The Throne

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halloween inquisition

Celebrate Halloween with Swem and the federal government. If you dare! Answer these questions about the collusion between Halloween and the federal government, and send your answers to The Throne at throne@wm.edu. You could win our grand prize—a bag of candy corn and a genuine Federal Depository Library pin. In the event of ties, entries will be tossed into a cauldron and the first to bubble to the surface will be the winner.

Hint: The ProQuest Congressional database might help more than a witches brew with some:

1. Where are the Goblin Labyrinths found?

2. Why might the ghosts, mentioned in the title of a 2002 Senate hearing, appear to be black, and who were the ghost busters?

and now for some multiple choice:

3. What did people claim they saw floating over the desert near Roswell, New Mexico, in the 1940s?
   a) German dirigibles
   b) UFOs
   c) Weather balloons
   d) Orson Welles

4. About what did Halloween Barnes testify in a 1989 Senate hearing?
   a) Conditions in coal mines
   b) Conditions in steel mills
   c) Conditions in candy factories
   d) Conditions in nursing homes

Occupy Wall Street? In 1999, our lustful fires were all about the renovation of Swem. Here’s the Swem construction float from that year’s Homecoming parade. For some merriment, The Throne recommends that you take a look at the 1939 Homecoming parade, available through the W&M Digital Archive at http://hdl.handle.net/10288/13622.

“books are a uniquely portable magic.”
–stephen king

During this magical time of year, we know you’re interested in witchcraft, a topic covered in Wolfgang Behringer’s book, Witches and Witch-Hunts: A Global History. Swem doesn’t own a copy, but don’t despair, dear souls. Let our Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Department work its magic, and you’ll have that book or any journal article before you can say “abracadabra.”

Have questions about ILL? Need help placing a request? Call us at (757) 221-3089 or email us at sweill@wm.edu.

new leader of the pack

Carrie Cooper began this summer as Dean of University Libraries. In the midst of adjusting to her new life in Williamsburg—including surviving an earthquake and a hurricane (who knew?)—Dean Cooper sat down with The Throne to tell us a little about herself.

The ‘True Blood’ series on HBO

Roald Dahl – I’m very fond of children’s books.

My children, my iPhone, and comfortable shoes.

It’s The Throne, no question in my mind. I’ve heard of something called The John, but my loyalties lie with the bathrooms at Swem.

what is your favorite guilty pleasure?

if you were stranded on an island what are your 3 must-haves?

who is your favorite author?

which college publication do you think is the best?