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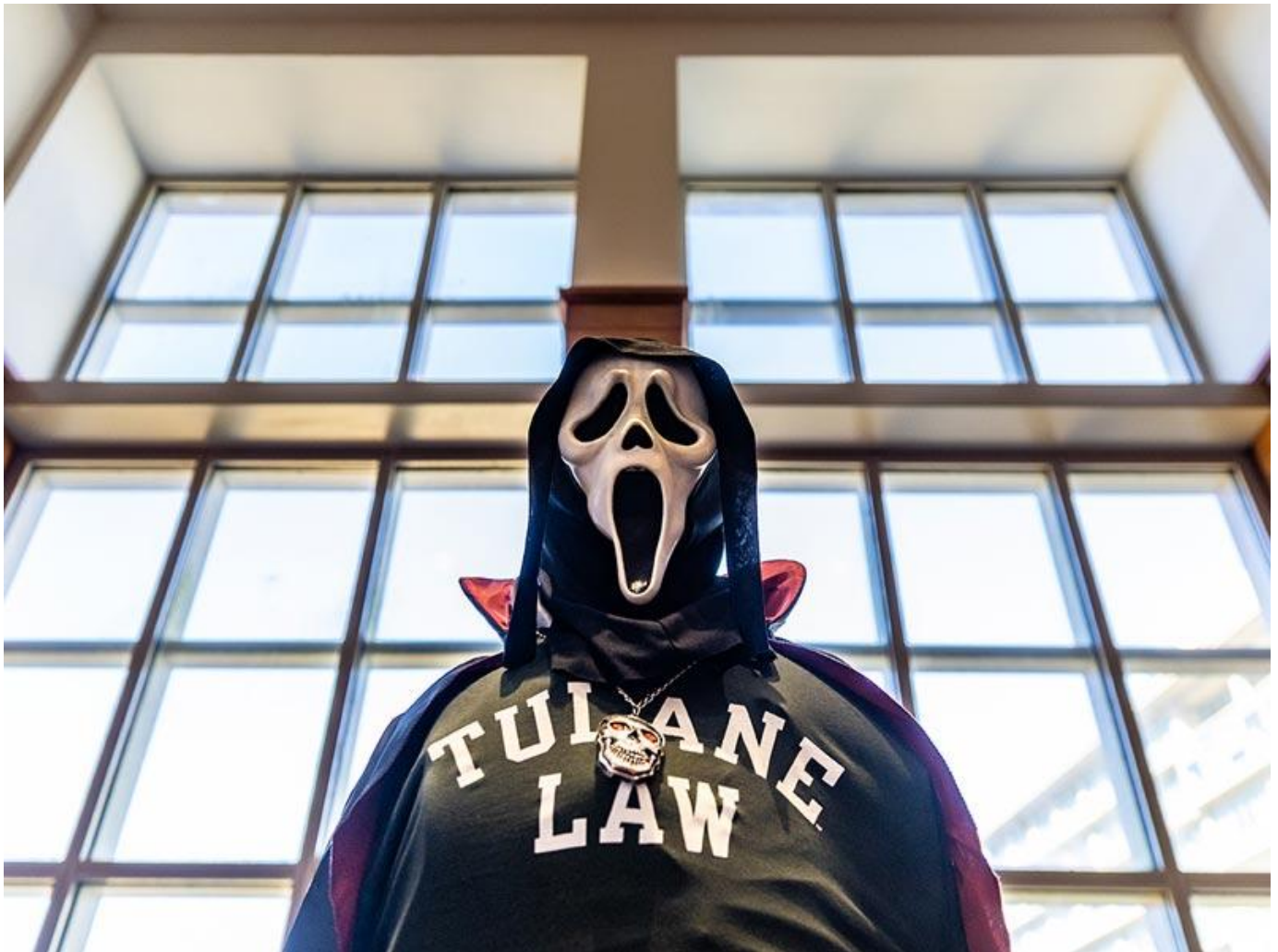
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It's been a bit spooky lately in Tulane Law School's Reading Room. The room, including its statue of Nathan Hale, is decorated for Halloween courtesy of Roy Sturgeon, Foreign, Comparative and International Law reference librarian. Asked why he takes the time to decorate Hale, Sturgeon answered, "Why not? He's a great-looking and always agreeable model — never tells me 'No' or gives me any lip, no matter how silly the costume. Plus, dressing him up helps to lighten the mood of students. Law school is quite stressful, but it needn't always be so. It's good to still laugh and smile sometimes for your mental well-being."









Students study under the gaze of the Nathan Hale statue, which was a gift from alum Morris Keil (minus the costume). (Photo by Rusty Costanza)

Rows of the Federal Reporter are decorated by "Curses, Potions, and Poisons." (Photo by Rusty Costanza)

In his Tulane Law shirt and Ghostface mask, the statue of Nathan Hale looks out into the Reading Room. (Photo by Rusty Costanza)