

Student Services

COUNSELLING SERVICES

Counselling Services will be offering a workshop to help students improve their performance on examinations. Topics, such as procrastination, exam skills and control of excessive tension will be covered in the one-day program which will take place in the Alumni Memorial Building, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 3rd.

Coffee and tea will be available, but participants are asked to provide their own lunch. All students are welcome.

WOMEN'S RESIDENCES

The women's residences are looking for one or more Dons for the 1982-83 session.

A Don is appointed in each House to coordinate the activities of residents, house committees and proctors, to provide advice and counselling for groups or individuals, and to assist the Dean in the formulation and implementation of residence policy. The Don is provided with an apartment and meals in the residence dining hall.

Interested persons are invited to contact the Dean of Women (453-4800) for more information and application forms, before April 7.

AWARDS OFFICE - Room 109, Alumni Memorial Building Undergraduate Scholarships

Applications are currently available at the Awards Office. Deadline for receipt of applications for the 1982-83 academic year is April 15, 1982.

New Brunswick Loan Remission

Applications are available at the Awards Office. If you are graduating in 1982, you may be eligible to apply for a rebate on part of your Canada Student Loan. For further information - contact the Awards Office.

OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program)

Applications for the 1982-83 academic year are available at the Awards Office.

HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES

Residence Dining Room Hours: Easter Weekend
April 9 - 12, 1982

Women's Residences:

McLeod: -Will close after Continental Brunch (12:00 noon) on Good Friday, April 9
-Will reopen for breakfast, Tuesday, April 13

Lady Dunn Hall: -Remains open; brunch and supper only, on Good Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (resumes full operation Tuesday, April 13)

Men's Residences:

Lady Beaverbrook Residence: -Will close after lunch on Thursday, April 8
-Will reopen for breakfast, Tuesday, April 13

McConnell Hall: -Will remain open; brunch and supper only, on Good Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (resumes full operation Tuesday, April 13).

Women take refuge

She can be anybody - the woman at work, the woman next door, your mother, yourself. She can be any age, any race, from any economic level. She is the battered woman, the victim of domestic violence.

There is a refuge for her in Transition House. Transition House serves as an emergency shelter for the battered woman; a place for her to go and think about her future and the future of her children.

Transition House Fredericton opened its doors in January of 1980 after two years of work. Initially, the response for such a shelter was poor. People did not think that there was a need for such service in Fredericton. However, since Transition House has opened it has provided shelter for more than 600 women and their children.

Transition House also provides a 24-hour telephone counselling, information and referral service to women who do not want to leave their home, but who need assistance. For those who need an emergency shelter, Transition House is available to physically, emotionally or sexually abused women, married or unmarried, with or without children; or, women who need to leave their homes because their children are being abused.

There are six full-time and three relief workers employed at Transition House. All of the women on staff are committed

to helping women and children in crisis. They provide a secure, supportive atmosphere for the abused woman and her children - an escape from a dangerous situation. In Transition house, a woman will be among others who understand. Services offered are: peer counselling, information and referral on various community resources such as housing, employment, legal, social assistance, daycare, etc.

As a security measure for the residents, the location of the house is kept confidential and a strict security system is enforced. There is no cost to the women who come to Transition House. Food and clothing are provided. The duties of the 7-bedroom house - cooking, cleaning and childcare - are shared among the residents and schooling arrangements are provided for the children. A woman can stay in the house for up to two months but most stay about two weeks.

Many women are afraid to leave a violent home situation. Some are hesitant to take their children away from their father and the financial security he can provide. Many are not equipped to handle the financial burden of raising a family. A woman may feel embarrassed and guilty about speaking out and feel that by doing so, she will damage her husband's career. Finally, many women still love their husbands and live in hope of a

better future.

Women in need of the services of Transition House may suffer physical injury in the form of cuts and bruises or more violent assaults such as rape or even death. Repeated acts of violence may injure her psychologically as well, as she lives in constant fear of impending violence. She may also suffer from continuous emotional insult and live in a state of isolation, paralysis and fear.

Why does a man abuse a woman? There are complex social and personal factors in answering this question. Research has shown that many batterers grew up in an atmosphere where battering and domestic violence were commonplace and accepted. As well, there is a cultural acceptance of violence in our society.

People often ask if alcohol is a cause for a man's violent behavior. Although it may be a contributing factor in the sense that it may break down inhibitions or serve as an excuse for physical assault, alcohol is not a cause of battering.

One member of the Transition House staff fears that the current rise in unemployment may provoke an increase in the incidence of domestic violence. However, the only real solution to this everpresent problem is in social change and changes in the structure of power.

Orientation to be best ever

By TIMOTHY LETHBRIDGE
Brunswickan Staff

Plans are well underway for Orientation '82. Chairman Wayne Schreuer said this year's activities for incoming freshmen will be the best ever.

There have been over 140 applicants for positions on the orientation committee, and from these 100 will be chosen. Schreuer said interviews have been conducted with applicants not known to the executive. The next step is for all those who are still interested to write the orientation office by July 15. At that time those accepted will be notified.

For all students chosen, the action will get underway on Monday September 6. Tentatively scheduled are a general meeting for that morning, followed by sessions of group training and ID picture taking. Group leaders will spend the afternoon being trained. The day will conclude with a tour in Saint John.

The following day, the freshmen arrive. Among activities scheduled for that day are faculty addresses, the sale

of frosh packs and a frosh dance.

On Wednesday September 8, campus tours are scheduled. Schreuer said he hopes to have the group leaders take their groups on tours of the campus. Among other things, these will include guided tours of the Brunswickan and CHSR offices. Schreuer said this should help alleviate staffing problems in the media and would encourage many freshmen to take an active role in extra-curricular activities.

Also on the tentative schedule for September 8 are placement tests and an outdoor concert.

The schedule for the following day calls for freshman registration, a mature students' symposium, a casino night and all-night movies. A scavenger hunt is set for Friday afternoon, September 10.

Several improvements are being made in the plans for this year's Shinerama according to Schreuer. There will be a Shinerama dance with the theme, "Tacky Tourist" on the

Friday night. Next day there will be the Shinerama breakfast before the students hit the streets of Fredericton, and then a Shinerama barbecue when they return in the evening.

That evening two concurrent events are tentatively scheduled. The Ache 'n Wake will be held for those of legal age, and special frosh activities are being planned, such as a stand-up comic, as most of the freshmen are under 19.

Also on the drawing board for Orientation '82, are king and queen socials, a frosh ball and an extravaganza. Of course, there is always the party for the members of the orientation committee at the end.

Schreuer thanked everyone who has applied to be on the committee, and reminded them to send their letters to the orientation office by July 15. The address is: Orientation Committee, c/o UNB Student Union, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 5A3. Those accepted will be notified by August 1.