

The Outdoor Sportsman

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Hello fellow hunters and welcome back to the *Outdoor Sportsman*. In this issue, we will talk about Firearm Deer Season '94, which starts on Nov. 15 and runs until Nov. 30. This is a great time to be out in the woods hunting that elusive white-tail deer, when the bucks are in the rut and at their sexual peak.

However, to get these bucks in, you'll need to do a few things besides sit next to a feed pile. That's OK for does and small bucks, but to get a nice buck you'll need to have a few tricks up your sleeve.

First of all, as we know, the bucks are in competition for those does which means some kind of "doe in heat" scent will work great during this time of the year.

Another thing you can do is to get a deer grunt call and a pair of rattling horns because the bucks are in competition with each other; if they hear another fight going on, they will check it out to see if they can win it. The bigger buck usually wins.

These things used in combination will work excellently.

I had the great opportunity to meet Dan Fitzgerald, a professional bow hunter who has hunted and released hunting videos across America. I asked him how he calls and what kind of

call he uses for white-tails during the rut. He said he uses a grunt call very aggressively.

I also had the opportunity to talk to Wayne Carlton, president of Carlton's Calls, and he told me basically the same thing. Many hunters, he told me, are so used to sitting in a blind and hunting over bait, that few want to try this new way to attract deer.

From my experience, a deer grunt used during rut can turn a bad day into a great one. I call every 15-20 minutes all day long, for about 20-30 seconds. If you call only three times a day, you might be missing deer that did not hear your call earlier. Just because a call doesn't work the first time doesn't mean calls don't work. I call all day long whether I see deer or not.

Please take my advice and give a deer grunt call a try; they do work. I would suggest sitting about 50 yards away from a good runway and away from people; the more people there are near you, the worse your chances are of bagging that dream buck.

Let's not forget to harvest some of those does; their meat is just as good as a buck's, but make sure your area is not closed to the taking of antlerless deer. Many areas were closed this year. Look in the hunting and trapping guide provided when you purchase a hunting license

to see if your area was closed.

Well, to wrap things up for this issue, please take all safety precautions when handling your weapon this year, and like I always say, make sure of your shot before you take it. A man was accidentally shot by a hunter awhile back in the Hillman area because this person was not educated when it came to deer hunting. He got excited, pointed the barrel of his high powered rifle at the moving bushes, and shot, but later found out it was a man instead of a deer. That man was someone's dad and also someone's husband, who was loved very much, so let's be careful what we shoot at.

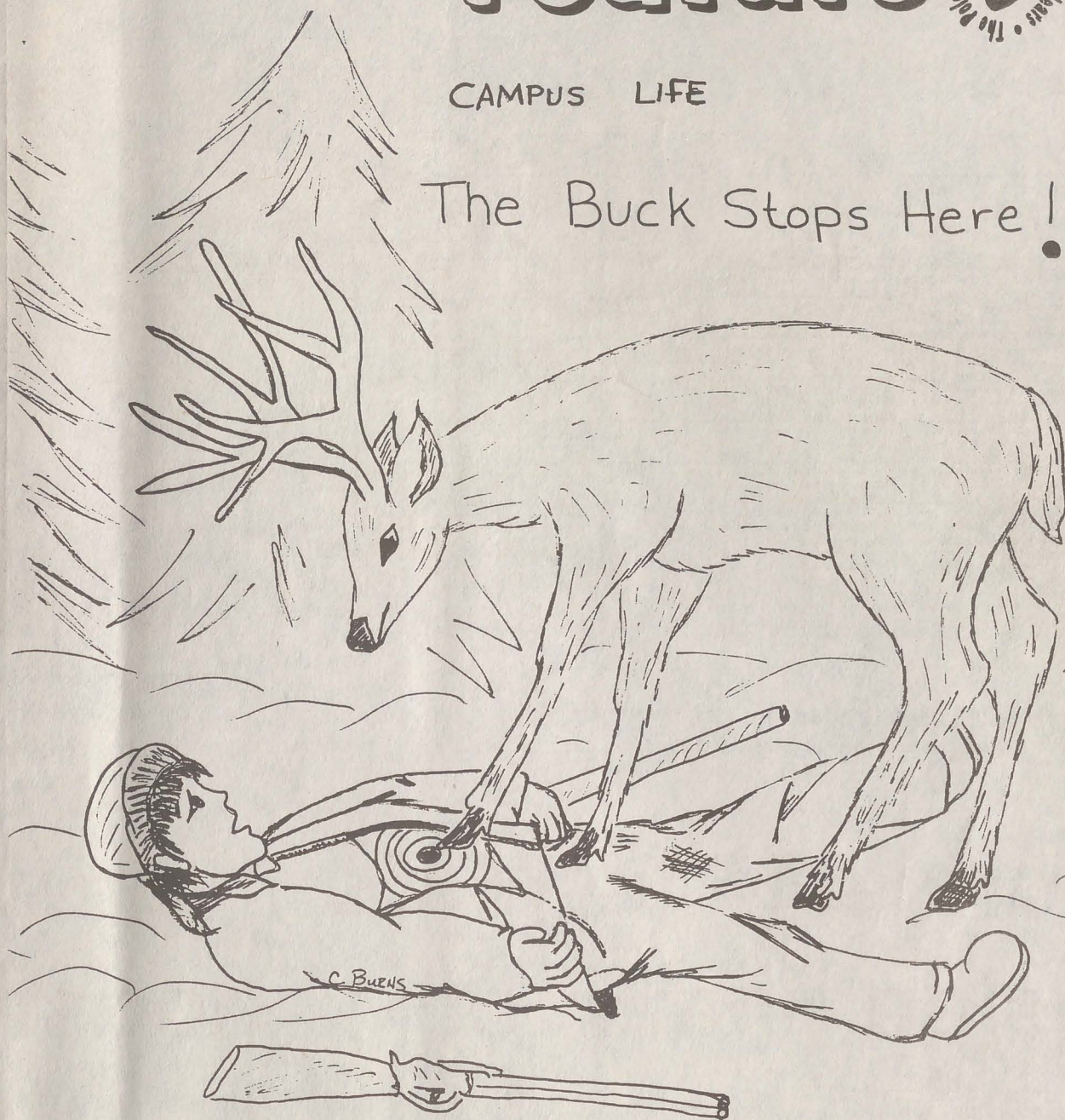
And, as always, take a youngster out into the woods with you to teach them the right way to hunt and preserve our sport. As hunters, we have the right to enjoy our sport according to Section 300.262A of Michigan law which makes it illegal to obstruct or interfere with the lawful taking of animals.

If your hunting is being obstructed in any way, you should promptly report the violation to the DNR toll-free complaint line, 1-800-292-7800. This number is there for hunters; if you feel you have to use it, do so.

One last thing to all you hunters - this is our sport, and this is our time, the time we've waited for all year. Let's have fun, and good luck to everyone.

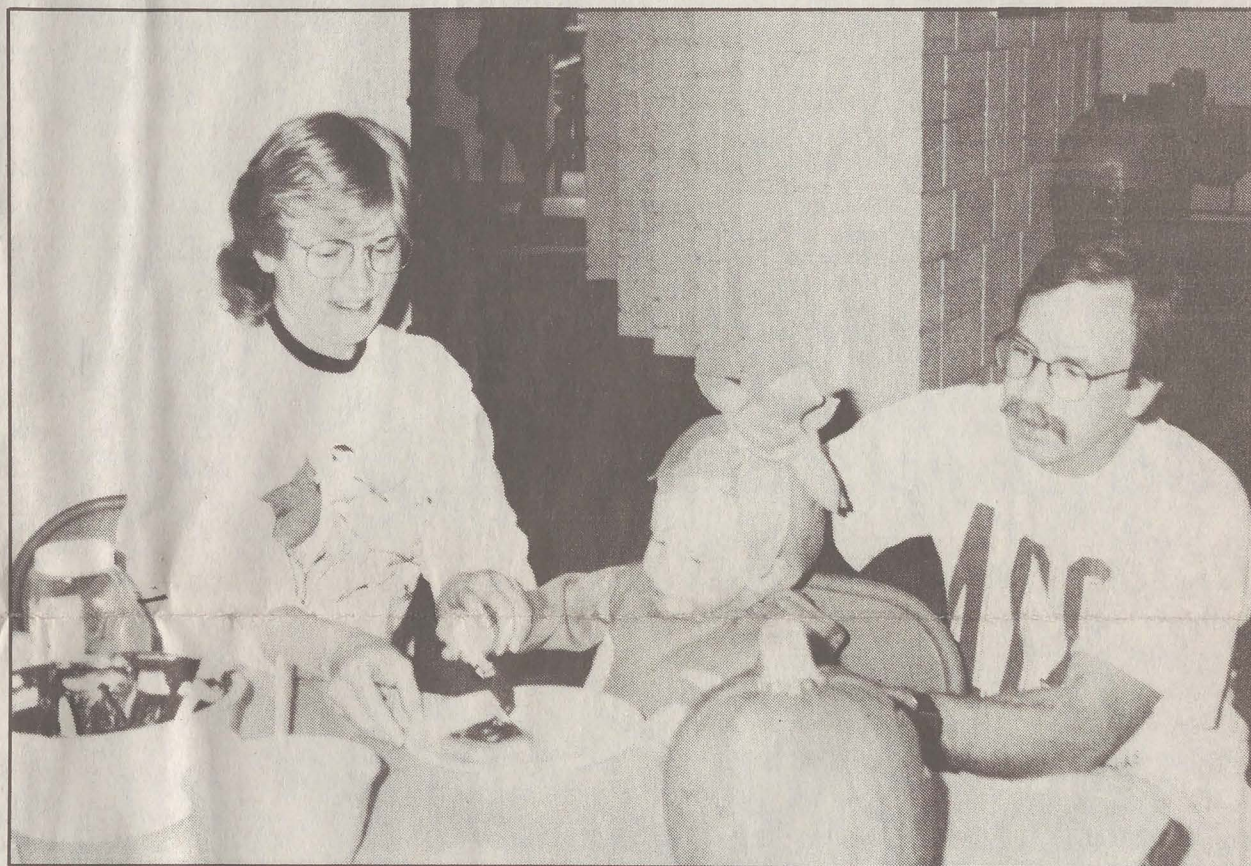
CAMPUS LIFE

The Buck Stops Here!



(Right) Mr. and Mrs. Huizenga help their son decorate his cookie at the Student Senate Halloween party.

(Left) Those who attended The Senate Halloween party donned a variety of creative costumes.



Halloween Party deemed a hit

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Over 100 people attended the Student Senate Halloween Party held on Saturday, Oct. 29. "Every year we have an impressive turnout by the students, and this year, a surprising number of faculty and staff attended," said Senate President Michael Beaufore. "It was a success."

A little after 7 p.m., ghosts, goblins, fairy princesses, vampires, clowns, and little pumpkins began to roam through the halls of VLH. Activities included soccer ball kick, musical pumpkins, cookies decorating, pick-a-spook, clothes pin drop, balloon pop game, hay stack hunt, and candy guess.

Children were allowed to play twelve games throughout the evening and received prizes for each. Refreshments were enjoyed by both parents and

children. "[My children] Megan and Jonathan really had a good time," commented Lori Dziezinski of Campus Services. "I think the Student Senate did an excellent job planning the party and keeping the kids entertained. The Student Senate's costumes were great."

Carved and uncarved pumpkins were given as prizes for the cutest and most original children's costumes. Two gift certificates to the Alpena Mall were awarded to adult winners.

The judges were Florence Stibitz, ACC board of trustees member; Jeff Blumenthal, Senate adviser; and Amy Moschke, freshman representative.

"We had a great time," remarked volunteer Shelly Hollingsworth, acting president of the Huron Shores Student Union. "The costumes were wonderful, and the kids really enjoyed themselves."

About eight volunteers from the Huron Shores Student Union, along with 16 Alpena Campus students, worked at the event. The Senate would like to thank all of those who showed up to help, and everyone who attended with their children. You made the evening a success.

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