

Eerie 30th anniversary

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"We're very excited," said Estabrooks who with Prystai will appear at 7 am on the 30th of this month.

Prystai explained the reasoning behind promoting the 30th anniversary so much as celebrating such a "long-standing tradition."

"There are few long-standing traditions in residences, but we're still here," said Prystai.

There have been rumours in the past of the Pumpkin Sac's cancellation but the Loyal Guardians said not to worry this year.

"We're still around," said Prystai. "This tradition hasn't stopped yet."

In the media statement, the Guardians remark on the positive impact the experience has on the house members and house alumni.

What began in 1972 marked what has become "a sacred and long lasting memory to all those who have been involved in this unusual event."

One of the two original house members involved at the first Pumpkin Sacrifice returned in 1975 as the Bishop - a key participant - when it switched to the processional ceremony we know it as today.

Beyond that, Estabrooks also mentioned the man may appear again in the crowd this year to witness the celebration.

The event begins with a dark procession of the god-like gourd from Harrison to the Dunn/Tibbitts/Kidd courtyard. Afterwards the pumpkin is "ceremoniously lit," and then led back to Harrison where it is blessed and thrown to its death off the lounge roof at the stroke of midnight.

Forestry shows support for the University Women's Centre

Challenges faculties and societies to give a little and show their support

by Matt Bryenton

Members of UNB Forestry Faculty are making a donation to the University Women's Centre.

Bryan Boucher of UNB's Forestry Faculty said he and members of the faculty, which is predominantly male, want to get the message out there that they care about the women of the university as well as issues that affect them.

At a recent Student Union meeting, members of the faculty took a vote and decided to make a donation to the centre

since, "every bit helps."

Boucher feels that donations don't have to be big but if members of a faculty kicked in what they could spare, it would help make a difference and raise more awareness about the centre.

"It's wonderful that the faculty recognizes the centre and events like this help to make it a success and that it's definitely a positive thing," said Julie Taylor, program assistant for the Women's Centre.

UNB Student Union President Kate Whitfield shares Taylor's sentiment.

"It's wonderful to see support coming from a variety of groups. They did it on their own, without being asked, support like this is my favourite type."

To summarize the mission statement of the centre Taylor feels "[the centre] is there to provide a safe space for people to come to. It's a place where people can come to meet and to hang out in an anti-oppression atmosphere."

While the centre is a work in progress, Taylor and Whitfield both congratulate members of UNBSRI for helping push the initiative to the administration for a Women's Centre. "The centre is a testament to the fact that the administration actually listens when approached by students with concerns," said Taylor.

Taylor, a second year Sociology student, is quite enthusiastic about the potential of the centre.

Her role as program assistant comes as part of her work-study and her interest was naturally drawn to it while doing Women's studies here at UNB.

Whitfield is impressed with the support base the centre already has accumulated.

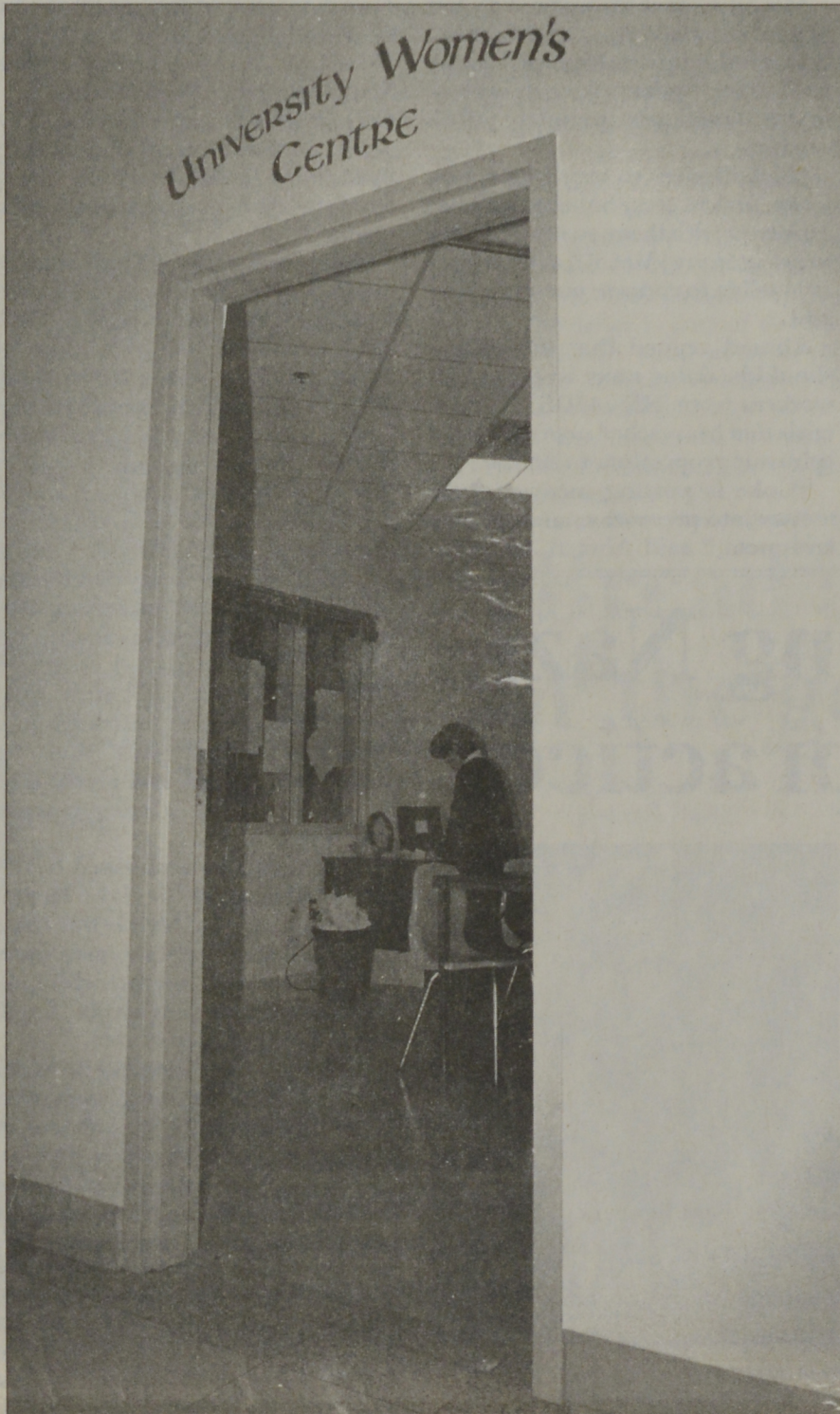
UNB administration is paying half of the salary of the centre coordinator and also paid the renovation costs.

She also noted that the Student Union gave the centre some of its start-up money.

As far as creating awareness, this donation from Forestry will catalyze further donations from other faculties and societies.

However, for the time being Boucher says that the best thing to do is talk about it, find out information, spread it around, and get the message out there that women of our university are to be looked out for.

Taylor and Whitfield mirror Boucher's opinions and both say that for now until formal plans are planned, the best type of awareness is word of mouth. However, they also plan to put posters up around campus to create awareness as well as other media-related events.



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Through generous donations, the Women's Centre is up on its feet.

Positive mind, body and spirit

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sexuality, personal safety, and finding inner strength.

"Participants learned how to get in touch with their mind, body and spirit, how to unleash their creative talents and achieve their purpose."

They learned about healthy meal

planning, budgeting, the challenges and rewards of aging, as well as ways to improve their physical strength and flexibility.

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