

Shining in the Rain

BY EUGENIA BAYADA

Tuesday, September 3 dawned as the tail end of hurricane Edouard swept through the Maritimes. It almost looked like Shinerama wasn't going to happen this year...

However, school spirit prevailed and hundreds of Frosh came out to raise money for the largest single charity event among Canadian post-secondary institutions.

An estimated 500 first year students went out into the streets of Halifax and raised \$14,569.18 for cystic fibrosis (CF) research, an exceptional amount under the circumstances. Last year, \$17,063.72 was raised by 400 students under sunny skies.

"Fantastic, despite the weather," was how Carman Barteaux, DSU Vice-President Community Affairs and Shinerama Co-ordinator, described the effort. Barteaux, who

has been involved with Shinerama for the past five years, added that this year's Frosh were "by far the most excited group."

Curtis Cartmill, Shinerama Co-ordinator, noted that, "Morale was higher than in any other year...The energy was exceptional."

Creative Frosh improvised in the downpour, sometimes singing or dancing for contributions when the rain would not permit shoe-shining.

Over sixty Canadian universities and colleges take part in this event each year, involving over 200,000 students in this worthwhile cause. Dalhousie has been involved for thirty-one of Shinerama's thirty-two years. Tens of thousands of dollars are raised annually for CF research. Nationally, over \$10 million has been donated to the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CCFF) over the years.

CF is a hereditary disease which mainly affects the respiratory and digestive systems. The gene for CF was discovered in 1989. Although this disease remains fatal, life expectancy for those infected has increased dramatically from four to thirty years since Shinerama began.

This year's Dalhousie campaign is dedicated to Jeff Surette, a second year nursing student, who passed away last December due to complications arising from cystic fibrosis.

Organisers as well as members of the community were pleasantly surprised by the turnout and enthusiasm displayed on Tuesday.

"Everyone thinks that these kids just party during [Frosh Week] and it's great to see them giving something back to the community. The dedication was incredible," said Andrea Gagliardi, Orientation Week Co-ordinator.



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Spare change, sir?

Short but Sweet

BY MARK REYNOLDS

1996 marks the first year in two decades that frosh events have been scheduled around classes. When cuts to Frosh Week were announced last January there were fears that traditional frosh events such as Shinerama would have to be cancelled. However, frosh week organizers were

able to reorganize the schedule so that no events were lost.

Andrea Gagliardi, Orientation Week Coordinator, says that in addition to the retooled schedule, frosh leaders were given a two day sensitivity training course. In previous years frosh organizers have been criticized for making students feel they had to participate

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