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Trees, breathe easy

Orientation chair says a nearly-paperless orientation kit saves about thirteen thousand pieces of paper

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In a post-"Inconvenient Truth" world where environmental awareness is steadily rising, if not already at the top of society's priorities, it makes sense that UNB has jumped on the green wagon.

Returning students may recall the Orientation Kits they received during their first week as a university student. A package loaded with advertisements, coupons, pamphlets and, above all things, paper. Trees, breathe easy, because these paper-laden kits no longer exist.

This year's first year students will each receive an Orientation Kit complete with the standard freebies like mini-deodorant and condoms, as well as its latest addition – a USB flash drive containing all of the information that would otherwise be inked across stacks of paper.

"We were attempting to cut down on paper," says Scott Walters, head of the Orientation Week Committee. "We did the calculations and had we printed all of these on paper, well, we saved about thirteen thousand sheets of paper."

Andrew Holloway, Campus Project Sustainability Officer, gave birth to the idea of environmentally-friendly Orientation Kits in a moment under pressure. "To get my job, I basically had to impress my boss at the time and this was my flash in the pan idea at the time and she seemed to like it."

Though the new kits are much more environmentally friendly than the old, paper could not be completely eliminated. There is a sheet from Checker Cab which is necessary as it works as a discount pass. The remainder of the ads and coupons are on the flash drive, and students don't need to print anything as a flash of the USB drive is all they need to redeem their coupons.

Students can also breathe easy. Though the new Orientation Kits cost the Student Union slightly more than usual, the money will not be displaced for later events. Other groups on campus such as the President's office and Campus Planning graciously donated money toward the kits.

Holloway encourages all green-hearted students to participate in upcoming environmental awareness events. Anyone who wants to get involved may contact him at W858M@unb.ca.

The Orientation Kits can be picked up in the ballroom on the top floor of the Student Union Building on Friday, September 5 between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

WELCOME HOME



A slew of new Joy Kidd House residents get excited at Blast-Off on the first day of Orientation Week - and their first day at UNB, their new home.

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The majority of the class of 2012 arrived on Saturday, Aug. 31. Students were welcomed to campus in a way that first year Noelle DeCoste could only describe as "enthusiastically."

"My first impression was that there were a lot of people. Everyone was really friendly and a lot of people helped unpack. There were kids everywhere," says first year Emma Pinfold as she settles into her new dorm room. "It seemed like a good place to be."

Students who are new to campus life are taking part in a week of non-stop activities. Events throughout the

week have included everything from ice breakers at Blast Off to dancing the night away with old and new friends at Monday's Much Video Dance in the SUB Cafeteria.

Though Orientation Week provides endless opportunities to meet and interact with a host of new people it does allow for shy students to step away from their inhibitions and open up to new things.

Sara Rothman, Student Development Coordinator, says that "The Student Union has planned some events that are sort of big and loud and outgoing, and others that aren't, that may appeal to other students, like an outdoor movie..."

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Scott Walters is this year's Orientation Week chair.

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Duking it out for the Nicky Zee's crown

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With a new television season imminent there are bound to be dozens of competition-style reality shows. So You Think You Can Dance Canada and America's Next Top Model are both set to start up again this September. Feel like you want a change? Maybe instead of more rapid television, how about something that you can cheer for in person?

King of the Stage 2008 is a battle of the bands-style competition going on at Nicky Zee's. The competition features local acts all working towards the finals, a

chance to play at the Playhouse, and to be crowned "King of the Stage 2008."

The winner of the competition will also receive 5000 dollars, radio play, and a master copy of a tape of their performance in the finals.

Some of the bands that have made it this far in the competition include Rusted Dawn, Bullet Hero, and The Nancies.

Another band that has managed to make it this far into the competition is She Roars! When asked about what their sound was like, drummer Kyle Clark said with a laugh, "Oh, that question. We take a lot of stuff from the stuff we like, Taking Back Sunday and that kind of stuff. [We're a] faster kind of poppier

emo rock and then we mix influences like Matchbox 20 and stuff like that into it. It's all played on acoustic guitar but it's like poppy acoustic rock that's kind of upbeat."

If She Roars!'s sound seems a little eclectic, they're just a glimpse of the wide range of sound in the competition.

"Oh, there's everything. There's a country-funk band. Rusted Dawn, they're a grind thrash band. There's a radio rock band. The Nancies are this fun Bloc Party-like band, but a little grungier. There's everything," says Clark.

However, the mix of sounds hasn't kept people away from watching the competition unfold as of yet.

"I've seen a lot more people that do not normally come to shows coming out just because their friend's band's playing or they heard from somebody else that so one so is playing. There have also been a lot of people coming out just to see what the whole thing is about," says Clark.

She Roars! has also gone on to see a lot of supporters throughout the competition and were looking forward to their show Friday night.

"I expect it to go pretty well. We usually get a really good response. We've been having an amazingly good time getting

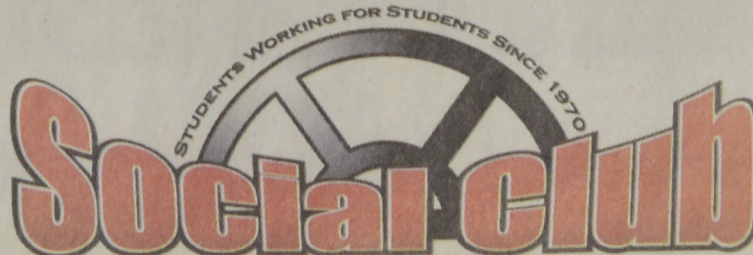
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Reno's are Done!

Doors open at 4:00pm

Featuring the Darcy's

No cover with last years membership



Membership price same as last year
Friday Afternoon Buckets still \$9.75
New Dance Floor - Kitchen - Pool Room
Stage, Service Areas and Lounge.
Six Draught Beers on Tap - table service

Need we say more?