful acting careers at this point, and this manifested in a dynamic chemistry with a raw comedic energy that most well-seasoned actresses had refined. This, coupled with the clearly adult jokes that just managed to slip over our head as children but cause relentless laughter as adults, means that every viewer has an entirely different but wonderful experience with the movie.

I'll be the first to say it: the movie gives us a plot and a half. The story is intricately woven, providing us with just enough backstory to understand what's going on while also keeping us on our toes. Just when you think everything is over, the climax of the movie hits.

While I'm not advocating for "Hocus Pocus" to be viewed as a cinematic masterpiece, it's top-notch for a Disney movie filmed in the '90s and the best Halloween Disney film of all time (sorry, "Halloweentown").

My opponent Anthony says that "Hocus Pocus" is a bad movie, but would a crappy film have as big of a following as "Hocus Pocus?" All 124,000 members of the "Hocus Pocus" Facebook group that I belong to would say no.

"Hocus Pocus" is the perfect balance of charming, funny and spooky. My sister and I cherish this movie as an important part of our childhood, and my younger brothers enjoy the funky plot and "scary" moments. Therefore, I think my following statement is warranted and well-supported: there is no greater Halloween nostalgia than sitting down with family and watching this truly timeless classic play out.

-JADE SEWELL

-ANTHONY LANDAHL

## A 'HALLOWEENTOWN' HUSSLE: WORKING OUT THE CROMWELL WAY

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Marnie Piper once said, "Halloween is cool," and I can't help but agree with her.

As the Halloween season quickly approaches its climax, there's only one thing that comes to mind: "Halloweentown." What would this spooky season be without the Cromwell crew? A "Halloweentown" movie marathon is always a necessity when October rolls around, and it's available on Disney+.

Unfortunately, we all know how busy our schedules can get, so the practicality of this childhood tradition seems pretty far-fetched. But what if I told you watching these sinister classics can improve your health? And no, you won't need any magical spells to do so.

I have come up with a spooktacular workout that can be done alongside the "Halloweentown" gang right from your bedroom. So, turn on your television, put on your tennis shoes and watch those pounds magically shed off as you defeat Kalabar with this workout.

A Halloweentown Hussle:

- Someone casts a spell: 10 lunges (each leg)
- Benny, the cab driver, makes a bad joke: 10 burpees
- Dylan says something annoying: 1-minute plank
- Someone tries to do magic but fails: 10 pushups
- The name "Cromwell" is mentioned: run in place for 30 seconds
- You see a costume you've worn before: 30 crunches
- The word "Halloween" or "Halloweentown" is said: 15 jumping jacks
- Marnie complains: 10 sit-ups
- Sophie senses someone coming: 20 Russian twists (each side)
- Someone is transported to Halloweentown or the mortal world: 10 squats
- Aggie's purse runs away: 10 split squats

Whenever you're wanting an escape from the wickedness of school, you can transport yourself to Halloweentown with this "killer" workout.

As Aggie Cromwell says, "Magic is really very simple, all you've got to do is want something and then let yourself have it." The same goes for your fitness goals for this Halloween season.



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