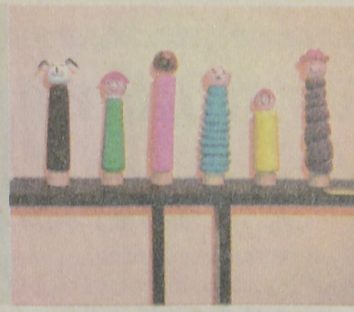




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Rash of assaults threaten UNB/STU students

College Hill Project implemented to catch perpetrator

by Cindy Brown

Women on the UNB and STU campuses are being cautioned not to walk alone after dark.

The Fredericton Police Force held a press conference on Tuesday, January 23, stating that a task force was being created to deal with a number of incidents of indecent acts, sexual assaults, and robberies that have occurred on and around the campuses over the past several months.

Sergeant Tim Cain is the coordinator of the task force, as well as the main investigator for the cases.

Six incidents have been reported so far, one of which occurred on the UNB campus. All but one of the victims were university students.

At approximately 9:00 pm on November 3rd, 2001, the first documented attack occurred. The victim was walking near the old Trans Canada Highway when she was approached from behind and attacked. The man demanded her money and threatened to stab her. He then ran towards the woods with her purse.

The subject struck again on November 24, 2001, at approximately 7:00 pm. A male knocked on the victim's window, indecently exposing himself, and making explicit sexual comments before running off.

On the same day, at 7:15 pm, the perpetrator struck again. He approached a woman on Graham Avenue, grabbed her breast and again fled.

Then on December 14, 2001, at approximately 9:00 pm, a female student was attacked on the walkway behind the Aitken Centre. The subject demanded money from the victim and threatened to

kill her if she screamed. The victim was able to kick the subject in the face and flee. Minor injuries and a minor sexual assault were sustained by the victim.

The most recent attack happened Tuesday, January 15, at approximately 6:30 pm. The victim was walking on McKay Drive near the Aitken Centre when a male, walking in the opposite direction, grabbed her jacket and tried to force her to the ground. The victim struck him in the face with her hand in which she had her house keys and the subject ran away.

All of the victims described the perpetrator as being a white male, approximately six feet tall, 20 to 30 years of age, with a slim athletic build. The police say he was "English-speaking (no accent)." The Fredericton police believe each crime was committed by the same perpetrator.

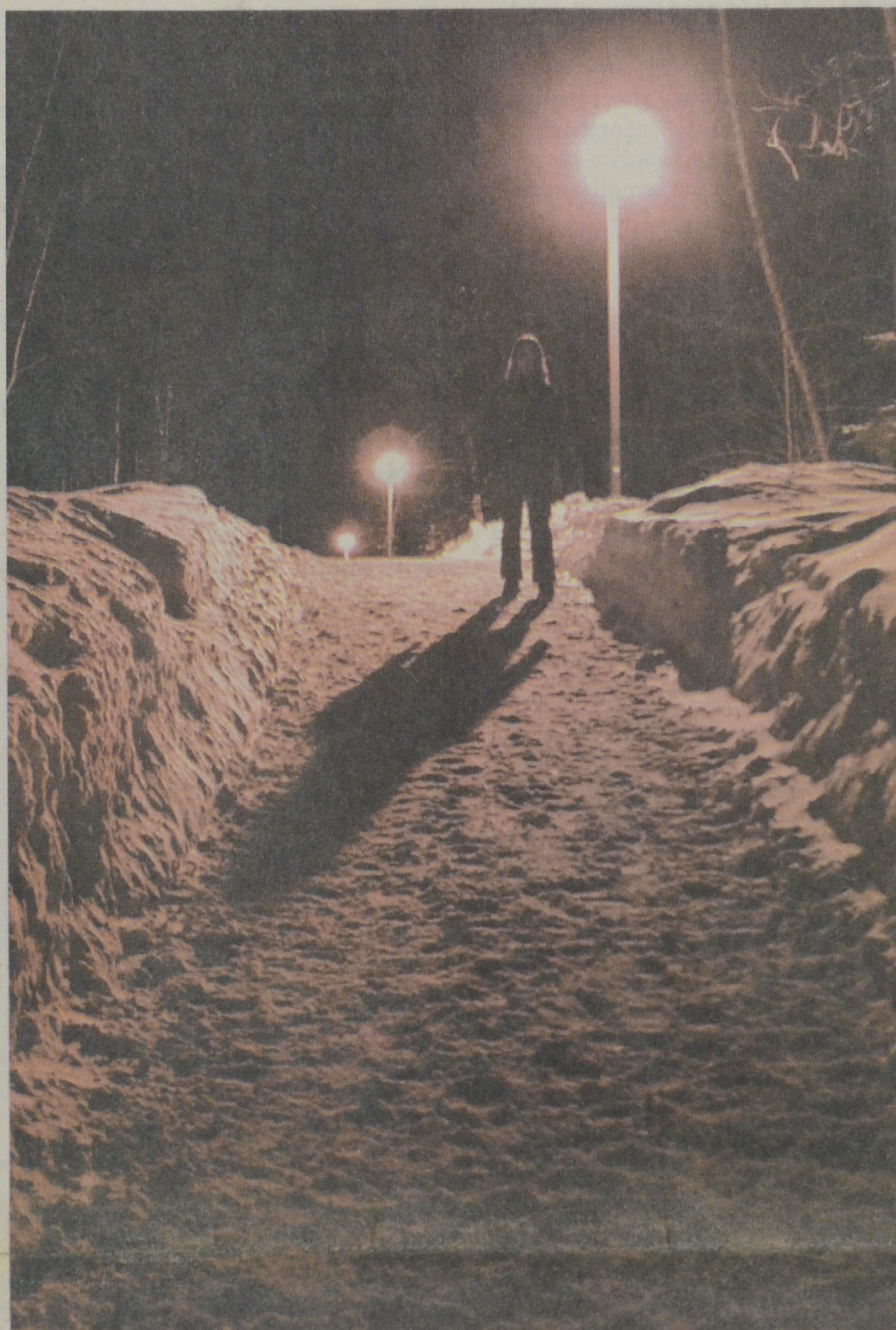
The subject has been described as wearing a dark-coloured tracksuit, a black toque with three holes, [belladonna] and red or orange jogging pants. He has also been seen wearing a black puffy hooded bomber-style jacket, with red trim, and possibly a red zipper.

As a result of these attacks, the Fredericton Police have established a task force consisting of the Community Crime Section and the Major Crime Section. The task force, which will be active until the perpetrator is caught, is being called *The College Hill Project*.

UNB Student Union president, Scott Duguay, said he was surprised and appalled when he heard about the attacks Wednesday morning. Duguay is very anxious to work with the Fredericton Police and Campus Security in finding the perpetrator.

"It doesn't matter if it is a STU student, or UNB student, or someone from the community. Whether or not it happens on campus or not, it is still a grave concern of ours."

Duguay expressed frustration that the Student Union was left in the dark about the attacks until now. He expressed



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The UNB community was alerted about a number of assaults, sexual assaults and robberies which have occurred on and around campus since last November. Do you feel safe?

concerns that nothing can be done in the way of prevention if the campus is not aware there is a problem.

Duguay did acknowledge the steps which had been taken to make the campus safer for all students. "What I've seen in the last few years is a campus that has made an effort to make it a little safer for students, with more lighting, the opening up of some paths, and by putting cameras up."

Sergeant Gary Arbour, of the Fredericton Police Force, stressed they would be working in conjunction with Campus Security, patrolling the areas around campus.

Arbour said the identity of the perpetrator was not known, and it was unclear whether he was a student or not.

When the subject is caught, however, he could be facing up to five years in prison on charges of sexual assault, assault, and uttering threats.

Arbour noted the reason for not notifying the university community about the attacks was because the first attack was off-campus. Tied into that was the fact that the Christmas holidays were starting not long after the second attack occurred.

Students and faculty at UNB and STU are asked to be on the alert. Anyone with any information should contact the Fredericton Police Force. A tips line has been established where such information can be left. Simply call 460-2368. Anyone with information may also call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Until this matter is resolved, the Fredericton Police are recommending women should not walk alone. Students should instead use Safe Ride and Safe Walk.

Safe Ride offers free transportation from the Student Union Building between 6:30 pm and 11:30 pm every day, and Safe Walk offers two escorts for pedestrians Sunday to Thursday from 7:00 pm to 12:00 am, and Friday and Saturday, 7:00 pm to 2:00 am. Campus Security can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 453-4830.

UNB Employees Union prepared to strike

UNB and Employees Association remain at odds

by Chris Wilson-Smith

The University of New Brunswick Employees Association is prepared to strike.

Contract talks have been ongoing since their collective agreement expired June 30, 2001, and thus far the parties have not reached a middle ground.

In a statement released to the media on Monday, the Association wrote: "The

UNB Employees Association remains committed to resolving this dispute in a professional manner and hopes the employer recognizes our valuable contribution to the University."

The UNBEA is an independent union which represents several employee groups at UNB: the Library Assistants and Clerks, General Labour, Trades, Allied Services and Audio Visual Group, as well as the Secretaries and Accountants.

The University originally offered members of the union a four-year collective agreement with a 2% increase per year, however, the membership overwhelmingly rejected the proposal.

In November of last year, the University and the Association unsuccessfully applied jointly for conciliation. Currently, the UNBEA is awaiting word from the Minister of Training and Employment Development, Norm MacFarlane,

regarding conciliation.

If a conciliation board is not appointed this time, the Association has a seven day wait before it will legally be in a strike position.

While most articles of the contract have been agreed to, the union's main concerns regarding wages and benefits remain unresolved. "The Association remains hopeful that the University will make a fair offer for the services its members provide."

If the UNBEA does strike, services such as building maintenance, snow removal, cleaning, secretarial and clerical

work, as well as work done in the university's physical plant, will be in jeopardy.

While Susan Montague, a spokesperson for the university, maintains it is business as usual for UNB, she does allow a strike would undoubtedly affect student services.

Montague says, "It is the university's hope that we will be able to reach a negotiated settlement, and that's what we're going to continue to work towards. If there is a strike, it will be a bad situation no matter what side of the issue you're on."

Stephen L. Peppin Computer Lab

ITS honours memory of deceased UNB employee

On May 24, 2001 the University was saddened by the death of Stephen L. Peppin, a valued UNB student and University employee.

Stephen spent two work terms with Integrated Technology Services (ITS) as a Student Help Desk Consultant and a student member of the Computer Response Team (CRT) from June 1998 to August 1999. He then assumed responsibility for the management of the ResNet program (cable TV and UNB network connections for campus residence rooms) when he became the Residential Network Administrator, along with performing Level 1 computer-support duties for

Residential Life and Conference Services (RL&CS).

For the two-year period that Stephen managed the ResNet project, he was an integral member of the joint ITS/RL&CS support team, and worked closely with both residence students and numerous ITS support personnel. He was very well liked and respected by all staff, colleagues and residence students.

In honour of our colleague and friend, ITS and RL&CS will dedicate the Marshall D'Avray Room 131 computer lab in Stephen Peppin's memory. Please join us for this very special event on Friday, January 25, 2002 at 2:00 pm, Marshall d'Avray Hall, Room 131. A reception will follow in the cafeteria adjacent to Room 131. All members of the UNB community are welcome.



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With a potential UNBEA strike looming, essential services involving libraries and the bookstore are at risk.

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