

Fifty clubs participate in Activity Days

by Karen Burgess

To introduce the many clubs and groups on campus to the new students, and also to increase awareness among upperclassmen, the Orientation Committee held their annual Student Activity Days this Tuesday and Wednesday.

With approximately fifty clubs and organizations participating, students were introduced to a broad spectrum of possible activities ranging from the Campus Ministry to Open Style Karate.

Organizers and participants alike credited the change in the event's location from the Ballroom to the Blue Lounge with the increase in student turnout. In fact, participants from the Biology Society stated that the number of new members who signed up on just the first day of Student Activity Days 1990 equalled, if not surpassed the number of new members who joined throughout the whole of last year's event.

Although the groups do not limit applications for membership to the time period

during which STAD is held, this is often the event through which most inquiries are made.

Allan Sears, an advisor with the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship said that STAD is a good way to introduce people to a group and that several membership inquiries have been made through the IVCF display.

Student Activity Days is the best way for rarely publicized groups to get in touch with prospective members. Representatives from the Malaysian Students' Society, which has been represented at STAD for several years, said that through this year's event they were able to reach students who would not otherwise become involved, and that they now have several Canadian members.

Overall response to Student Activity Days 1990 was very positive. A representative of the Student Union commented that while attendance was slightly down on the second day of the event, "Generally there was a good deal of interest expressed during the days in all the clubs and

societies.

Much of the credit for the success of this year's STAD is due to David Flynn who is involved in High School Relations for the Orientation committee. Flynn stated that while STAD is an "entrenched event in UNB's Orientation," it is not for freshmen alone but to introduce everyone to the

activities available at UNB.

He feels that most, if not all of the organizations around campus have been represented, and from the response of the participants, it appears that all who took part benefitted greatly.

The whole objective of STAD is to introduce students to other people who share a

common background or interest, and to make the groups represented more accessible.

These goals have obviously been achieved at Student Activity Days. The event was a great success and has proven once again to be an exciting and worthwhile part of UNB Orientation.



Increasing Awareness - Groups and organizations had a busy two days during Student Activity Days. Photo by David Smith.

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Students across North Brunswick are demanding new services as well.