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news

Great pumpkin sacrifice held

BY DAVID MAZEROLLE
Brunswickan Staff

The men of Harrison House once again performed their annual ritual, the Ceremonial Sacrifice of the Great Pumpkin, on Thursday, Oct. 29. The ceremony was watched by hundreds, who gathered in front of Harrison to follow the 110-man procession of acolytes as they marched from the residence to the courtyard of Lady Dunn Hall and back to the rear lawn of Harrison.

At 11:45 Thursday night, organ music began issuing from the front of Harrison, notifying UNB students that the Great Pumpkin was coming. When the Witching Hour arrived, signaled by the sound of great chimes, a huge parade made up of Harrisonians started their march. In the lead was a monk, followed by banner carriers, a bishop, three Wise Men, and four bearers who held aloft, on a platform, the Lord of the Harvest, the Great Pumpkin. The pumpkin, a 145-lb. specimen "discovered" in a roadside stand in Maugerville, was carved to have a face suggesting both the two-faced god of antiquity, Janus, and the happy and sad face of the Greek Tragi-Comedy masks.

The Sacrifice started in 1973 as a spontaneous action. Some members of the House found themselves one Hallowe'en night on the roof of the Harrison Upper Lounge. Having brought a pumpkin along, they ceremoniously threw it off the roof. The ceremony has since grown into a major event, which has been covered by newsteams from the CBC and ATV. As well as the procession, there is of course the prayer-reading on the Upper Lounge roof and the climax of the evening, the flight of the flaming Pumpkin as it is thrown to the ground. In keeping with the alcohol-related origins of the event, vats of Pumpkin Punch are served afterwards in the House Bar.

This year's Loyal Guard of the Great Pumpkin, John Somerville, wants to point out that although real prayers, from the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, are used in the readings, the Sacrifice is not intended to be sacrilegious. It is felt by Harrisonians that religion need not always be solemn. The prayers are calls to God for success in academic matters, and for improved fraternal bonds between house members.

As with most movements of organizations, there were



some opposing groups. The men of MacKenzie shone their desk lamps out their windows as the procession filed by, spoiling the desired effect of darkness. Another group, the SPCA (Stop Pumpkin Cruelty Association), hung a banner from the archway between Neville and Harrison Houses. As the Pumpkin was being set aflame, there were shouts of, "Save the Pumpkin! Save the Pumpkin!"

Scenes from last year's Great Pumpkin sacrifice.



Students well-behaved this Hallowe'en

By DEBORAH GENEAU
Brunswickan Staff

"Negligible" was how Chief of Security Charles Williamson described the damage suffered by the campus Hallowe'en night. He said this was the "best year in the last 12 years."

Don Kerstens, chief of campus police, said "It was quiet, surprisingly." There were no major damages. d'Avray Hall suffered a broken door and window. Other than that, only a few light bulbs were smashed. Also the railing behind Tilley Hall was knocked over.

Acting Director of the SUB, Darcy Flynn was likewise pleased with the minimal damage done to the building. He said he was "impressed."

Generally, most of the people in the building Hallowe'en night were well-behaved."

SRC Office has new accounting clerk

By CAROLE VASIL
Brunswickan Staff

There is a new addition to the SRC office - accounting clerk Betty-Joe DeClou. Ms. DeClou officially began her duties October 20 and says she

"loves it here. The people in the office answer all my questions and everyone is very nice."

Ms. DeClou received training in business administration at Bethany and accounting at Moncton Business College, completing two years of study in only one year.

Born in Montreal, Ms. DeClou received her training in New Brunswick, also living in P.E.I. and Nova Scotia.

While in P.E.I., she opened the highly successful Hearts and Flowers in Charlottetown and Bouquet Florist in Oromocto, indicating her administrative abilities.

CHSC donates \$1,800 for alcohol ed

By ROBERT MACMILLAN
Brunswickan Staff

The College Hill Social Club recently donated \$1,837. to Peer Alcohol Educators (PALE), to be used to offset their present operating budget.

Jane McLeod approached the CHSC for funding and \$600 was originally contributed. The CHSC then put out a challenge to the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Centre in Fredericton. The club

offered to match any funding that was donated by the Centre. They contributed a total of \$1,237, which was happily matched by the CHSC, bringing their total contribution to \$1837.

Jim Haley, President of the CHSC, said the money was donated because the club feels a "sense of responsibility to the students in the education of their drinking habits."