

Orientation "successful" says committee

UNB - Bob Eaton, the vice-chairman of Orientation '71, announced last week that this year's program "has been a fairly successful one."

He added that he hoped that the freshmen have liked this year's "low-key" atmosphere as opposed to last year's program when the frosh were continuously hassled.

"The participation at events has been down as compared to last year, partly because there wasn't a big-name group. But those who did participate seemed to be keenly interested," he said.

Monetary problems of this year's program were few, mainly because there wasn't any big-name band. Revenue was down, though, said Eaton, because only 700 of the 1100 freshmen bought frosh packets.

"We were told by Mr. Char-

ters (the SRC Business Administrator) not to worry about the financial problem that much," said Eaton, even though the sales of the packets were down as well as the price. (The Orientation committee only charged \$5.00 for this year's packet as compared to \$7.50 last year.)

The frosh squad this year was comprised of about 50 people, Eaton said, which was fewer than last year's squad of about 80 or more members. The smaller squad was keener than in past year's, though, he added. Members actually volunteered for every duty, he said, and that's never happened in past years.

"Part of the reason that the squad was so good was because most of the people on the committee were second year students and they realized the hassle that freshmen actual-



CANDIDATES FOR FROSH QUEEN: Front row left to right: Laurie Wolfenden, Lynne Percy, Donna Standish; Back row, left to right: Jean Proudfoot, Kathy Lewis, Diana Sturgeon.

ly go through during their first days and that they need help."

People interested in joining next year's squad will be able to attend a general meeting in the spring of 1972. There is a

\$2.00 registration fee but every member is entitled to attend all of the activities free after their work is completed.

This year's program attempted to bring the intellectual level

of orientation up by introducing a pollution seminar, but that had to be scrapped because definite commitments were not made by those involved.

"Perhaps next year an athletic program could be again included in the agenda, but it creates a problem with space. In previous years it always seemed to rain and the gym isn't big enough for such a large group."

present loan. "I just want to get people thinking", commented Mr. McKinney, whose plans call for studies of enrollment projections, and of students attitudes to the idea.

Mr. McKinney has tried to elicit, and is always ready to welcome, suggestions about the use of the building.

SUB's facilities overtaxed

By ANDY RITCHIE

Major renovations or expansion may be required if the Student Union Building is to continue to adequately serve the needs of students on the Fredericton campus.

SUB manager Kevin McKinney said this week students should be aware of the problems that exist now, and foresee conditions which will make changes necessary.

Mr. McKinney explained that many of the SUB's facilities are already being overtaxed. Washroom facilities are inadequate for the present student enrollment, and this can only get worse as enrollment expands.

Seating space in the coffee shop is not sufficient for the amount of use it presently receives, and this problem is only compounded by the food service there. Changes to alleviate this problem and speed up the system of serving food are being considered.

Mr. McKinney commented that Sagafoods, the new cafeteria service, has a more creative management than was exhibited in the past. A genuine attempt is being made to effectively deal with the needs of the students.

Examples of this are the food service in Room 26, and a satellite sandwich counter, which are being tried to solve the noon hour congestion in the cafeteria.

Attempts by Mr. McKinney to elicit opinions from organizations occupying office space in the SUB, seem to indicate a satisfaction-by-default situation.

About the possibility of more extended use of the third floor, Mr. McKinney explained that to be open during the day would require policing the area. He added, however, that the lounge was being used for the Social Club, and that consideration was being given to improving the acoustics in the

ballroom to make it appropriate for more kinds of activities, such as films and concerts.

About major alterations to the building, Mr. McKinney says this will depend on what the students want and feel they need. An architectural firm in Halifax has been consulted re the building but nothing has been decided and consequently

no estimates of costs can be made.

Students are now paying \$15 apiece against the cost of the present building. Mr. McKinney indicated that the cost of renovations, if necessary, would try to be obtained from the university, or failing this, might involve tacking an additional 5 or 6 years on the

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