

Crisis Center meets University Action on assaults?

by Peter Michalshyn
Plans are underway to formally exchange information between the Rape Crisis Center and the Dean of Students' office on sexual assaults on campus.

In a meeting last week, Dean of Students Burton Smith, Director of Campus Security Gordon Perry, and Marie Laing of the Rape Crisis Center agreed "to set up a sharing of information," Smith says.

To date, no formal structure has existed beyond infrequent meetings between Perry and Laing.

Smith says confusion arose after both Campus Security and the Crisis Center heard rumors about two violent rapes on campus, but no one could substantiate them.

The meeting, then, according to Smith, was to "set up a sharing of information" between the two,

"...to see if there's some kind of pattern (of assaults) and see if there's some way to deal with it."

"I think part of the problem is that we're just slowly becoming aware of the problems here," he says.

Part of the solution will be making students more aware of what services on campus are available to them, according to Laing.

Campus Security offers a 24 hour service to escort people from campus to their car or home, Perry says, and although the service has been well-publicized, Laing still isn't sure students are aware of it.

Security also patrols study carrels, dark isolated passageways and parking areas where rapes and assaults are likely to occur.

Another result of the meeting was the striking of an informal committee, chaired by Ruth Groberman, Director of Student Affairs, to make

recommendations to the university administration on the campus rape problem.

Groberman says she's planning an organizational meeting of the committee next week, and hopes it will include students; Laing, Parry and Smith will also probably be on the committee.

"We hope to look at it (the rape situation on campus) from a preventative point of view," she says. And though she admits there's no question about the urgency of the matter, Groberman isn't sure just what the committee will do.

"I would imagine it would involve an assessment of the (rape) situation... what really is happening and why it isn't being reported," Groberman says.

She says personally she would eventually like to see educational programs on campus to deal with the rape problem and issues surrounding it.

Ears denote illness

by Wes Oginski
"The sadistic nature of human beings is a part of *id* expression," explains world renowned psychologist Dr. Sigmund Watson, B.S., M.S., Ph. D. "Through the *ears*, the *id* is able to release its energy."

No, Dr. Watson is not referring to those knobby things on both sides of a person's head, but the boxes on both sides of the *Gateway's* front page logo.

"People like to be insulted," continues Watson. "It is a sadistic aspect of human behavior (sic)."

Dr. Watson's views are not universal. Jim McElgunn, the *Gateway's* managing editor, wishes to differ.

"I think it's why people pick up the paper," says McElgunn. "The *ears* and classified ads are the most popular sections of the paper, according to the reader survey."

"The reason these two sections are so popular — people are superficial," says Watson. "They could not care less, they just want to hear a joke. People do not want to read news which is depressing. The *ears* take their (the readers') minds off the depressing world."

Explaining the purpose for

ears in the *Gateway*, McElgunn says, "We are the only paper in CUP (Canadian University Press) that uses *ears* as a regular feature. We were the first to use joke *ears* as far as I know."

Ears in the *Gateway* can be traced almost to the origin of the paper. At first they were used as an information guide for events on campus. This goes as far back as the 1920s.

Perhaps the silliest *ears* to be used in the *Gateway* appeared Friday, January 4, 1962. One *ear* quoted the university slogan "Quaecumque Vera" (Whatever Things Be True), the other said, "The *Gateway* is a Pillar of Truth."

Ears were thereafter essentially serious until the fall of 1964. Humorous *ears* became a regular feature on the front page.

Early *ears* included "The Bears... Aren't Blue" (Tuesday, September 29, 1964) and such brilliant insights as "Inside... Is Inside" (Friday, October 16, 1964). Well, not brilliant, but even Milton Berle had to start somewhere.

They also had their beefs. "Do our fees... Contain Yeast?" (Friday, February 5, 1965).

Eventually the student philosophy matured with quips like "Live as though every day was your last... and someday you will be right" (Wednesday, January 18, 1967).

Even today, their purpose is mostly humor. At times, though, it is difficult to fill each issue with some wit.

Ears became so unpopular with the *Gateway* staff, they did not run them for the 1972-73 term and the 1978-79 term.

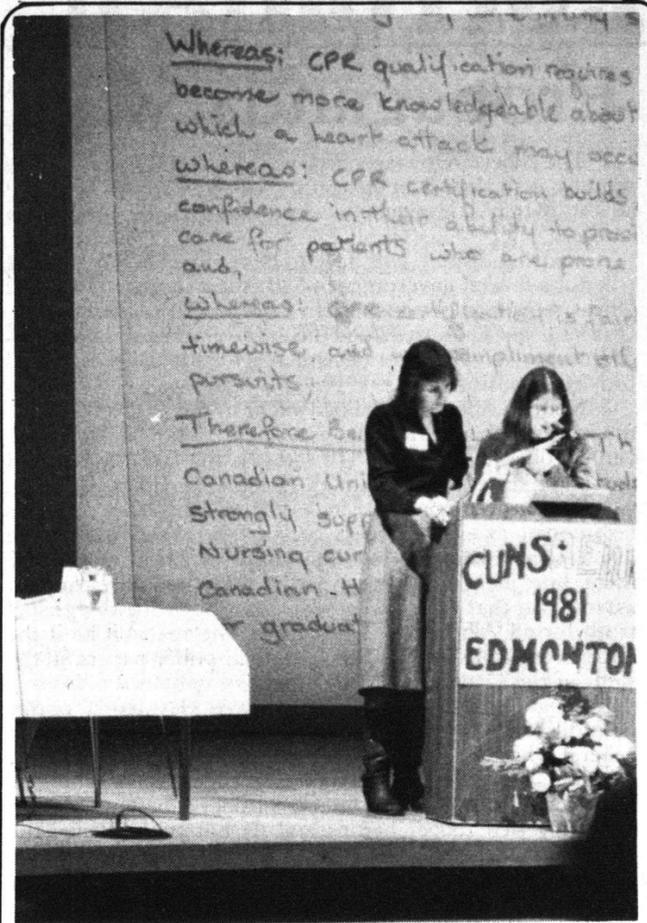
"They (staff) made a decision that making *ears* for every issue was too difficult," explains McElgunn. "They found late press nights a pain in the neck."

"Readers in general were pissed off," continues McElgunn. Both times following those Fall-Winter sessions, *ears* were reinstated.

McElgunn elaborates on some of the difficulties.

"Things could be done a bit better than a consensus late at night," says McElgunn.

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Over 500 nursing students attended CUNSA's national conference at U of A last weekend.

Student nurses discuss problems of sexuality

"You've got to become more comfortable with your own sexuality before you can deal with someone else's."

That was the advice heard by more than 580 student nurses last weekend at the annual Canadian University Nursing Students' Association convention at the U of A.

The convention, unofficially the largest student-organized gathering in U of A history, went over quite well, according to coordinator Lacey Whitmore.

With the focus of Sexuality in a Professional Nursing Context, the students, of whom only 16 (out of 587) were male, learned about a topic that is not taught

exhaustively at most Canadian universities.

Whitmore says the subject is not taught at the U of A except for "minimal" exposure in obstetrics classes. Dalhousie University in Halifax on the other hand, has a model program including sexuality curriculum, she said.

"People forget they (patients with spinal cord injuries, long term geriatric problems, or chronic illnesses) have sexual needs and problems," Whitmore said.

The five lectures and one "attitudes and skills" workshop, all packed in the two-day weekend, attempted to help nurses learn how to deal with such needs and problems.

V.P. takes issue, sues paper

WINNIPEG (CUP) — The vice-president of the University of Manitoba Student Union is planning to sue the U of M engineering publication following alleged libelous items about her in the newspaper.

Vice-president Linda Ilczuk said she is "shocked, upset, but not surprised" about articles printed about her in the publication. And she said, "I've taken the first steps about approaching a lawyer to fight this occurrence."

In the last issue of the publication, the *Red Lion*, items were printed about Ilczuk which

she contends were both sexist and libelous.

The *Red Lion* was recently denied publication rights at the Students' Union's printshop because of its sexist, racist and potentially libelous content.

No one on the Engineering Student Council would say where the newspaper is now printed. Printers are also held responsible if the content in the newspaper is found to be libelous.

A spokesperson for the Winnipeg Police Department said the *Red Lion* could only be prosecuted if an individual

brought legal action against the newspaper.

University of Manitoba President Ralph Campbell said, "I don't favor sexist or racist publications being printed on campus."

He is now in the process of "producing a policy about any publications which originate within the confines of the University of Manitoba," he said.

He said he has not yet seen a copy of the *Red Lion* but will try to obtain some so he can judge the validity of the complaints.

Baz by Skeet



bouquets and brickbats

Starring your friend and mind, Deacon Greese... (Yeaaaaaaa! Huzza, Huzza.)
It all started in a small carrel on fifth floor Cameron. I was sitting there burning fat molecules when all this vintage LSD re-entered my blood stream. OH DOCTOR! Bouqabts and Brickuets was born!
University Employees Who Have the Most Fun: The guys in the little yellow tractors that zip around cleaning off snow, ice, people, etc. (This is my first reader contribution; therefore, I now have at least one reader.)
Happiest Man on Campus: SU president

Nolan Astley. If the SU fee increase hadn't passed, a little known section of the constitution would have forced him to balance the SU budget out of his own pocket.
Quote of the Week: By the janitor who had to clean up the engineers' last attempt at rational behavior, "Is this what they call f#&\$#%g educated bastards?"
Question of the Week: "Why don't you ever make any Fill Sopher(?) jokes?" Fill who?
Hi Gail. Hi Dorian and Sue. Could your name appear in bqts nd brckbts? You bet it could! Send \$2 (McElgunn and I split 50/50) to the Gateway or sure enough IT WILL!