

Frosh Week: We came, we saw, it conquered

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The warm weather and construction have all but disappeared, indicating that another summer has ended. It also indicated the onset of another Orientation Week, and Orientation Week 1995 has been deemed successful from all who participated.

The theme of "Rockin' the Boat" was reinforced by the sou'westers that came with the frosh packs. This year's frosh packs were new and improved and apparently worth the \$36, according to those who purchased them. In addition to the rain gear, they came equipped with a CD, laundry bag, T-shirt, mug, baseball cap, and much, much more.

Planning for Orientation Week 1995 began in May and although there were some problems, things went very well.

Frosh Coordinator Paul Larkin said that in comparison to past years, this year's frosh events "...blew the numbers out of the water."

In comparison to only 75 pre-registered first-year students last year, this year boasted about 1000. This year, for the first time, there was a complete sell-out of frosh packs.

Bridgette McCaig, Vice Chair of the Orientation Week committee, said they decided "...to try a lot of different things this year."

From the response, it seems obvious that the diversity worked. Also helping to make things work was the fact that the committee received a lot of co-operation and support from the community and local businesses.

On Labour Day weekend, about 100 frosh leaders made their way to Camp Nedo to undergo a couple of days of mandatory training and psyching up

for the week. This training is considered extremely important as frosh leaders can make or break the entire week.

The week began for on-campus frosh on Monday, September 4th, with activities throughout the day and an inter-residence dance that night. The off-campus frosh started their week on Tuesday, with welcoming activities and a dance party at the Grawood.

Playfair was delayed until Wednesday night as opposed to its original time of Tuesday night; this was in order to facilitate a scheduling error. The cross-campus challenge was also on Wednesday — over 1000 students participated in some wacky events that were fun for all.

The first concert of the week saw the watchmen perform in the McInnes Room on Wednesday night. That concert marked the beginning of what Larkin said was "...one of the best concert line-ups in Frosh Week history." Besides the watchmen, the line-up featured Spirit of the West, Wild Strawberries, and Philosopher Kings.

Shinerama, an event that has been part of Dalhousie since 1966, was Thursday's big event. The frosh and their leaders hit the streets of Halifax to shine shoes, cars, and whatever else they could get their hands on to raise money for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. This year's goal was \$25,000. However, despite the optimism of the organizers, the amount received was \$16,852.11, well short of the target. This event gave frosh an opportunity to get to know the city and meet some new people. Also, there were many prizes for the top individual fund-raisers.

Thursday evening's entertainment was highlighted by The Incredible Boris, a hypnotist.

Friday featured an all-day beach party, barbecue, and volleyball tournament. The evening was spent in the McInnes Room with movies on the big screen.

Saturday saw Wild Strawberries and Spirit of the West perform in the McInnes Room (for

story on the concert, see page 13).

The week ended on Sunday, September 10th, with a somewhat rainy, but otherwise successful, Dalapalooza '95. Last year, this event resulted in several noise complaints from the surrounding community. This

year, in an attempt to accommodate everyone, the frosh committee offered free admission to the concert for the local residents. McCaig said that people understand that Frosh Week is only a few days long, and most are willing to put up with a little noise.

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