

# NEWS

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## UNB Orientation scores three first places

By CHRIS NAKASH

Last week, UNB's Orientation Executive went to Charlotte, North Carolina for a meeting of the National Orientation Directors Association (NODA).

The seven member executive consisted of Marc Braithwaite (chairman), Heather McNeill (vice chairperson), Rachel Ingram (Shinerama), Laureen Smith (p.r.), Kevin Hollis ('88 chairman), Scott Archibald (secretary), and John Marshall (treasurer). The meeting started on Sunday the 18th and concluded forty workshops later on Wednesday the 21st. Over 1000 institutions across the United States and Canada sent representatives to the conference. Apart from the workshops, there was a judg-

ing of various aspects of orientation. In this competition, UNB claimed three first prizes out of a possible nine. The three categories were: 1. Best orientation t-shirt, 2. Best

clothing items and 3. Best frosh packs (three years in a row).

Braithwaite, Chairman of UNB's Orientation '87 made a presentation entitled *Flying*

*High - Alcohol Awareness On Campus*. The presentation dealt with how to set up an alcohol education program on campus, using Smart Pacc as

stating that institutions should incorporate alcohol awareness programs in their orientation process.

It was stated that UNB's

*"Added life to the conference"*

an example. Evaluation cards were circulated to the representatives attending the conference; all evaluations of the presentation rated it excellent!

The U.S. federal government has recently passed a bill

orientation committee was "full of spirit" and "added life to the conference". Braithwaite was further complimented by NODA on his eloquent delivery of alcohol awareness.



Left to right: Laureen, Rachel, Heather

## It's pun'kin time

By JOYCE OUILLETT

What's orange, weighs more than 200 pounds, and was thrown off the roof of Harrison House last night? It's the Great Pumpkin being sacrificed.

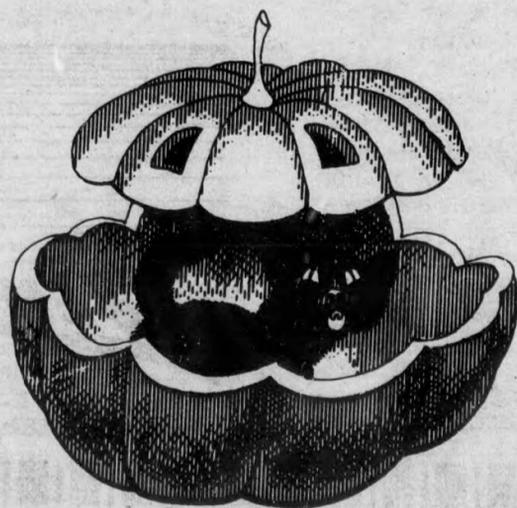
The Great Pumpkin Sacrifice, hosted each year by the Gentlemen of Harrison, is a tradition which began fourteen years ago by two drunk house members who decided to "chuck-off" a pumpkin by throwing it from the roof. Little did they know that the ceremony would be repeated each year, attract an audience of up to 1000 spectators and be televised by the CBC and ATV news.

The event has become a symbolic ritual whose purpose is to emphasize house unity. The pumpkin is carved with three eyes and resembles the theatre's happy and sad masks. The sadness of bidding farewell to the members leaving university is represented by the sad mask while the happy mask welcomes the new members to the house.

The procession is composed of a monk and several bishops (old dons and proctors) who lead the other members (wisemen, banner carriers, and torch carriers) to the Dunn. The pumpkin is lit by the wisemen's burning ivy. The ivy is a symbol to give thanks to the fall harvest. The pumpkin is then carried back to the residence and brought to the roof. Various pumpkin prayers are recited by the leaders, while

the others form a semi-circle at the landing site to witness the sacrifice. The pumpkin is pushed off the roof and explodes to the ground; the torch carriers throw their candles into the flames.

This year's pumpkin weighed over two hundred pounds and was cultivated by Howard Dell, a farmer from Nova Scotia who previously held the world's record for the largest pumpkin.



## Miss-representation

By G.L. WAITE

Linda Frum is the author and researcher of the book *LINDA FRUM'S GUIDE TO CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES*.

In her section on UNB Ms. Frum implied that this school, while a great place for parties and political intrigue (ala John Bosnitch), is certainly not a heavyweight contender in terms of academic standards.

Dean Eagle felt that she had painted a rather inaccurate picture of the university, at least in terms of its academic standards.

"The majority of students do a good job, and are well taught". Furthermore, the percentage of graduates moving onto post-graduate studies and into the professions ranks with and even exceeds most other Canadian universities, such as the University of Toronto, for example.

Although Ms. Frum does mention that UNB's engineering, survey engineering and forestry programs have a wide reputation, this concession occurs in one paragraph over half way through the article.

Student union president, Jane Arnold felt that Ms. Frum had done a sloppy job researching UNB and was annoyed by her "subjective" and "im-

pressionistic" approach.

"She does not explain anything about UNB, but focused, rather, on just one incident" (the Bosnitch affair).

Ms. Frum portrays us as the biggest party school... drunks ... on the face of the earth.

Furthermore, the article was riddled with factual inaccuracies. Ms. Arnold noted for example, that Bosnitch was not impeached by the administration but by a group of student councillors, and that Bosnitch was not suing the university but the student union.

It is also untrue that intervarsity sports were abolished, and no one has yet found the "Pizza Patio" reported to be on King Street.

Jane Arnold's largest apprehension about the misleading nature of the article, was that it could influence the decisions of grade XII students in their choice of university.

Ms. Arnold related a recent incident which occurred during a career day at a Fredericton High School where she represented UNB. A student asked her if she had read the UNB entry in Frum's University guide to which Jane replied yes. The student said "I read it too, laughed, and walked away."