

Frosh squad not first year students

To the Gazette:

In reference to last week's article on Orientation, there are a number of points which

require clarification and explanation. Contrary to the image which was presented in your news item, the first year

students of '78—both in residence and off-campus—indeed did "get crackin'" in a spirit too rarely seen on the campus in recent years. In fact, the number of people who participated in orientation events this year was significantly higher than it has been for the past several years. This is evident from the excellent turnout at various activities, including the Scavenger Hunt, Beach Party, soccer game, and Night on the Town; with one exception, all events sold out.

One of the main problems at Dal is the high percentage of students who live off campus. This makes it difficult to ensure that all first year students get involved in the

orientation activities. However, the events were varied in order to span a wide range of interests and thereby appeal to a larger number of students. Also, this year publicity was extended to include radio advertising and a newsletter which was sent to all potential first year students. All of these factors contributed to increased participation on the part of the day students. Thus, the rate of participation is up rather than down, as your article suggested.

Another point which should be clarified concerns the events starting from Howe and Shirreff Halls. One of the most significant changes made in Orientation '78 was the integration of residence

and day students. Although the residences organize their own program of events, this year, for the first time, some of their activities were made open to off-campus students as well. It was for this reason that events such as campus tours, counselling booths, and the beach party originated at the residences. The success of the combined activities was accomplished through the efforts of the Dal Orientation Committee, the Inter-Residence Council and Vice-Presidents, and the frosh squad (who, by the way, are not first year students, but the residence upperclassmen who incessantly rallied the frosh in Howe and Shirreff Halls for pre-dawn walks, swimming, and numerous other capers).

Orientation '78, however, was not solely a week of entertainment. Another aspect was to introduce first year students to the academic side of the campus. During registration, information and counselling booths were set up to provide advice on classes and also to supply information on the city in general. Displays and tables in the SUB helped them to learn more about their own society and its functions as well as providing an opportunity to join extra-curricular activities. Services such as Student Health, Career Counselling, and Student Aid were also on hand to answer questions. In addition, the buffet and dance allowed the faculty and frosh to mingle with one another before the formality of classes.

Thus, on the whole, the main priorities and goals of "Get Crackin'" were attained. There were some disappointments of course—the cancellation of the barbeque and the relatively low number of participants in Shinerama were two of the biggest—but, for the most part, Orientation '78 came off well. This was the result of the patience and determination of all those who spent time this summer helping to organize the events, and I would like to thank everyone who assisted in this. I would also like to extend special thanks to the management of the SUB for their invaluable advice, and to Jim Bate, Karl Hantho, and Sue MacMillan. Also—to the frosh of '78—thank you for all your support—ultimately it was you who made Orientation a success! So get crackin'—have a good year!
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should be curtailed. This policy was indeed passed by the committee. Since I feel that this is infringing on free speech and free assembly, I could not, in good conscience, vote for such measures.

Sincerely,
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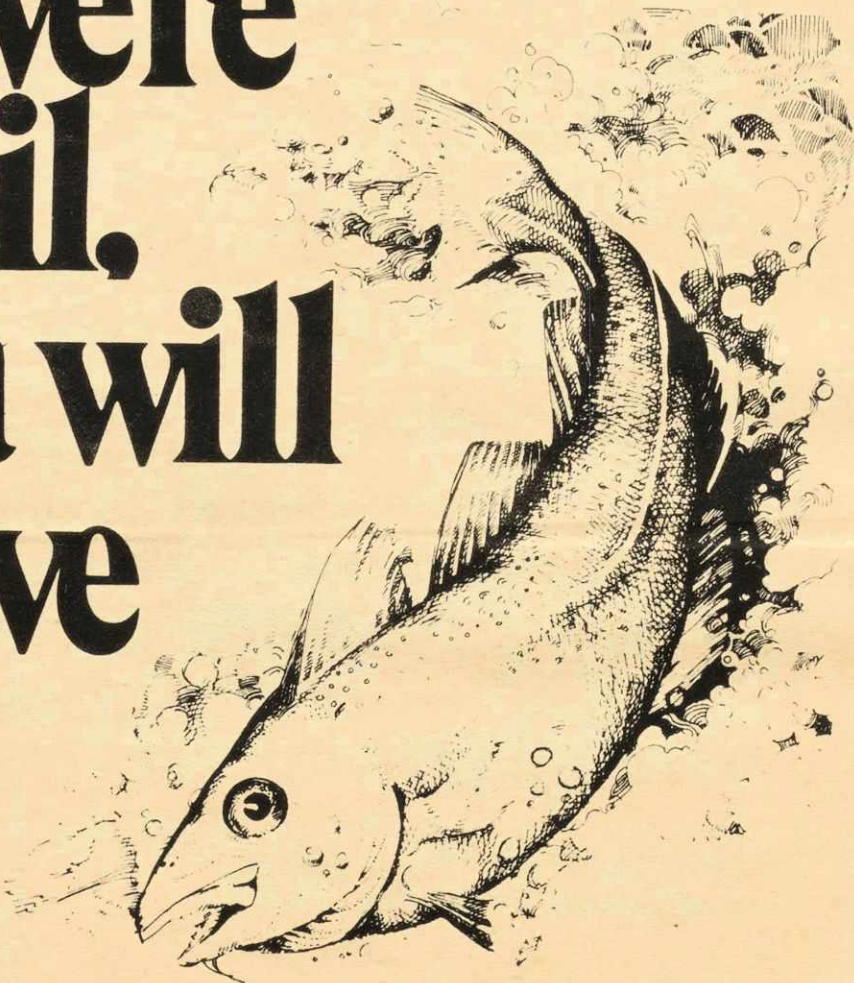
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