

# UNB prof recognized nationally

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UNB economics professor Constantine Passaris has become recognized nationally and internationally as an expert on immigration.

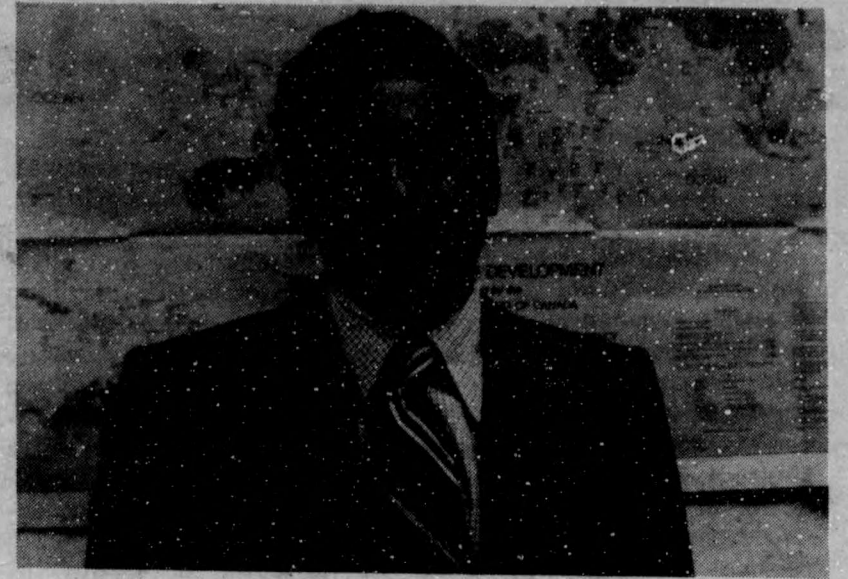
He was approached by the CTV Network in 1979 to present a series of lectures on "Immigration as an Element in Canadian National Life," for the early morning program, University of the Air. The series was such a success that it led to an invitation to the Netherlands for a conference on immigrant labor, a lecture at the University of Leicester in

England, and now the rebroadcast of the television series.

Prof. Passaris worked for most of the summer of 1979 preparing his five TV lectures, the subjects of which were: 1) immigration policy, 2) the impact of immigration on economic development, 3) its impact on the labor force, 4) its impact on the population in Canada, and 5) Canada's record in assisting refugees. He obtained slides from the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission, and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, to give visual impact on the programs.

The filming took place at CKCW-TV in Moncton, a CTV affiliate; this took over two days. The films then went to Ottawa for network approval before being shown on consecutive Mondays of January and February 1980. The program, University of the Air is one of the longest running on Canadian television, and show five different lectures a week, by recognized experts, from 7:00 to 7:30 in the morning. It is the only academic program on Canadian network television.

After the first broadcast of the lectures, Prof. Passaris received an invitation from the Royal Institute of Linguistics and Anthropology at Leiden, The Netherlands, to participate in a symposium of the First Intercongress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences held in Amsterdam, between April 22-25, 1981. Twenty scholars from The Netherlands, Britain, Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, the U.S., India, Venezuela, Germany, Mexico and the Dominican Republic took part in the symposium on white collar migrant labor. Prof. Passaris's paper, "Immigration to Canada in the Post Second World War Period:



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With Special Reference to Immigrant Manpower," was selected for publication in a book in May 1982.

While in the Netherlands, The Royal Dutch Embassy notified several government departments and Prof. Passaris was invited to present a lecture at a university at the Hague, to government officials and academics with interests in immigration.

On June 3 he delivered a lecture at the University of Leicester, his base in England for his work on immigration.

This trip was funded by the Social Sciences Research Council.

Professor Passaris holds degrees from the American University in Cairo and from Memorial University; he has been on the UNB faculty since 1972, and is don of Neville House. He is a frequent commentator on topics related to economic policy, such as international development, the constitution and inflation, in addition to his continuing study of immigration and refugees.

## Great pumpkin sacrifice set for next week

1981 marks an important year in the history of the Celebration and Sacrifice of the Great Pumpkin. For those unfamiliar with this solemn occasion, the following description will hopefully clear up a bit of the mystery.

For eight years now, the men of Harrison have led the UNB students in a religious ceremony of prayer for a bountiful academic harvest which is necessary and basic to a successful university education.

The ceremony's beginnings stem from the curiosity of a small group of Harrisonians who, in the year 1973, felt compelled to drop a large pumpkin off the roof of the upper lounge to see what would happen. (No doubt you can all guess correctly). Although the experiment did not seem significant at the time, the following years have shown this to be false. The ritual has grown and continued, reaching its present day importance: a true UNB tradition.

The average student can tell when the great night approaches, as pumpkins appear mysteriously around campus and strange, unidentifiable noises are heard at night.

The celebration starts, as always, precisely at 12 p.m. on

All Hallow's Eve. The Great Pumpkin carried worshipfully on its six-man litter is led by a ninth-century Monk and preceded by a 110-man candle-lit procession.

The ceremony is based on religion and must be taken seriously. The four readings used each year are old Anglican prayers honoring the harvest, and come directly from the 1959 Cambridge University Press Publication "The Book of Common Prayer."

One-time loyal guardian of the Great Pumpkin, David M. Greenwood stated that there has been some controversy surrounding the nature of the sacrifice. "It is sacrilegious, but only in the sense that we fee religion and solemnity do not necessarily go hand in hand."

Everyone is encouraged to watch the ninth annual Pumpkin Sacrifice, held on or before October 31st exactly at midnight, in and around Harrison House.

Remember: the Great Pumpkin is coming: do you know where your friends are tonight?

Signed  
the Loyal Guardian of the  
Great Pumpkin,  
John Somerville

## Bridge club competes

The UNB Bridge Club held a teams-of-four competition on Wednesday Oct. 14th. Although only two teams participated there were quite a few other members in attendance. The standard of bidding and play was good in spite of the lack of experience of most

of the participants. The team of Bruce Benton defeated Rory Fraser's team by 27 IMPs in the competition, directed by Dr. Sam Ghosh.

Weekly play sessions will continue in Rm. 26 of the SUB at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. All are invited.

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