

ORIENTATION



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Students got "cracked" this week with the first day of classes. Prior to that, the campus saw six days of good-natured fun and hi-jinks during Orientation '78, with its theme: "Get Crackin".

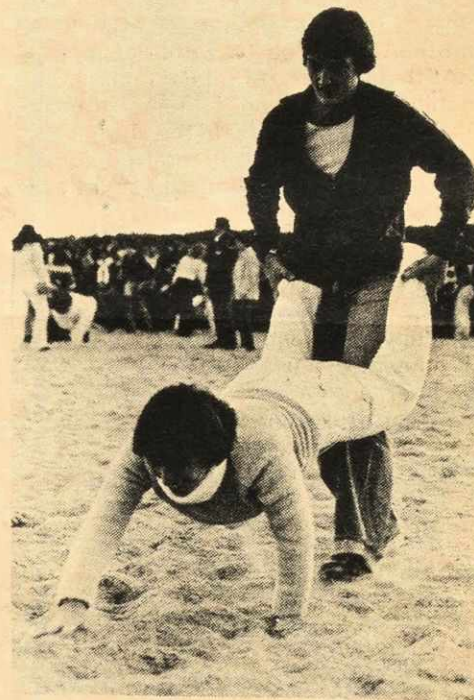
The functions were well attended, if not sold out.

Perhaps the only criticism which might be made is that its focus seemed to be primarily oriented to students in Howe and Sheriff Halls, with many of the functions starting from those points. Whether or not this was a problem for the many off-campus students is questionable, but their (lower) participation rate is lamentable because orientation provides an excellent chance to meet people.

First year students interviewed had generally good comments about orientation. One first year student commented about the surprising energy shown by the freshmen, "It's amazing how much endurance the frosh squad has, getting up in the morning and staying up so late". She appears to be referring to the vitality of the freshmen from Howe Hall who, among other things cleared away literally a mountain of baggage from the foyer of Sheriff Hall.

Faye Pickrem and the Orientation Committee deserve praise for the months of planning and work they have put into this event.

All in all, it seems most people were satisfied with this week of grace before the hard grind of classes. Perhaps the spirit of orientation was best summed up by the exhausted freshmen from Howe Hall who said "It makes you appreciate your bed."



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