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University hosts Halloween-themed town hall

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On Friday, Oct. 31, Interim President Sandra Bulmer hosted her first town hall meeting, presenting on strategic initiatives, hiring plans and budget priorities. Attendees had the opportunity to hear directly from Bulmer, ask questions and engage in a discussion about the university's goals and direction for the year. Following the formal presentation, the event shifted to a lighthearted and festive atmosphere. Participants were encouraged to come in costume for a chance to win prizes, adding a playful element to the gathering. The fun continued with a couple of rounds of cell phone bingo, and attendees could win a variety of prizes while connecting with colleagues and fellow students in a relaxed, interactive setting. The town hall meeting proved to be both informative and entertaining, blending university updates with interactive activities that celebrated community engagement and school spirit.

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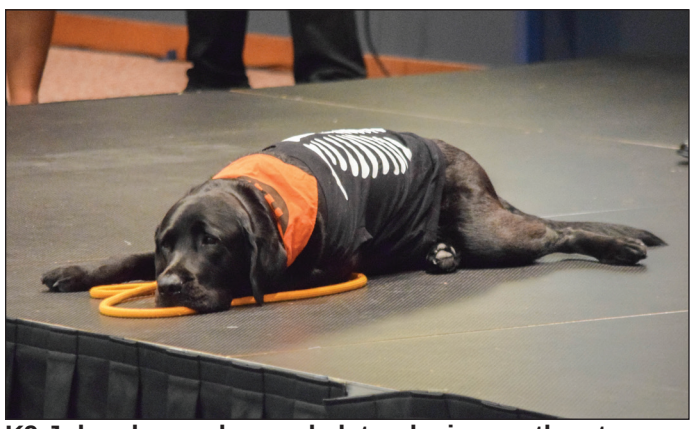
Accounting professor Wafeek Abdelsayed asking a question about finances.



Interim President Sandra Bulmer presenting at the meeting.



Prizes set on a table for the costume contest and bingo winners.



K9 Jules dressed as a skeleton laying on the stage.



Faculty dressed up in different costumes, including Maui from Moana, rockstars, elf on the shelf and more standing on stage in the contest.

'Spooktacular' Trunk or Treat for local families



Faculty, students and locals setting up their tables and trunks.



Kool-Aid and lemonade drinks on tables for children and families.

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On Friday, Oct. 31, the university hosted its annual Trunk or Treat in partnership with the City of New Haven's Youth and Recreation Department and 94.3 WYBC. Children and families were invited to walk through Lot 9 to collect candy and other fun treats. Faculty, students and locals made decorated tables and trunks for costumed children and families to visit. 94.3 WYBC played Halloween themed music. One of the tables included flavored Kool-Aid and lemonades with toy spiders inside to hand out. This was a free event that encouraged people to enjoy a safe and festive environment.

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Recreational therapy major Sadie Engel, a senior, and exploratory major Soleil Murphy, a freshman, from the dance team posing by their trunk.



Interim President Sandra Bulmer and Denise Bentley-Drobish, the director of student involvement and leadership development, posing for a picture.



Zaryah Thomas, the camp director for Shubert Theater, handing out candy and glow wands.



Families being handed their own trick or treat bags.



Frankenstein-themed decoration made by Twin Electric.



A beach-themed student table handing out candy at event.