

Carnival prays for snow

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The old tradition of Winter Carnival torchlight parades was rekindled Wednesday as Cartoon Carni '83 got off to a rousing start.

The total lack of snow seemed not to daunt the spirits of the 200 participants who carried their flames (home-made by the carnival committee from old hockey-sticks and oil-soaked rags) from the road above Buchanan field to the Student Union Building.

After the reading of the schedule of remaining events, the opening ceremonies at 7 p.m. climaxed with the "sacrifice of the snow goddess Neige." The following was read by the Carnival Cat to those present and over the airwaves of CHSR-FM:

"Great thick darkness overwhelmeth our hearts,
and the light hath shone through.
The time hath come for a sacrifice to the almighty
snow goddess Neige.

"She hath shown us her displeasure in mankind's
sinful lust of all things green and hot.
She hath shown us that we shall be punished
for our lust
by preventing her holy blessing to spread our homes
and land
with her mystical white crystals.

"We must now repent and show the almighty
snow goddess Neige,
that we refute all things green and hot,
by offering a sacrifice.

"The sacrifice of this effigy will prove
that we do refute all other forces of nature
and devote ourselves solemnly to "neige"

This was followed by the falling of a beach-bum-like form from the balcony high above, in front of the SUB balcony.

The ski day, the ice-house and the Beaver-bogganing were among the many events somewhat changed by the strange weather., however the Winter Carnival committee expects the spirit of carnival to remain, and the challenge to the residences continues with the words, "May the best house win."



Photo by DAVE HAYWARD

The torch parade begins on Buchanan Field, Wednesday night.

"Carnival must adapt"

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Kathy Ann Woodford, chairman of this year's winter carnival, believes that winter carnivals should be able to "adjust and adapt." The lack of snow this year has forced the carnival to follow this guideline. The building of an ice palace was supposed to have been

one of the major centers of activity. Many of the other activities, however, especially those in the evenings are not being affected by the lack of snow.

Preparations for this year's activities began last October. At that time a general meeting was held and applications were filled out from which the thirty-five members of the carnival committee were chosen. Twelve of these people are the representatives of the different residences. These people will be very important because throughout the carnival the residences will be competing for points with cash

prizes given to the residences with the highest point total at the end of the carnival. Cash prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$50 are also going to be awarded for first, second and third place for floats in the carnival parade.

This year's carnival budget is planned to make a small profit.

There are four other people on the executive besides Woodford. They are Judy Rogers, vice-chairman; Liz Lynch, secretary; Carl Weatherhead, resident and David Reckziegel, Public Relations.

Universities seek funds

The Atlantic Association of Universities is seeking budget increases of at least 12 per cent for the 1983-84 academic year to cushion the impact of inflation and rising enrolments.

The budget proposals, in the AAU's annual submission to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, reflect a recognition of government-imposed restraint on pay increases for some groups of public employees. Had no restraint programs been in effect, the association would have sought budget increases of 15 per cent for the coming year.

"It simply will not be possible for Maritime universities to continue to provide quality education if the effective amount of funds continues to diminish as student numbers

increase," said the brief made public here today by Dr. James Downey, AAU vice-president and president of the University of New Brunswick.

Dr. Downey noted that the number of full-time students at UNB this year is 7,039 -- an increase of almost 10 per cent over the 6,411 a year ago, and 16 per cent more than the 6,072 in the 1980-81 academic year.

Over the same two-year period inflation amounted to more than 23 per cent, so that a budget increase of at least 39 per cent would have been required for UNB to hold its own. However, government operating support increased by only 26 per cent, requiring service cutbacks, cost reductions and sharp fee increases as the University struggles to balance its budget.

The AUA submission noted that the increasing demand for university education augers well for the future of society. But it warns that the potential benefits will not be realized if quality is sacrificed in an effort to educate increased numbers with inadequate resources.

The impact of restraint programs is most clearly evident in the salary proposals made by the presidents of universities in the three Maritime provinces. Without such policies average salary increases of about 12 per cent would have been appropriate to match increases achieved by other Canadian workers and to recognize merit, experience and promotions.

Because of the restraint programs, the AAU has suggested

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Give blood

The 2nd blood donor clinic of the 82-83 year will be held Jan 17-19 (inclusive) at the UNB SUB Ballroom. Hours will be 1:30 - 4:30 and 6:30-8:00 pm. Quota for the 3-day clinic is set at 550 donations.

The local Red Cross advises that all eligible donors at UNB -STU and in the community are urged to attend since the blood collected during these three days will be needed to meet the needs of nearly all N.B. hospital patients during the week.

The highest-ever attendance at a New Brunswick blood donor clinic was recorded right here at UNB-STU with a turnout of 838 donors in Oct. 79 and while this was a superior achievement we would consider only those 550 donations to be a resounding success.

Get into the spirit and give your unique gift - "The Gift of Life" Monday Tuesday or Wednesday Jan 17-19 and if you live in residence, don't forget the ever-popular "Residence Competition."