

Voila! Student costumer designs disguises



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Harvey and his most recent costume.

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Happy Halloween? This "medieval barbarian" actually is Tom Harvey in disguise. And a convincing disguise at that.

Harvey is a UNL student studying theater and arts. Designing costumes is more than a hobby for him — it's his life, he says. Harvey hopes to be a professional costumer someday. He'd like to work for Paramount Pictures or design for rock bands. In the meantime, he makes costumes for himself — for Halloween — and also helps friends create costumes.

You might say Harvey "gets into" his costumes more than one way. "I can be anything and do anything and nobody knows who I am," Harvey says. "There's a mystique about it."

Harvey says he became interested in costumes when he was about 6 years old, when he made his first towel-cape costume. In junior high, Harvey and a few friends pantomimed to the rock group KISS.

"Some people think I'm strange," he says. "That's OK with me."

And some of his friends try to discourage him from designing costumes because they think there is no money in designing, he says. But Harvey knows a designer in California who recently made and sold two dragon suits — at \$1,000 per suit.

"If you can take a trade or career and make it better than it was — you'll make money," Harvey says.

Although he does not intend to get rich right away, Harvey says he does want to keep improving his costumes.

"This (costume in picture) has

been one of my best," he says. Harvey says some people might think his costume is something from one of their worst nightmares. For him, each costume is an inner expression.

"If it has something to do with myself, I can do well," he says, "because I know what I want it to be."

His costumes are made from basic materials — paper mache, wood for heels, and make-up.

More expensive materials, like liquid metal, studs and silver trim, are added that "make" his costumes.

Last Halloween, Harvey entered Stoooges' costume contest and took third place. Sunday he entered El Ranchito's contest. And Wednesday he will be in Stoooges' costume contest again.

"I need to make costumes," he says, "for whatever my imagination lets loose."

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Acacia fraternity is sponsoring its third annual "Dracu-Blood" blood drive Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Nebraska Union's Regency Suite.

All blood donated will be sent to the Shrine Burns Institute in Galveston, Texas. Those wishing to donate blood should call 475-2242.

More than 35 companies are expected to attend the eight Ag Careers Day Wednesday in the Nebraska East Union Ballroom.

Ag Careers Day is designed to familiarize students with employment opportunities available in agriculture.

Ag Careers Day, sponsored by Alpha Zeta, undergraduate agriculture honorary, begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m.

A free seminar for people interested in installing their own solar water heating systems will be offered at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education 33rd and Holdrege streets, from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight.

Seminar participants will learn whether their homes are suited for solar systems, where to locate collectors, the costs involved, how much they can expect to save and how tax credits apply to solar systems.

The seminar will be conducted by Jim Bowman, energy program development specialist at UNL. For more information call 472-1924.

An agriculture land valuation debate will be Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraska East Union Great Plains Room.

Jack Kay, of the speech communications department, will serve as moderator.

State Sen. James Pappas of Hershey and Richard Mercer, president of the Nebraska Livestock Feeders Association and chairman of the Ag Land Committee, will speak in favor of the issue.

State Sen. Don Wesley of Lincoln and Charlie Bacon, executive vice president of the Nebraska Tax Research Council, will speak against the issue.

Great Britain's national debate team will go head-to-head with a UNL debate team Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

The question to be debated is "This House supports the establishment of a monarchy in America."

Representing UNL will be John Fritch of Palmyra and Ed Sisson of Omaha. Murray Pittock of Oxford University and Christopher Day of Imperial College of Science and Technology will speak for the British team.

The British team is on an eight-week tour of the United States at the invitation of the National Speech Association. During the tour, the team will participate in 19 debates scheduled across the United States.

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