

# opinions

## Fighting the frosh week flashback

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Ahhh... the signs of autumn. Cool nights, the faint hint of your breath in the air, kiddies shopping for new clothes, leaves dropping like soft feathers from the trees... and what's that I hear? Yes, that's definitely a sign. The sounds of humiliation wafting through the brusque air. Frosh. The frosh are back.

I can understand the point of frosh week. It makes sense to bring the frosh together a week early so that they can get to know one another. And actually, it does that. So, although I wouldn't call it a particularly good thing, it's not really a bad thing either.

Upon my arrival, for the first time in a city many kilometres from my home, the last thing I wanted to do was meet people. I just wanted to get settled, and unpacked and then I would be ready to be social.

Not a chance. Things started happening right away. From minute one, we new and timid frosh were presented with our frosh packs and T-shirts and the 'fun' began. It was an incredibly busy week, and most of it

has faded away into my memory like a distant fog. And hey, I don't even drink, so if you're anxious and don't think you're going to enjoy it, don't



worry. You'll forget it... eventually.

The events that I do remember are Playfair, and the late night (or was that early morning?) tour of

Halifax.

Playfair is fun for the whole frosh. It was, I feel, the most beneficial of all of the events. I lived in residence

last year, so I am certain that I was subjected to more humiliating events than those students who live off-campus. If Playfair was any indica-

tion, frosh week could even be fun for off-campus students. I won't spoil the surprise, but a general outline has all of the first year students gathering together at Dalplex and playing a whole bunch of ice-breaking games. The best of these is a giant team effort event which lets you walk away feeling as though you can do anything.

The midnight walk is a residence thing. It is, apparently, tradition, and the actual night on which it occurs changes every year. I suppose the actual agenda changes too, but my experience had me crawling into bed after a long and exhausting day. Only seconds after my eyes closed I heard the faint noise of bagpipes. Being accustomed to the fact, at this point in the week, that no noise is good noise, I curled up into a tiny ball in my bed and listened as the wail of what I feel is the least soothing of instruments assailed my ears. It was my own stupid fault, I suppose, for getting up to see what was going on.

Edging my nose out of a tiny crack in the door, I bumped right into a frosh leader. To make a long story short the entire contingent of us residents were dragged around Halifax on a tour that included such places as the liquor commission and Citadel Hill. Citadel Hill was last actually, and, well, let's just say I don't think I've ever rolled that fast down an incline before in my life.

Sounds fun, doesn't it? Aside from those two things, new frosh can expect to be humiliated beyond belief in a week that will cause them to temporarily hate all frosh leaders and bond together with the people around you.

If you're just about to head into it, I wish you luck. Some advice? Don't be too anxious to comply with the requests of the leaders. And keep in mind that you can always say 'No'.

And lastly, if you're one of the lucky frosh, don't expect to see anyone who's not in first year during the week. We'll be avoiding you.

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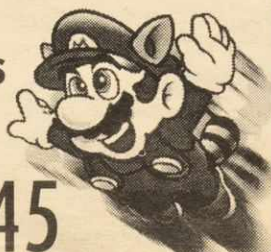
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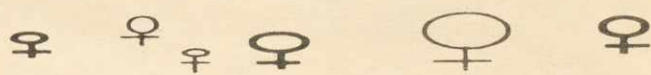
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