

# Halloween is here... Boo!



**H**alloween is a very scary time. It is filled with ghouls and ghosts, hobgoblins and horrible monsters, midterms and essays and the most vicious, nasty, frightening monster of all... The Burnout Beast!

Yes, this is the time of year when people just get completely burnt out, crushed under the incredible weight of multiple mid-terms in one day, for a couple of days in a row. Everyone goes through this, it's a part of life. Stress levels rise, tempers get short, and people's energy level is very low.

Those of us involved in student clubs, societies and organizations are no different from the rest of you: we are just as harried and run-down as the next person. The difference is, we also have to deal with running clubs, planning events, stuff like that on top of going to class and writing exams. Well, the old adage goes, many hands make light work. We need all the help we can get. If the Brunswickan and the clubs and societies on campus don't get your help, you can't expect the few poor students who are willing to make a commitment to improving your educational environment to do everything themselves. We need you to help to put this paper out, we need your help to make this campus the best possible educational environment, we need your help to help make your years here memorable and fun.

The clubs and societies on this campus depend on you. Without you, they wouldn't exist. If you have any interest in any of the myriad number of clubs and societies, get involved. If you have ever even thought about joining the Bruns, drop by and let us know. Without your help, there wouldn't and couldn't be a Brunswickan, or a Student Union, or CHSR, or a yearbook, or any of the clubs or societies that currently serve the students. Not having any clubs or societies for the students...now THAT'S a scary thought.



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## UNB's 20th Great Pumpkin Sacrifice

by Doug MacLean

Harrison's Great Pumpkin Sacrifice is a prestigious, solemn event which marks its 20th anniversary this year. Since its 1973 inception, the event has evolved from humble beginnings to a large ceremony. The goals of the Sacrifice are to increase house spirit and to offer a sacrifice for a bountiful academic harvest.

The sacrifice began in 1973 on All Hallows' Eve. Two gentlemen named Earl Parrish and Marc Milner, along with several friends, decided it would be appropriate to throw a pumpkin from Harrison's library roof. The following year, the ceremony was repeated with the

participants dressed in flowing white robes.

In 1975, the sacrifice matured to a full blown ceremony. It became a house event involving white robes, candles, accompaniment music, and a procession to the Dunn courtyard. A Bishop and two wisemen oversaw the blessing, lighting, and sacrificing of the pumpkin. These basic components remain to the present.

Two new traditions began in 1976. The face of the pumpkin was remodeled in the image of the two-faced Roman god Janus. The smile represents the bountiful harvest and goodwill that had been received in the preceding year. The frown signifies the darker things to

come in the following year. This is a very fitting symbol for both the academic triumphs and tragedies that students must deal with in their academic careers. The traditional howling which begins a week before the Great Pumpkin's arrival was begun this same year.

More additions were made as the years progressed. The event included banner carriers and a monk who graced the Pumpkin's presence. In 1980, the sacrifice became a house member-only event. In previous years, the event had included guests in the procession.

The event remained largely unchanged until 1988. As a result of the events surrounding the 1987 sacrifice, in which other

houses threw batteries, eggs and other projectiles, the 1988 procession included two members from every other residence in hopes of reducing the violence. Another change made in this year was the acquisition of a larger pumpkin. The Great Pumpkins since that year have weighed between 350 and 400 pounds.

Last year's sacrifice proved interesting. With Harrison House becoming co-ed, some changes were made. An additional banner carrier was added, and the women of Harrison wore darkly dyed sheets.

The Great Pumpkin Sacrifice has evolved continually over its 20 year history, and will continue to evolve into the future.

## Memorial service for slain professors

by Kayleigh Freeman

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, October 28 at the Dineen Auditorium of Head Hall.

The service was held in memory of four professors from Montreal's Concordia University who were killed on August 24.

The professors were slain in a shooting spree on the University's campus. Three were killed instantly, and the fourth died in hospital of wounds sustained in the incident.

Several members of the University of New Brunswick's community spoke at Wednesday's service.

The memorial's opening and

closing were conducted by Father Monte Peters, and the lighting of candles was performed by George Youssef, president of the E.U.S., Dr. Tom Traves, UNB Vice-president (Academic), Dr. Esam Hussein, AUNBT Executive, Dr. Monique Frize, Chair of Women in Engineering, and Dr. Robin Armstrong, the President of the University of New Brunswick.

Readings were done by Dr. Jennie Hornosty, CAUT Executive, Dr. Wolfgang Faig, Dean of Engineering, and Professor Gail Storr, President of the Association of University of New Brunswick Teachers.



UNB President Robin Armstrong addresses those gathered to remember Concordia's slain professors. Marc Landry photo.