

# "We have to make people aware of the cost of violence" - Jennings

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exceed \$1.5 billion a year. These costs include short-term medical and dental treatment for injuries, long-term physical and psychological care, lost time at work, and use of transition homes and crisis centres.

November is Family Violence Prevention Month in New Brunswick thanks to an initiative of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation (MMFF). The vast majority of violence in families is committed by men, and therefore, is seen more as a women's issue.

In 2002 the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women conducted an Attitudinal Survey on Violence Against Women. The responses of New Brunswick men were:

- 59% said it is not a crime to slap your wife on the face after an argument
- 48% said it is not a crime to slap your girlfriend around if she flirted with another man
- 35% said it is not a crime to rape your wife

What many have come to question, however, is why women stay in these relationships.

University of Wyoming law professor Dona Playton said the lack of financial independence is a key factor in preventing women from leaving abusive relationships.

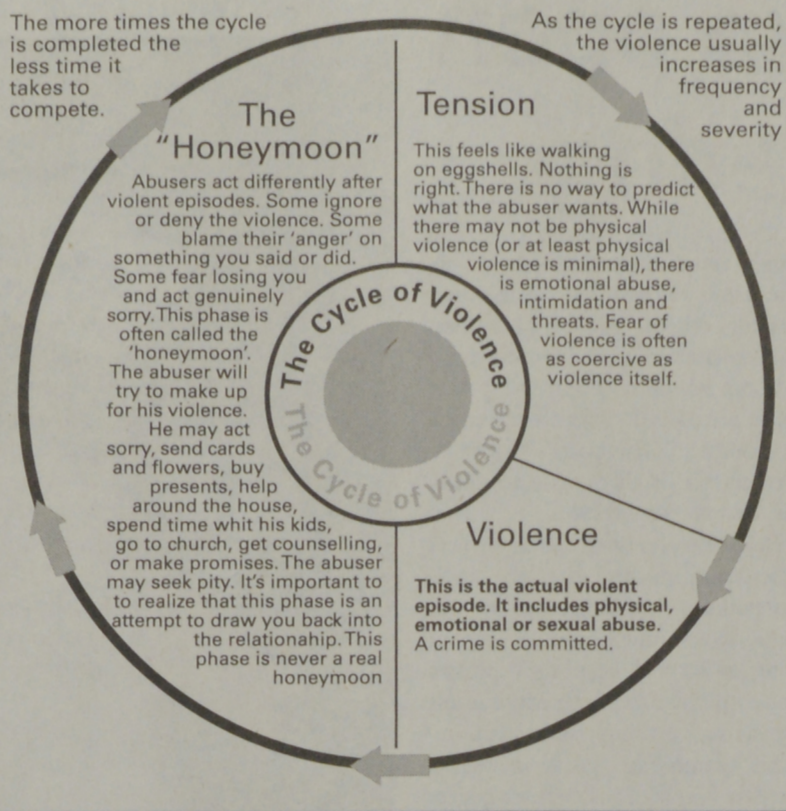
Psychologists agree but add that there are dozens of reasons why women stay: they are afraid to leave, they don't know where to go, or as is often the case they believe - because they want to believe - the men who say they love them and will never do it again.

Elaine Carmen, a psychiatrist at the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center in Boston said, "Eventually, the continued abuse wears down the victims so much that they are unable to leave due to physical and mental exhaustion. The men gradually take control of the women's psyches and destroy their ability to think clearly. The women come to believe they deserve the abuse and that they are incompetent."

Quite often the women are bullied into staying. Told by her husband he would hunt her down and kill her if she left, Marie (false name), then pregnant, stayed with her abuser out of fear.

"I knew he would do it," she said. When he later slapped their six week old infant for "being spoiled," Marie left him and went to another province.

## Cycle of Violence



"I was a wreck, had no self esteem, but my baby and I were safe. I was free," she said.

Also, people don't like to talk about violence against women. Marie said when she tried to discuss it people would deliberately change the subject.

Jennings said that's a common reaction. Marie agreed with Jennings, "But ignoring violence will not make it

go away. We have to make people aware of what the cost of violence is to women individually and collectively and to our society generally. Awareness programs, such as those offered by the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation, are invaluable and necessary," she said.

With files from *Micah Sturr* at *Laramie Boomerang* and the *National Women's Health Information Center*.

The Brunswickan would like to remind staff members that a special meeting will be held Wednesday, December 1st, in room 35 of the Student Union Building, at 12:30 p.m.

As decided at the Annual General Meeting, the staff's presence is required to pass the final version of our constitution.

## Communism

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Canada passed an anti-communism law and eight members, including Tim Buck, the party's leader at the time, were imprisoned for three years.

Figuroa's history lesson concluded with the news that infiltration by government agents occurred as recently as 13 years ago, when a party member, who sat on their labour committee, also secretly worked for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

The committee was tasked to solve a union grievance in Québec, and the undercover agent went around to union leaders proposing the use of explosives to solve their problems. Three union reps were arrested.

"We think that socialism will come about through a coalition of parties," said Figuroa. "Not just because the Communist Party wants it."

## Postering

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and where it's located," McGuire says.

Although McGuire has someone else take care of postering for his concerts, he admits he has resorted to using glue on a few occasions. He says on some days he would find his posters being torn down before he could even finish putting all of them up.

"I didn't want to use the glue; it's terrible stuff."

Boyle, Atkinson, and McGuire all argue that postering is virtually a necessity to maintain the livelihood of the city's music scene.

"[Postering] is crucial. Even with the internet and the odd paper story we get printed, it's probably the best way we can get word about our shows out," says McGuire. "I'll keep doing it until I either start getting terrible fines or get thrown in jail, I guess."

Boyle suggests that although posters are definitely important, their primary role is to reinforce and remind concertgoers who hear about events through word-of-mouth.

McCormack says he hopes to set plans for a centralized postering system into motion as soon as promoters decide what locations would best serve their needs.

After that he hopes to arrange a meeting with the city's promoters and Fredericton mayor Brad Woodside to work out any remaining details.

## Books & Bytes

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This is Geography Awareness Week, with Geomatics/GIS Day celebrated today, November 17, around the world. To add to your awareness, this column gives you a little guided navigation through the best (and worst) of maps, spatial data, and orthophotographs at the UNB Libraries.

Maps, GIS, charts and other wonders of the world

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And where are we?

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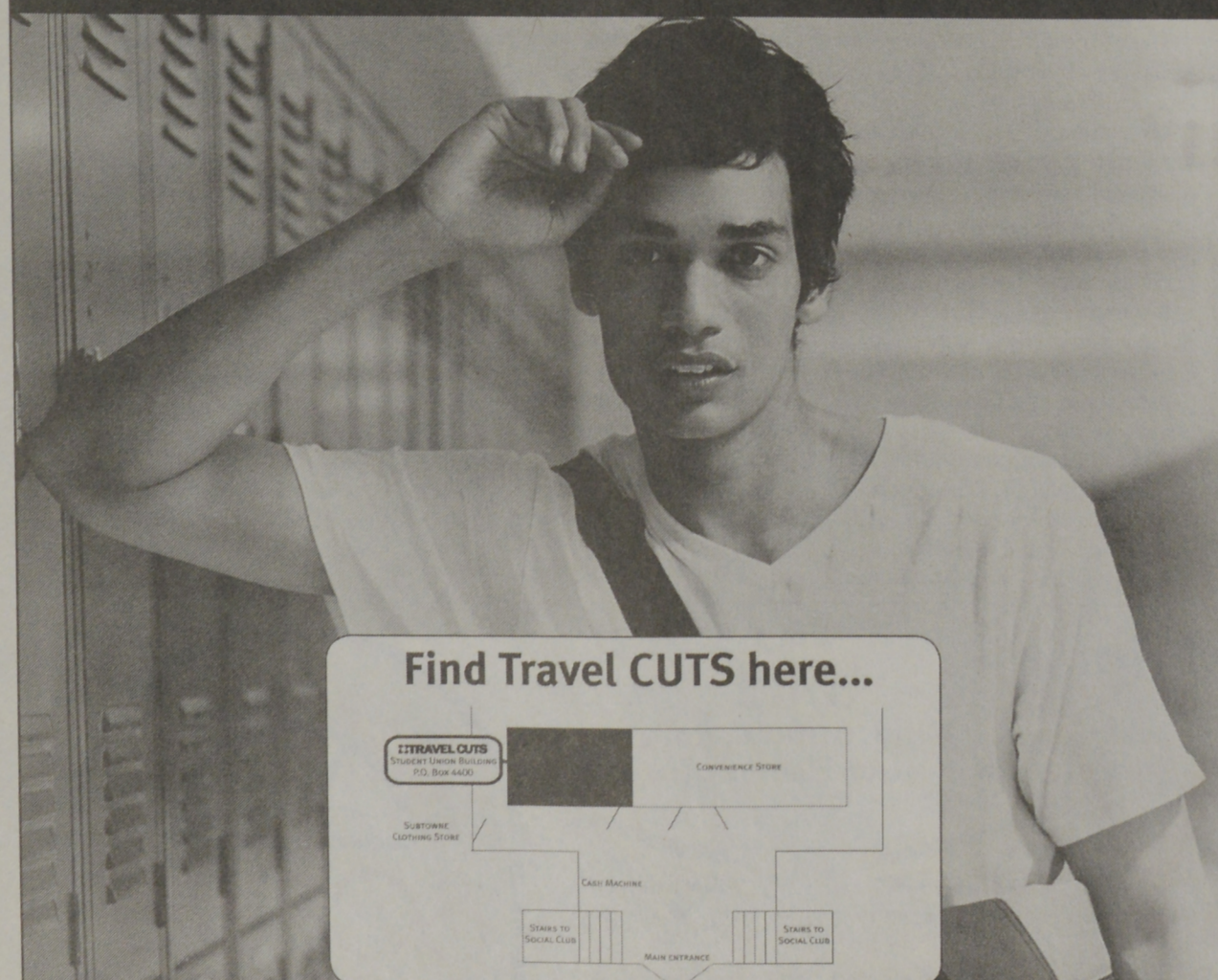
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