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## Criminal Treatment

"I was not going to put up with any more shit and I was not going to press charges." "Rhea Kronia" was raped in April. She is refusing to cooperate with the RCMP because dealing with its officers has been like being raped a second time. The police recently told her mother she could go to jail if she does not obey a subpoena to appear in court in mid-October. She says she will not "play the game" with a system that is designed, defined and enforced by men. It will change nothing.

## by Rhea Kronia reprinted from the Gleaner Canadian University Press Vancouver

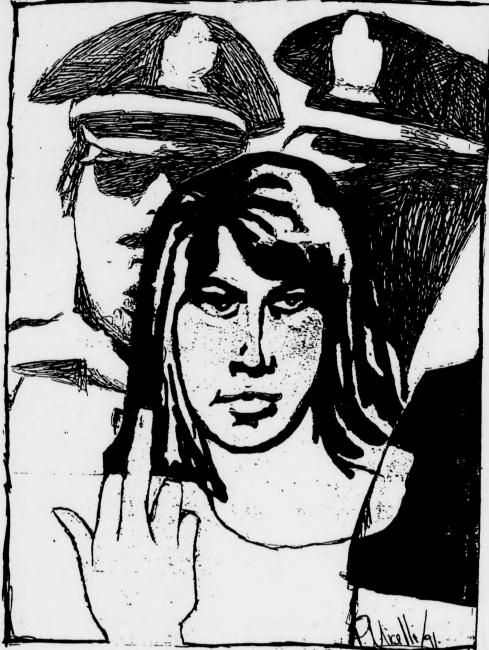
I had my eyes shut, squeezed tight. I thought if I could stop myself from seeing, maybe I could stop myself from feeling. I couldn't move and I had given up struggling, it was only hurting me more.

I was trying to hide somewhere in my mind, desperately searching for a dark secret place where the rest of me wouldn't be touched. I was being raped and he wasn't going away.

Somewhere, a voice was wailing. Somehow, it belonged to me. There was another voice muttering and moaning. I couldn't see that voice but I could feel it. Every sound seemed to be another knife digging into my belly, tearing out my guts and feeding them to a crazed, starved seagull.

I was being raped. It was and still is a reality for me. It has been and will be a reality for one woman every 17 minutes in Canada. It was not my fault, nor is it any woman's fault.

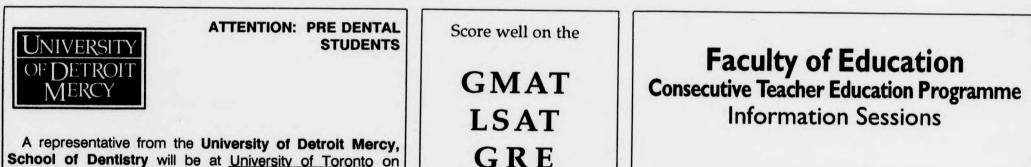
After I was raped, someone took me to the police station. I'm not sure how I got there or how I got home. At the moment, I don't want



to remember. I do remember the constable that "interviewed" me. He wouldn't let anyone come into the office with me. As it was a small town, there was no one else on duty. I was alone with a man, the exact same situation I had been in hours earlier.

The constable didn't rape me physically. Instead he asked me questions: Were you a virgin before this happened? What were you wearing? How did you act to provoke this?

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Tuesday, October 8, 1991 and Wednesday, October 9, 1991:

<u>St. George</u> Tuesday, October 8th, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Room 7205, Medical Sciences Center

<u>Scarborough</u> Wednesday, October 9th, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Please check with counseling services for location)

<u>Erindale</u> Wednesday, October 9th, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Professional School Fair (Please see the Career Centre for details)

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Thursday, October 10 4:00pm Curtis Lecture Hall "I"

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Wednesday, October 30 4:30pm 129 York Hall, Glendon College

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Wednesday, November 6 4:00pm Curtis Lecture Hall "H"

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