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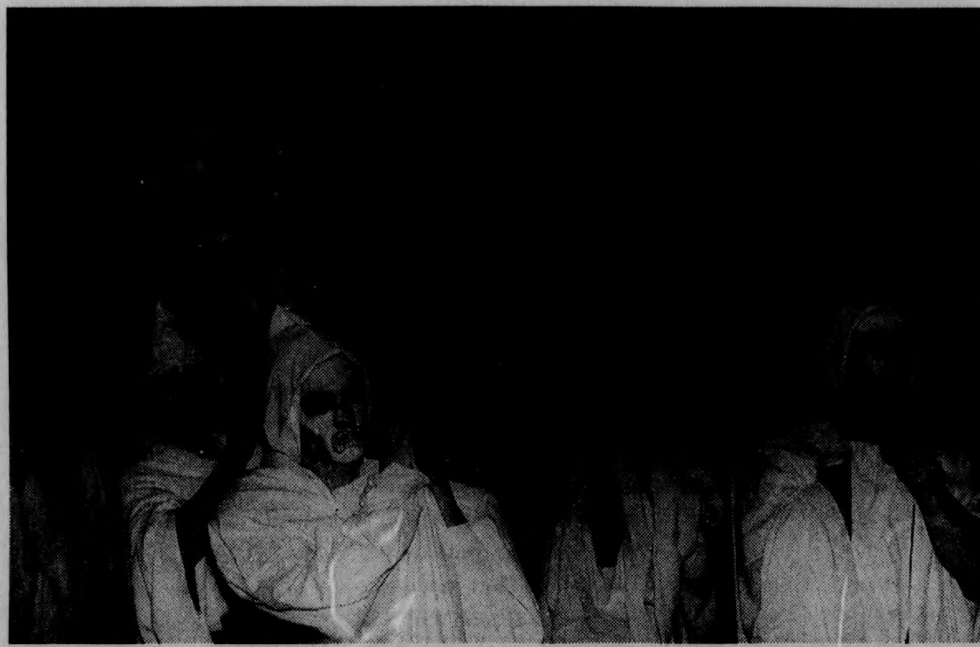
The Great Pumpkin Sacrifice has been an ongoing Halloween event here at UNB since 1973. At that time two Harrison House residents, Earl Parrish and Marc Milner, decided it would be a great idea to throw a pumpkin off the roof of the residence.

Twenty four years later this has turned into a full-fledged tradition. A pumpkin is hand-picked from a world record-holding pumpkin grower from Windsor, Nova Scotia named Howard Dill. In fact, one year this pumpkin weighed a whopping 511 pounds! But before the ceremony can begin there is another ritual that must be carried out.

Beginning one week before Halloween night, each night at midnight, the residents of Harrison House go out to their front step and howl for one minute straight after which they yell their house cheer to, "let everyone know the Great Pumpkin is coming." Some years, on some unknown (read secret) date, residents get up early to place pumpkins all over the campus and city to let us know the Great Pumpkin is on its way.

The Halloween night ceremonies begin at Harrison House where music is played and all the lights on the campus are turned out to set the mood. The residents dress in white sheets with pillow cases on their heads, which are chosen for convenience (some people have the wrong impression that the costumes replicate the K.K.K.'s which is definitely not the case). The pumpkin is then placed on a wooden rack and taken to the Lady Dunn residence by 12 people and followed by 100 others.

The 12 "chosen ones" who lead the pumpkin are dubbed the Bishop, a monk, three wise men, three banner carriers and four torchbearers. They carry the pumpkin on the wooden rack to and from the Lady Dunn residence. They are called the wise men because they are "wise within the university in that they are considered scholarly



Hey, it's not like you get a lot of opportunities in your life to throw a really big pumpkin off a roof...

academics."

The 100 people who follow behind, referred to as the procession, must do so two by two. Once they arrive at the Lady Dunn court yard, the Bishop "blesses the pumpkin and lights it with three flares" then he holds the flare in the air and writes the house symbol, an H.

After the pumpkin is lit, four torchbearers light their torches from the flame of the pumpkin and then light the candles of the procession. The 100 people follow behind with candles. Once all the candles are lit, the group walks back to Harrison House and the actors go to the roof while the procession forms a semicircle outside near where the pumpkin is to land. The wise men then deliver a

traditional speech and the pumpkin is lit with "complex pyrotechnics" and thrown from the roof. Outside, the procession runs to the pumpkin with candles and then back into the house where the "post-sacrificial celebration" begins.

Each year, the tradition is slightly altered or improved upon, by the "Loyal Guardians." They are the two people appointed by the house committee to organize the entire Great Pumpkin Sacrifice. This year they are Wendy Schulman and Cedric "Manny" Descombes. Wendy says, "It is an honour to be picked."

The Loyal Guardians are in charge of choosing the actors, getting the publicity done and obtaining the essential ingredient—the pumpkin. This

tradition has grown over the years because every year, the Loyal Guardians add their own ideas. The ceremony began simply with people carrying primitive tools and wearing costumes. This has evolved to the point where today they carry real torches which are intricately carved and wearing real costumes.

This year, the Sacrifice continues another tradition. The residents of Harrison House will collect money in support of UNICEF while creating awareness of the sacrifice. If you would like to watch the Great Pumpkin Sacrifice be at Harrison House Halloween night (October 31) at 11:30pm.

Stephanie Shufelt, The Brunswickan

body spirit

Men can help prevent sexual aggression

Sexual assault. It happens more often than we'd like to think. Here are a few things men can do to prevent it.

1. **Educate yourself.** We often think of sexual aggression as taking place in an unlit and isolated area where a woman is attacked by a stranger. The reality is that women face the greatest risk from men they know. A 1992 survey of students attending UNB and STU found that 35% of women reported one or more unwanted sexual experiences in a one year period; one in six reported an experience of rape or attempted rape; and 96% of their aggressors were men they knew: boyfriends, dates, acquaintances. Only 4% were strangers. These figures suggest that to prevent sexual aggression, we as men need to look at our relationships with the women in our lives.

2. **Know Where to Draw the Line.** As men, we seem to have trouble recognizing where sexual assertion leaves off and where sexual aggression begins. Is it aggressive when we push past the first "no"? Is it aggression when we try to convince our partners to participate in sexual activities they're uncomfortable with? Is it aggressive to threaten to end the relationship when our partners don't want to fulfil our sexual expectations? For many men, these distinctions are often blurred and they may not really know when they've crossed the line. It may be difficult to ask our partners if they'd like to go further with more sexual intimacy because we're afraid of being rejected, but talking about your sexual expectations with your partner can highlight any differences, and may lead to a better relationship.

3. **Educate Your Friends.** Some men may have beliefs that make sexual aggression more likely to happen. Some guys wrongly assume that if a woman goes to their place after a party, she must want sex. In reality, a woman may want to talk, to get to know a guy better, or to kiss, but may not want to go further. Other guys might assume incorrectly that if a woman wears a short skirt and a tight top, she "must be asking for it." Women might wear certain clothes to feel good about themselves, or to look stylish, and it may have nothing to do with sex.

Some guys believe that men have trouble controlling themselves biologically, and that once sexually aroused, they can't stop themselves. If this were true, we'd probably see men attacking women every time they daydreamed about sex, and we know that just doesn't happen. When you hear other guys talking like this, challenge them. Let them know it's not OK to act through sexual aggression, and that there are better ways to relate to women.

For more information on this topic contact Larry Finkelman (counsellor) or Jim Perry (student coordinator) at Men Against Sexual Aggression, Counselling Services (453-4820) or e-mail us as MASA@unb.ca. Men Against Sexual Aggression is an organization of male students which provides educational programs for other men in an effort to end sexual aggression.

Larry Finkelman, Counselling Services

WRONG WAY by Kent Wild

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The Wicked Witch family at home

SO YOU THINK YOU HAVE PROBLEMS...

The last time I called home, my mom asked me about going home for Christmas and I quickly changed the subject. You see, I don't want to go because I really don't like her new husband, but I don't know how to tell her. What should I do?

Parents always seem to assume that every single family member will come home for the holidays, yet for one reason or another, Christmas is probably the most stressful time of the year. All the arguments which have been suppressed for the past twelve months suddenly appear and the tension level goes through the roof. So if you think that things would be completely unbearable then by all means stay away. But telling your mom will be difficult, so you might want to sugar-coat it a little by

mentioning the four papers you have to hand in on the first day back after the holidays. Or the fact that you are house-sitting for someone who is leaving town and couldn't find anyone else to feed their cats. And if you can't find some reason to stay in town then you might have to bend the truth just a little bit to avoid hurting her feelings - there are plenty of other times to tell her you hate her husband.

But to be perfectly honest, most families expect Christmas to be stressful, and it becomes part of the tradition. If it means the world to her for you to go home, you should maybe go and try your best to get on with him. It is never easy to have a new family member suddenly appear, and it will take time to grow accustomed to them. Time will normally make it easier, and that will only happen if you spend time with them. The final decision is yours, but either way you have to live with your family for the rest of your life.

It's only halfway through term but I've already spent all my student loan. I have hardly any money left for the rest of the year and I don't know what I am going to do. Help!

This could very well be the most common problem faced by students, and it seems to be getting more popular every year. You spent all your money

on things you probably didn't need (textbooks, tuition etc.) and now you have none. All you can really do is get to like the taste of Kraft Dinner and anticipate no social life for the next six months.

The quick solution is another cliched one - ask your parents. Explain what has happened (without mentioning that cool hi-fi you just got) and ask if they can help you out - loans from parents tend not to have interest rates, and are more flexible than banks ever will be, so try to get them to help you out. If that doesn't work then you can try to get more money from the student loan people. UNB offers short-term loans for students on an emergency basis. But remember that you'll have to pay that back in the near future - avoid unless you absolutely can't.

Next, make a budget plan - list the essential expenditures you have every month (rent, tuition, food and so on), and how much each will cost. Subtract that from the money you have, and that will give you an idea of how much extra money (if any) you have every month. Then you can enjoy spending that money with a clear conscience as all your other bills are covered. Managing your money is something that comes with experience, so your second year will be better than your first year. In the meantime, change the channel every

time an ad for a restaurant comes on. I'm really glad that this is anonymous, because I'm afraid my friends will laugh at me if I go to them for help. Recently I've been having really bad dreams - not your typical monsters or anything, just powerful dreams that leave me upset when I wake up. I don't know what's causing this; nothing traumatic happened just before the dreams began (a month or so ago). The dreams themselves are pretty nonsensical, but they upset me to the extent that I have trouble concentrating on anything. I'm not really looking for an analysis or a cause I guess - I just want to make them stop!

There are many different schools of thought on dreams, ranging from simple to quite crazy connections to the subconscious. Unfortunately, it may be difficult to get these troubling dreams to stop without doing some analysis and, perhaps, finding a cause. Probably there is a connection between the dream and something that is going on in your life now or something that happened in the past. Or, a dream may be about a fear you have.

You may want to look up dream symbolism at the library. Even if it seems pretty wacky, books might give you some ideas about your own dreams.

Oh, yeah, and think about finding some more understanding friends that you can feel comfortable and open with.

There are lots of good reasons to join The Brunswickan. Stop in and find out more. SUB Room 35.

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Science East

Special events for Science and Technology Week

Saturday October 26

Chemistry students from UNB will be performing amazing demonstrations between 10am and noon. Giveaways of t-shirts and other scientific goodies. It all happens at Science East in Kings Place

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

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Saturday 26th October

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