

Frosh find fun and fatigue in footwear frolic

A return to the traditional red and black beanies marked the beginning of this year's successful 10-day orientation program.

This year's orientation program went very well according to Brian Edwards, Orientation '75 chairman. Except for several poor turnouts, most of the scheduled events were well attended, especially "Shinerama". Maybe there were too many events" said Edwards, in an attempt to explain the turn of events.

Many Frosh complained that they were too tired to go to some of the dances and pubs. The Shinerama pub, usually well attended saw only a relatively small crowd. Registration also took its toll and many students who may have attended the "Get Acquainted Dance" were held back by the fact that they had

spent up to eight hours at the rink already that day.

This year's squad had no public relations officer and this absence may also have been a contributing factor.

Edwards praised the caliber of the squad for working well

together. Unlike other years, work at events was scheduled instead of on a volunteer basis. If someone scheduled did not show up, that person was automatically off the squad. Despite this, only several people of the close to one hundred squad members were asked to resign.

The Orientation executive was one of the best ever and had no problems while working together. "The executive spent a lot of extra time working on the housing crisis" said Edwards, "and everyone got to know each other quite well." Comptroller Jim

Murray, managed to combat high prices quite efficiently and has managed to work out most of the problems which occurred. The executive also consisted of Vice-Chairman Peter Steeves, Assistant Comptroller Carol Mulholland, and Alexa Morrison as Secretary.

Edwards indicated that there were "perhaps too many events" to expect the Frosh to attend everything. "Orientation is a chance for the kids to get to know

each other." Students from Fredericton stayed away from many of the events since they already had some acquaintances among their future classmates.

This year's squad included several proctors who were of great assistance to those Frosh with problems. The squad did a "fantastic job" of helping the freshmen at registration through the orientation sessions and at the rink itself according to Edwards

and outside of the large numbers of students involved, no major problems were encountered.

One of the prominent problems that Orientation '75 ran into this year was one of entertainment. The acts originally scheduled for several events cancelled out. The entertainment budget was under-spent by almost one thousand dollars, not because of economizing but because adequate replacements could not be found. Edwards feels this year Frosh

are a spirited group as witnessed by the turnout for Shinerama and the march to President Anderson's residence the first night of orientation. "Their attendance at the pubs is no indication of their enthusiasm and after a few weeks they should be more involved in University life," he said.

This year's orientation program seems to indicate that the Frosh of 1975 will merge into the university lifestream with little difficulty.

Mersereau to explore travel possibilities

By DAVE SIMMS

Gideon "Gid" Mersereau, a University of New Brunswick business senior, will attend the Federation of International Youth Travel Organizations (FIYTO) conference in Istanbul, Turkey, Sept. 26 to Oct. 2.

The UNB Student Representative Council allotted \$500 to send the former co-ordinator of the campus travel office as a "fact-finding observer". He will represent the UNB student union, the Atlantic Federation of Students and the National Union of Students (NUS).

The conference -- expected to draw a minimum of 400 -- will discuss problems and developments in student and youth travel, especially in Europe. Mersereau said in an interview early this week he planned to study the "highly organized" system existing in Europe for low-cost travel.

He also planned to explore the possibility of opening channels to

make European travel cheaper for Canadian students.

"When a student comes in here (to the travel office) and is

interested in traveling around Europe, I'd like to be able to offer several travel plans or ideas so they won't be lost the minute they

come off the train in say, Amsterdam.

NUS will not be supporting Mersereau financially. Union general secretary Dan O'Conner was approached in mid-August and the NUS executive agreed to name Mersereau as the representative for Canada.

SRC president Warren McKenzie

said NUS not paying some of Mersereau's expenses did not indicate the organization wasn't interested. Financial support, he said, would have delayed a decision by NUS and meant a "bureaucratic hassle".

"This way, UNB gets first hand



Gid Mersereau

information and Gid is able to travel as the official Canadian

representative."

The decision to send Mersereau was made during the summer when the SRC could not form a quorum. The decision NUS made to

make Mersereau their representative was also an executive decision. McKenzie said some experienced travel people might have been overlooked by this method of selection but UNB deserved to make the decision

since "we've taken the initiative." Besides that, I think most would agree that Gid is probably the most experienced -- and qualified, since he's a student -- in the province and one of the best in the country."

This "comprehensive information service", he said, might make cheap travel more accessible by creating contacts in Europe. Since there is little commission available

for student agencies in Canada, promotion of European travel is underdeveloped and direct contacts could over come this, said Mersereau.

Security directors discuss carrying firearms

The possibility of university security officers having peace officer status - which would include the powers of arrest and the ability of carrying firearms - was discussed at a meeting of the Canadian Association of University Security Directors here this summer.

During the three days (August 11-14) questions such as the interpretation of the law by campuses was dealt with. Several different views were reflected, as from Peter Forbes, a local lawyer and UNB graduate.

"From the theoretical and practical point of view, certain items... I'll call them for now minor crimes or minor ... mistakes, ought not to go downtown ... to the courts if they can be dealt with on campus. Now the next question arises, can they be dealt with on campus."

However if peace officer status was granted, then the municipal courts would be handling all phases of campus law as reflected in the views of Mr. Cousineau from the University of Ottawa.

"In my personal opinion, the only way that we can enforce laws through a court of law. Not through a student organized body; students change year to year and the

standards of enforcement vary with the individuals who are in it; and secondly, and most important, because a student is not a qualified person to decide what the enforcement should be."

The question of officer status was brought to the attention of Charles F. Williamson, chief of security for UNB. Should campus security personnel have peace officer status?

"With respect to peace officer status for security personnel on university campuses, I would say that only a limited number should be appointed."

"There should however, in my opinion, be a peace officer on duty on each shift. This function of the supervisory activity on campus is very closely related to that of a city patrol policeman. Having this individual perform his duty without a peace officer status is like asking a carpenter to build a house with only half of his carpenter's tools."

"As it is now, if something is stolen, you will phone the police in the municipality. However, if security personnel are granted officer status, the only difference will be the effect of a policeman on duty right next door."

Any decision with respect to this is up to the administration.

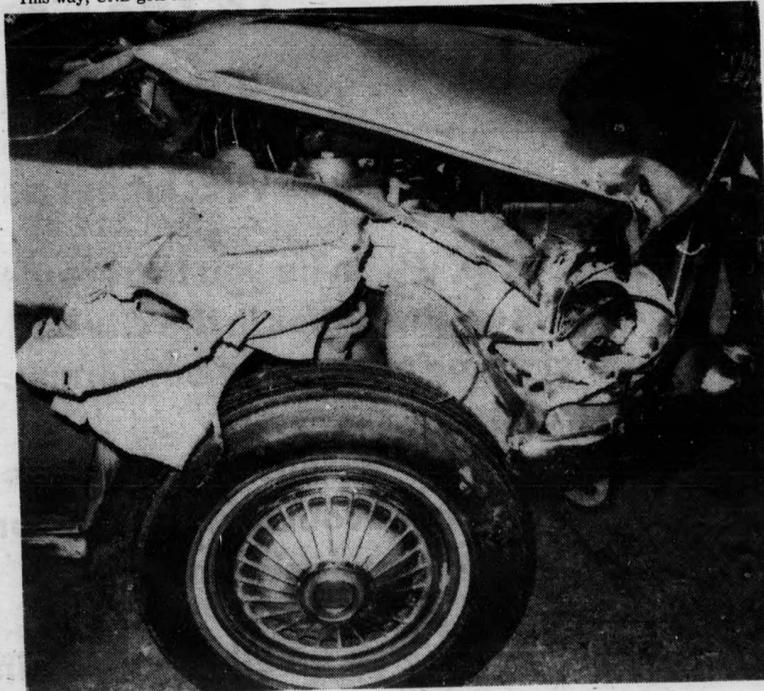


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One person sustained minor injuries in an accident at the McConnell Hall downhill turn. The accident involving a late model Datsun and a Yamaha motorcycle, occurred approximately 7:00 p.m., Wednesday the 10th. The motorcyclist sustained only minor abrasions. He was released from the emergency room of the Victoria Public Hospital after X-rays revealed no further injuries.