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Orientation . . . to some the word means one week of humiliation and submission (residence frosh), for others, it means frosh are open game for just about any task an upperclassman sees fit to bestow on them.

This year Orientation's theme is Festival of Friendship, and according to the frosh, it's living up to it's theme. According to Tammy Ayer, Kim Hum, and Ann Marie Vautour, Orientation is a "wild, fun, and exciting week" where all the frosh get a chance to meet each other. Teresa Irving says that the Orientation week is instrumental in becoming familiar with the campus and other frosh.

Marc Braithwaite, chairman of Orientation '87 told the Brunswickan that although the main purpose of orientation was to organize and familiarize the frosh with each other, as well as the campus, it also had some other very important themes: S.M.A.R.T. P.A.C.C. and Shinerama to name but two. Says Braithwaite the impression people get when they hear about Smart Pacc, is that we expressly forbid drinking and that this is an alcohol free university. In reality, Smart Pacc tries to make the students

aware of the quantities of alcohol that they drink and the possible after affects. Braithwaite continued to say that he felt the program was a success, but that it is very hard to measure changes in attitude. However, interviews with frosh provide some strong support for the program.

Lesley Bryson and Jennifer Attrige told the Brunswickan that Smart Pacc was a really good idea. Their first impressions of the university was that it was a strictly enforced alcohol free institution with Smart Pacc as a kind of policing force. Upon arrival, however, they were surprised to find out the real situation and Smart Pacc's real goals. Says Attrige, "it's a lot more effective than telling someone they can't drink."

This year, Orientation had a guest speaker on alcohol awareness, Rik Pavlescak an Educational Consultant from Dayton, Ohio. Pavlescak spoke to the frosh Tuesday afternoon at the Aitken Centre, on alcohol awareness.

Tammy Ayer put it plainly, "he was a real smooth talker." She continued to say that the contents of the lecture were interesting, informative, and made people think. Teresa Irving added that



Who's not wearing their beanie?



Pavlescak's speech had a "large impact" on the students, and that the idea of alcohol awareness was a very good one.

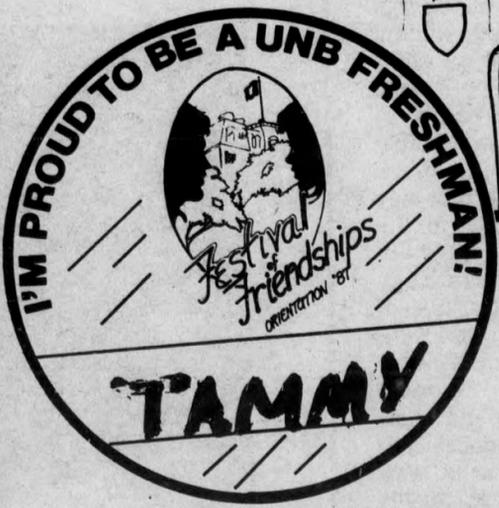
During the meeting at the Aitken Centre, the frosh were introduced to Becky Burgess, and her son Todd, who has been afflicted with cystic fibrosis. Burgess spoke to the frosh about cystic fibrosis, and urged them to participate in the Shinerama on Saturday, to help raise funds for the dreaded disease.

Based on the interviews held by the Brunswickan, the

general consensus seems to be that the frosh are enjoying Orientation Week, whether it's the toga parties, the outdoor concert, or the ice cream races, says Attrige "we just can't get enough."



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