

Annual Foam Dance sees participation from a variety of students

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Towards the end of the first week of class, the Student Activities Board holds an event called the Foam Dance to give new students an opportunity to get to know each other.

The Foam Dance is one of the first events on campus for the beginning of the new school year. The dance is an annual event that has been put on by SAB for the last five years. While focusing on the first years, all students at Drake were welcome to attend.

One of the co-entertainment chairs of SAB, Sophia Panio said that students are “just dancing around in a bubble bath” and that it is a “unique factor” in that no one exactly knows what’s going to happen.

The first group of students arrived and dived into the buildup foam. More and more students began to show up. Some choosing to dance right under the foam machine. Others selected to not be as confined and watched from the sidelines.

“I wanted to check it out cause it’s pretty much the first event of the school year,” first-year student Emily Pariseau said.

Most students at the dance were first years. The few upper class students that made an appearance preferred to watch.

The dance had good participation. Students were taking many selfies and group pictures of all kinds. Many students could not stop smiling and the crowd would roar in approval every time the foam cascaded down into the pit.

One of the co-entertainment chairs of SAB, Aly Tisthammer, said she see the event as a connection builder. “It’s a great way for the first years to get involved right away, this is a chance for them to meet other people,” she said.

With the Foam Dance being such a staple of the start of the school year, Kristen Butler, the programming chair for SAB, said she could not see an end to the dance.

“It did not make sense to not do it,” she said.

Overall the Foam Dance has not changed much. The goal of the dance is to make the first weekend memorable.

“I saw some videos and thought it looked cool. I came for the experience,” said first-year Lily DeBates said.

Butler noted that it is the memories that get students to come back to the dance after their first year.

Moreover, the big crowd and the variety of those in attendance demonstrates that the Foam Dance has become Drake’s newest tradition.