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When I Broke My Back. . .

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After eighteen months on the road, wheelchair athlete Rick Hansen will roll into Fredericton tomorrow - undoubtedly to a hero's welcome.

Now on the last leg of his two year marathon, Rick has just cause to celebrate. Not only has he become a symbol of hope for disabled people world-wide while raising money for spinal cord research and Canadian wheelchair sports organisations: he has also this week announced that he plans to marry his 27 year old physiotherapist, Amanda Reid.

Fredericton City Council will hold a civic reception for Rick on Saturday when he wheels in. The organisers hope that support for Rick - both moral and financial - will be considerable.

The Man in Motion World Tour began in Vancouver on March 21, 1985. Since then, Rick, averaging 70 miles a day, has wheeled through the United States, Europe and the Middle East. After slogging through New Zealand, Australia, Japan and Korea, Rick is now on the final stretch.

By wheeling his way round the world, Rick wants to make everyone aware of the capabilities of disabled people - as well as to raise money for research that may one day make the wheelchair a thing of the past. "I believe that we will find the key to repair spinal cord injuries and disorders", said Rick with characteristic optimism.

After the car accident which left him crippled at the age of fifteen, Rick refused to give up his active and athletic life. He has won 19 international marathons, competed nationally for teams in basketball and volleyball, as well as winning championship medals for wheelchair tennis and racquetball.

The major goal of the Rick

Hansen Man in Motion tour is to create a fund for the financing of spinal cord research and rehabilitation programmes. Medical research has shown that the mean longevity of spinal cord injured people has doubled since 1958. Improvements in the care and treatment of these people have reached the point that cardiovascular causes may now be the number one cause of death for spinal cord injured people.

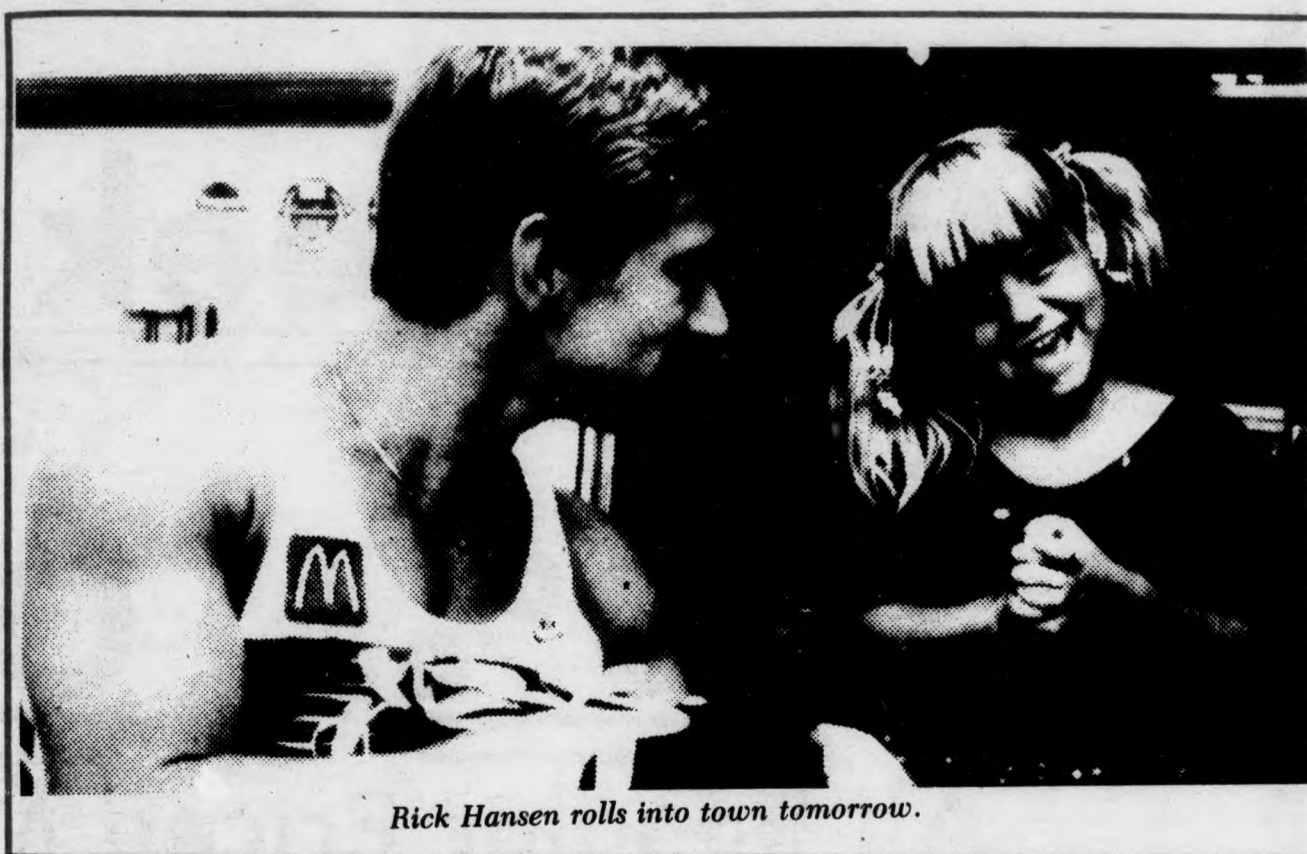
...I thought
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was over

By LAURA LEE MACLEAN
Sports Editor

As Rick Hansen arrives in Fredericton this Saturday there will be fund raising events of various types taking place throughout the city. Local fitness organizations such as the YMCA, Popeye's, Gloria Stevens, Lou's Body Shop and our own UNB Phys-Ed Faculty have hit upon a unique way of raising money for spinal cord research. They plan to hold a weight lifting-athon.

Their goal is to pump iron equal to 12,000 pounds; half of the distance that Rick Hansen will cover to wheel across Canada. Pledges will be based on giving so much per fifty pounds lifted. Janice Johnson a graduate student in Physical Education has been circulating sign up sheets for those interested in participating in this event. The lift-a-thon will begin Friday night (Oct.3) at 6 o'clock - until 9.

The public is welcome to come down and cheer on all those dedicated individuals taking part.



Rick Hansen rolls into town tomorrow.

Assaults shock Campus

MELYNDA JARRATT
News Editor

Officials at the University of New Brunswick and the Fredericton Rape Crisis Center are expressing their shock over what appears to be a series of unsolved sexual assaults on the UNB campus. In response to this, both groups have begun definitive action in which the security and safety of female students on campus will be a top priority.

Although Fredericton City Police were unaware of any sexual assaults occurring on campus over the weekend, both the FRCC and the Dean of Students Don Eagles, confirmed two separate incidents over the weekend in which two women were the victims of unidentified male assailants.

In the first sexual assault, a young residence woman was attacked outside of Tibbits Hall on Friday night. The at-

tacker was unsuccessful in his attempts to harm the woman and she managed to fend off his advances before escaping.

In the second unrelated incident, the woman was unable to protect herself and the perpetrator made off into the night before help could be obtained.

Both women were treated with professional counselling via the FRCC and medical assistance was provided to both, neither of whom was hospitalized.

The problem of sexual assault on the UNB/STU campus is a recurring one and a problem which brings into focus the dire lack of preventative measures on the part of UNB officials who seem to have come to the rescue of fearful women after the fact.

Although the Dean of Students announced Wednesday that in light of the two incidents, steps will be taken to increase awareness of sexual assault on campus, the FRCC has diverged from these steps into a much more far-reaching

and comprehensive program to ensure that there will never be a repetition of last weekends events.

The FRCC, in a letter to the UNB SRC to be read on Monday evening, emphasizes an "immediate implementation" of an eight point program in order to "maintain" the program over the future years.

The program encompasses such concerns as a monitoring committee set up between the FRCC, the men's residences, and the UNB administration; a buddy system; and a well organized escort service for female students who have to walk alone on campus or to their homes at night.

In addition, they recommend better lighting in darkened areas, more Campus Police, seminar programs in all residences, and information "speaks" by the FRCC.

The Rape Crisis Center wishes to stress that they want to work alongside University officials in the implementation of this awareness and preventative program.