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Neither are friends made up from frequent cook-ins, mahjong table and free drinks.

BUT because we live in social realities, concerned with farmers, fisherman, workers, of the wrong policies imposed on them, because we learn to realize that it is wrong, inhumane to exploit, suppress one's right to vote that it is stunningly incorrect to rob the poor, the ignorant of their lives. they, the poor classes are the majority - the oppressed.

You stood there, shunning away you refused to hear, discuss or think but instead accused others of being political.

But my intellectual academicians, tell me, have we not the humanity or faculty

that unemployment, poverty, exploitation degrades you as much as any other member of a civilised community?

We as the leaders of tomorrow have a role in the process of developing society. But only and if only we understand the truth about people, their lives and the society in which we live.

Do not lock yourself up, out of fear or cling dogmatically to you apathy. Open up our minds Education is not only 3 L's 'Lectures, Lunch, Library' nor vice versa, It is a process of learning, that is, change. Are we ready to change, consciously?

A fellow UNB student

CHIMO needs volunteers

Have you ever considered becoming a Chimo telephone volunteer? You may think you need to have special skills but, if you are a good listener and are sincere about helping others, you are an ideal candidate.

As a volunteer you will be given a two-day intensive training program which prepares you to handle all types of calls. The training session has the added bonus of equipping you to more effectively deal with just about any life situation at home or on the

job. An outside professional counsellor conducts a special section on the limitations of the helping relationship and how you can become a better "helper".

There are exercises that will teach you how to really listen to what people are saying and zero in on what is bothering them. In addition, volunteers get to know the resources of the community inside and out since Chimo has a storehouse of information.

As a Chimo volunteer, your role will most often be simply that of a friend to the caller, someone who will listen and not pass judgement. Approximately, one third of the calls you will handle will be straight-forward information requests. The other calls range from loneliness and family

stress situations to a general need for support and understanding. Since both the caller and the telephone volunteer are anonymous, there is no danger of involvement once the call has terminated.

Telephone volunteers are never out on a limb when it comes to a more difficult call. Thanks to the back-up support of two hundred resource people, professional expertise is available at all times.

As a Chimo volunteer, you will join one of the largest volunteer families in the community. We have students, single parents, career people, senior citizens . . . in fact, every category of persons from 18 to 80!

Although there are not always pats on the back, the work is personally satisfying in many ways. One volunteer expressed it this way: "At Chimo, I'm able to genuinely help others without obligating them to do something for me in return."

"But how much time will I be expected to give to Chimo?" you may be asking. Volunteers are only required to work two 4-hour shifts per month and these are scheduled at their convenience.

Since Chimo is open sixteen hours a day, seven days a week, there is a continual need for volunteer manpower. Our Fall Training Session will be held on the week-end of October 3 and 4 with interviews taking place on September 29th. Why not call us at 455-9464 and offer to become a friend who cares.

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