

opinions

Frosh Week Reviewed

Someone asked us to do a piece reviewing Frosh Week at Dal. After thinking about the best way to go about doing it, we decided that in order to get the truest picture of what it was all about, we'd have to participate. One of us took on the role of Frosh and one of us took on the role of Squad. We're still not sure who had the easier job, but we both learned a great deal.

Monday night

On Campus "Shorts & Shades Night": Wow—talk about memories of your first Junior High mixer. This non-alcoholic event was actually quite fun. We met lots of eager Frosh, just itchin' to sow some wild oats. They had no idea of what was in store for the upcoming week, so there was some mild apprehension in the air. But this was soothed by the "im-promptu" party that occurred following the event. We didn't think anyone could actually get that drunk.

Tuesday

Opening Ceremonies: We were not as impressed with this event. Although there was nothing that was terribly wrong with the event, some things could have been better organized. We think that the Chair of Frosh Week should have been there—at least to tell a joke or two. We also think that this would have been a great opportunity for the Frosh to meet at least one representative of the Dalhousie Student Union (DSU); or at least to hear about some DSU services. Oh well, like we said, it wasn't really bad, just really boring.

Downtown Dal: This was not as good as some years past. The blame in this case lies solely on the shoulders of the various groups and societies on Dal Campus. Poor showing on the part of the B Societies.

Playfair: I love you, you love me... This is truly an amazing event. Never have we seen this many people so open to acting stupid and having fun. Although the effect was more pronounced with the off-campus Frosh, everyone was truly involved with this "Feel Good" event. Can't you just feel the love in the room?

Grawood "Mocktails" night: Wait a minute—are we allowed to have this much fun without alcohol? Very

good turnout by both the on- & off-campus Frosh. Some of the "Mocktails" left something to be desired, but fun was had by all. Are you sure there was no alcohol in those drinks?

Henderson House Party: Ah, we knew that it was too good to last. Lots of drunk on-campus Frosh and plenty of puke. Of course, we got this information second hand; WE weren't allowed in. Don't they know who we are? That's okay. We joined the rest of the off campus Frosh at JJ's and boogied our little asses off.

Wednesday

First-year Convocation/Welcome Show: Well, what can we say about the Convocation? The Frosh were introduced to our DSU President and of course, the University President, along with all of his boring cronies. The only really memorable thing about it was the Liberal Party indoctrination speech given by Joe Ghiz.

On another note, the Welcome Show was truly something to be remembered—valuable information presented in a light hearted and fun way. This just keeps getting better and better. Every year outdoes the year before. Great Job!!!

Beaver's Free Lunch: Great subs and plenty for everyone. We have just one question: Do they know what the word Vegetarian means? That'll be on next year's quiz.

Dal Olympiad: Definitely a good time, although we say that refreshments should have been more prevalent. It was really hot. We would have liked to see the on-campus Frosh participate in this event. It would certainly have added to the excitement. Oh well, it was still a great time, with crazy events keeping us laughing.

Big Ticket Concert: Big Ethel and Road Apples. Great show overall. Big Ethel was pretty OK. Also, very loud. Road Apples were a really good cover-band 'cause we knew all the words. We'd see them again. People flying everywhere—watch your heads!

Thursday

Shinerama: We were pumped to go! Captain Shinerama was out in tights, egging us on as Darkman filled the room with excitement. Although

we rarely saw the on-campus Frosh at scheduled events, they shined like crazy alongside the off-campus Frosh for the CF cause.

Community Connections BBQ: What was supposed to be an accessibility opening event for the different communities on the Dal campus turned into something not so grandiose. Poor turnout due to lack of advertising. Nobody goes to an event they don't know is happening. This was very disappointing in light of the fact that the food was great and so was the musical entertainment.

Movie Slumber Party: Very poor turnout, at least until the Fraternity Party closed... then popcorn and ice-cream for all who could still stand.

Friday

Beach Party: Volleyball tournaments galore filled the beach as the rest of us (less athletic types) mingled in our beachwear. Food was provided by the Arts, Science, and Commerce Societies (your basic hot dog and hamburger set). No bathrooms so the "3 cm" cold water (if you know what we mean) looked all that much more appealing. Good show by Cameron House (HA HA)!

Boat Cruise: 2 cruises meandered their way around the Harbour, although a substantially larger crowd in the later (11 pm) boat. All who went had a great time, as people were getting comfortable enough to introduce themselves to EVERYONE.

Sunday

Dalapalooza: This huge field party/market place was a great way to end the week, although much more low key than the usual closing ceremonies. Brett Ryan, Sandbox, Hemingway Corner and Sue Medley all added to the mellow, laid-back atmosphere of this Woodstock-type event. A nice change from the usual RAH-RAH, there was mingling and roaming and swaying everywhere. Ashley McIssac gave some good old Cape Breton charm to the day, keeping us all jigging and dancing in the rain. Laughs, exotic foods and throw rugs were all available

As a final note, this is our impression of Frosh Week. The Organizing Committee, headed by Ronald Samson and Sean Murphy, were stressed but did a great overall job.



Happy, shining people!

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Hazing was way down (yet not absent) and fun was way up, and we agree that the week is a great way to meet people your first year. The on-campus organization was a little disappointing from an off-campus standpoint, as this was the first year the on-campus Frosh were invited to all the off-campus events, while at the same time the first year the on-cam-

pus parties were closed to off-campus Frosh. Hopefully, we can all find a common unity in being Dalhousie students—power trips and competition aside. We had a great time, and we hope you did too.

Remember if you have a question about life, politics, sex or anything, just ask Joe & Jo.

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