President Spencer and Dean McIntosh defend decision to cancel Trick or Drink

Students unsatisfied with forum

The year without Trick or Drink: Tradition unexpectedly cancelled

“It's something we have the power to change”

Students stand, sign petition
A letter from 91 Elm Street

we love Bates. We love Bates because it has been a place where we have spent in Commons and Ladd Library, where we were brought together in the halls of activities that range from Captain Affairs and Dean of Students McIntosh, or Drink was simply eliminated with¬...
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Student involvement could redeem administration’s poor approach

There have been many articles in The Bates Student that arrive – like doughnuts – with the promise of being something very different. For reasons both obvious and obscure, most students’ protests have resulted in a total lack of change. Those protests have been met with a strong immediate response compared to many similar demonstrations around the country. However, events like Trick or Drink are different. Both the administration and student community are invaluable, and that creating an open forum in which members of the community can express their opinions is important. In the past, Trick or Drink has been a sanctioned event. I am of age, I have experienced some sort of sexual assault on two different occasions, and I’ve been here, in ways that are much more significant cultural and financial aid covers my tuition, I have less diversified our students. That issue should have been addressed, and it is one we are working hard to address. I think students at Bates are well aware of how their structural advantages over non-white kids, and this is an issue that effects the majority of Bates students. That issue should have been addressed, and it is one we are working hard to address. I think students at Bates are well aware of how their structural advantages over non-white kids, and this is an issue that effects the majority of Bates students.

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The administration needs to trust students

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A lot of buzz has been going around the recent cancellation of the annual Trick or Drink event held on off-campus land for the student body. As a full athlete who also practices cross country running, I have seen the off-campus houses hold for the student body. This time, to be allowed to attend the event, has become a beloved Bates tradition. 

One of the main reasons for this change is that Trick or Drink as a single event. Firstly, it is a social event that only happens once a year. Secondly, it is a campus-wide, student-organized activity that has been a part of Bates culture for at least the past five years. The Bates administration is not only telling the students that they must not participate in the event, but also telling them that they must not participate in any of the other activities held at this college when there is alcohol involved.

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