

Pumpkin procession disrupted by MacKenzie

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With an appropriately full moon to light their way, the men of Harrison House conducted their 9th annual Great Pumpkin Sacrifice on Sunday night.

Shortly before midnight, strains of dramatic organ music heralded the beginning of the ceremony. When the bells of the witching hour had finished pealing, a 110 man procession of white robed worshippers came from the front doors of Harrison. Leading the parade was a contingent of high priests and bishops. The Great Pumpkin was born aloft on a litter, and its almost 100 followers made up the rear ranks.

The Great Pumpkin was brought to Lady Dunn Hall via the upper path below the SUB. After a ceremony in the Dunn courtyard which included lighting each man's candle as well as activating the light of the Pumpkin, the procession returned to Harrison House.

The Pumpkin was brought to the roof of the Harrison lounge, and black robed high priests gave prayers for a full academic harvest. The Pumpkin was then set aflame and thrown to the ground two

floors below. The ceremony culminates when the House members throw their candles into the pulpy mass of "pumpkin shrapnel."

The Great Pumpkin Sacrifice is a nine year old tradition which began with a spontaneous toss of a pumpkin off the lounge roof. It has developed over the years, incorporating authentic and satirical religious practices, as well as modern electronics, to its present state.

The prayers read are actual prayers of education taken from the Anglican Book of Common Prayer. Harrison House is protected from evil spirits by placing pumpkins at three points on campus such that the House is in the center of the triangle.

Although the ceremony was well attended by hundreds of people, there were some who tried to ruin the sanctity of the evening. One unidentified male dressed in shorts and necktie followed the line of worshippers, seemingly in order to make them appear foolish.

The major disruptors of the event were the "men" of MacKenzie House, who attempted to break the desired

effect of darkness by shining their Luxo lamps out their windows. They also tried to attack the solemnity of the sacrifice by loudly playing the Village People's "Y.M.C.A." and by throwing water balloons and eggs at the paraders.

Dean of Men's Residences Bob Smith affirmed that on Wednesday afternoon a group of girls from Tibbits and Dunn had lodged a complaint against MacKenzie. Dean Smith suggested that a fine may be forthcoming.

There were some saviours of the day. A trip wire that had been placed in the parade route previous to the ceremony was taken down by a contingent from Bridges and Harrison. The offenders, who had been guarding the wire from the wooded area beside the SUB, were tied to trees by the Bridges and Harrison vigilantes.



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The procession begins outside Harrison House.

Third Century Fund response encouraging

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"To better that which we now do well, and to do well that which most needs to be done." At Tuesday's senate meeting Dr. John Meagher said the response so far to the Third Century campaign is extremely encouraging; UNB is on its way to living up to the fund's motto.

The advance gifts campaign had exceeded its objective within three minutes of the start of that phase of the fund drive. The student campaign has received a great boost from the students of UNBSJ who are hoping to have a Student Union Building constructed. To date, 219 Fredericton students have donated, said Meagher.

The faculty-staff campaign is also off to a rousing start. The much larger University of Toronto recently held a faculty-staff campaign said Meagher, but to date more donations have been received from UNB employees than U of T ever

raised - and this portion of the campaign has just started.

It looks as if the alumni campaign will do equally well. 720 alumni and alumnae have volunteered to be canvassers, and the areas most heavily populated by UNB graduates, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, have not yet been covered, said Meagher.

The Atlantic and National corporate campaigns are still to come, and to help make these phases a success, Audio Visual services has produced an eleven minute film about UNB. The production, which was shown to senate Tuesday, will give information to potential donors about the qualities of UNB, and will hopefully influence their decision.

Other spinoff effects of the campaign mentioned by Meagher include the increased circulation and quality of UNB Perspectives, and the discovery of hidden abilities at Graphic and Audio-Visual Services.

Faculty evaluation only major issue

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Student evaluation of faculty was the only contentious issue at Tuesday's senate meeting at UNBSJ, and to make up the spare time several interesting reports were delivered.

Professors in some courses will be exempt from evaluation at the end of term. Courses affected will be at the discretion of the department, and the exemption will only apply to a few courses with just a small number of students each. Senate considered making it mandatory for professor evaluation to take place in at

least one course per term, however it was decided this stipulation is unnecessary. Also decided was the method of carrying out the evaluation. From now on, all evaluations will use computer test response cards.

Vice president UNBSJ, Dr. Thomas Condon presented a report about the situation at the Saint John Campus to senate. He pointed out there is a great shortage of classroom space caused in part, by the arrival of new programs to the campus over the last 18 years. He cited an increase in research work and the data processing program.

Condon said the Third Century Fund might provide some relief to the campus with the construction of a Student Union Building making space available for academic purposes that is presently occupied by students. Also mentioned was the possible acquisition of buildings from the Saint John School of Nursing which will likely move into the Saint John Regional Hospital.

Condon also mentioned in his report the possibility the Stadium for the 1985 Canada Summer Games might be built in the Tucker Park campus of UNB.

Senate also listened to a very encouraging report about the Third Century Fund (see story) and one from Dr. Israel Unger about the status of Established Programs Financing negotiations.

Unger said that as of yet EPF has not been subjected to the 6 and 4 federal restraint program, as it has been rumoured was the plan. He attributed this to either the effectiveness of university lobbying or to the fact that the show has not yet fallen. He stressed universities will be able to weather the current problems if they remain organized.

Senate dealt with several other pieces of routine business. Wording of the engineering entrance requirements was modified, and a proposal for a Ph.D. extension in Civil Engineering was adopted.

Career Centre opened

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A large crowd was present last Thursday for the opening of the Career Centre at the Alumni Memorial Building. Dr. Ralph Bierman, director of counselling services at UNB, in his speech emphasized that choosing a career means choosing a meaningful life. President James Downey, who was also present, remarked that the major priority of the Center is to provide information in the changing world of today. Elizabeth McTavish, director of the Counselling

Foundation of Canada was at the ceremony. She feels that the money that the Foundation has given to the Centre is a good investment. She was impressed not only by the reference material at the Centre but also with the decor of the room. McTavish complemented UNB by saying that career counselling services were more firmly placed at UNB than anywhere else. McTavish then went on to say that it was now up to the students to use the facilities. If the center is to be responsive to the needs of students it must get some feedback from them.