

Needs More Volunteers

Rape Crisis Centre "trying to be approachable"

New Brunswick's only rape crisis service is advertising for volunteers to augment their service.

Initially established under a Local Initiatives Program grant last year, the twenty-four hour phone-in service is entering its second year of operation. Staffed by one full-time co-ordinator and 11 other active volunteers, the service handles crisis calls dealing with rape and sexual assault. Operating out of local CHIMO offices, the provincial department of Social Services is funding this year's program.

The service was established as an anonymous crisis call centre, but "in-home" counselling and accompaniment service is also available.

Ms. Katie Kelly, the full-time co-ordinator for the program doesn't know if the service is the answer to the overall problem, but she says they are "trying to be approachable". In an attempt to expand the program the service is establishing contacts with legal prosecutors, police and area hospitals to facilitate the efficient handling of any future crisis. An action program including public education and eventually a self-defence course are two arms of the program yet to be developed.

The exact frequency of rapes and sexual assaults in this city cannot be accurately accounted as many rapes are never reported; because of guilt feelings, social stigmas and attempts to avoid publicity. The general consensus of public health, police and other associated informed authorities indicates that the problem is real, no matter what the actual incidence of rape.

Several fundamental myths

perpetuate public views of rape. The problem is multi-faceted as these myths influence people who rape, juries who must pass judgement when rape does become public, and the unfortunate victims.

The first myth surrounding rape is that the perpetrator is usually sexually unfulfilled male overwhelmed by sexual urges which lead to uncontrolled attacks. Ms. Kelly says that most rapists have normal, consistent sex lives and she adds "it make me question if in fact rape should be considered as a sexual condition or a direct crime of violence?"

Rape is "usually pre-planned and involves familiar parties such as old boyfriends or separated couples" she says. This contradicts the myth that most rapes occur in dark alleys or happen frequently to women who hitch-hike.

Is rape a matter of persuasive seduction or an act of overt violence? The myth that "women

enjoy rape" is easily discounted she says.

Do women have secret desires or fantasies to raped? "Ridiculous", she says. "It can usually be defined on a matter of choice between "passive violation" or else a violent shit-kicking. Is rape impossible without consent? "Bullshit" is the prevailing sentiment according to most knowledgeable sources.

Ms. Kelly considers rape "very close to murder" and since most

women usually must make a fast objective decision of "should I fight" or "let myself be intimidated" for reasons of relative safety. Are "respectable" women the only ones to escape rape? The question is considered too ludicrous in most circles to attempt to answer.

Ms. Kelly adds that the problem is serious enough that some solid funding was given to the service in an attempt to help prevent the crime, and to console and help any victims.

Duties Defined

5. If the motion in S.4 is passed, the By-Laws and Regulations, except By-Laws XIV and XV, and the motions and resolutions of the Council shall apply to the Summer Council as they do to the Council.

6. The Summer Council shall cease to have the powers and responsibilities of the Council on September 15 or any prior date set by the Council.

7. If the motion in S.4 is passed: (a) There is deemed to have been moved and seconded at the first Council meeting after September 15 a motion that Council sanction and adopt the motions and resolutions of the Summer Council

whose term has recently expired. (b) The motion in (a) may be amended to except specific Summer Council motions or resolutions.

(c) The motion in (a) shall be put to a vote by the Chairman before October 15.

8. Any motion or resolution of the Summer Council not sanctioned and adopted by the Council before October 15 is deemed to have been rescinded on October 15.

9. The President must send notice to all Council Members that a Summer Council meeting has been called at least ten (10) days before the starting time of the meeting.

Senate approves new courses

The University of New Brunswick in Saint John is a step closer to being the first university east of Montreal to offer a degree course in biology with a specialization in marine studies.

The UNB senate this week gave unanimous approval to the Saint John campus' second attempt to get the program off the ground. Approval now is necessary from the university Board of Governors which is scheduled to convene on Jan. 26 and from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

It's also necessary that the UNBSJ budget be reorganized or other funds be found to launch the program. UNB's Fredericton campus has had MPHEC approval for a masters program in public

administration for some time but establishment of the courses is dependent on money being found for the program.

Peak enrolment in the UNBSJ biology program is expected to be 120 by 1982, according to the university's proposed submission to the education commission.

Delegates from Saint John budget proposal before Senate late last year for degree programs in both biology and chemistry and which suggested hiring six new faculty. This was defeated by the body after the biology faculty council at Fredericton opposed the idea on the grounds that the costs were too high and that Saint John's capital costs estimates were unrealistic.

College Hill Folk Collective year old

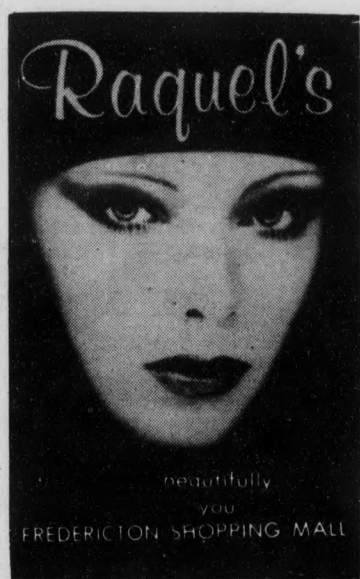
Tonite the College Hill Folk Collective celebrates its first birthday. Begun last January partly as an alternative to the usual weekend happenings, CHFC has brought together local

listeners and performers in an easy relaxed atmosphere. Continuing interest and support has kept the Collective thriving and able to produce entertaining coffee houses featuring folk, blues, poetry, and other goodies, musical or otherwise. So come on down,

tonite to Mem Hall and share the joy.

Emphasizing the "Folk" as being the people as much as the style, Denise at 455-2366 or Mark and Paul at 455-1057 would like to hear from anyone having skits, poems, music etc to perform at future coffee-houses.

On the weekend of January 27th, Mount A will be hosting the Maritime Intercollegiate Folk Festival and Competition. Further info on this event can be obtained from the above people.



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Foresters advise government

The dean of forestry at the University of New Brunswick, J.W. Ker, and some of his fellow Forestry professors are due to meet with the Legislature's Select Committee on Renewable Resources on February 2.

The committee has three meetings planned this month with the New Brunswick Forest

Products Association, the provincial government's forest products commission, members of the conservation group known as Ducks Unlimited and the director of the fish and wildlife branch of the provincial department of Natural Resources, Brian Carter.

The meetings are scheduled for January 20, 25, and 27 and are open to the public. The sessions will be held at the Legislature's Corporations Committee Room.

Senate approves Native B Ed

This week's consideration by senate of a special bachelor of education program aimed at training up to 30 native people each year until 1982 to be teachers in native elementary schools was cut short by one senator's astute observation.

Senators had spent over half an hour debating whether to approve the education faculty's request for approval to accept offers by the Indian Affairs Department and the provincial education department to pay for three new faculty for the program. Some suggested tabling the motion until some of the financial statistics—really the concern of the Board of Governors—were verified and other questions had been answered.

Exponents of the proposal said any delay in the motion might mean missing out on the offer because the contract couldn't be signed without senate approval.

At this point economics professor William Smith made the observation that establishing the program would be "the first thing that the university had done for New Brunswick Indians in 200 years" and that senators should stop being so picky.

The motion passed unanimously.

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