

## New women's group formed

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A new women's group, Women's Alliance, was formed in Fredericton last month.

"WALL had its beginnings when women connected with the Fredericton Anti-Poverty Organization decided that there needed to be a separate focus on women in terms of social action," said Nancy Anderson, a group member.

"Intrinsic was the notion that women work well together and that women's problems will only be solved by women. It should be stated that WALL is open to all women and that WALL members need not be members of FAPO," she said.

WALL is a social action group whose goal is to address and act on issues pertinent to base level social awareness and political change.

"We hope to attack the social and political structures



Left to right: Cathy Stewart, Elizabeth Blaney, Nancy Anderson, and Diane Wall. Photo by Jamie Aitken.

conducive to the suppression of women in our society through education and awareness building programs," said Elizabeth Blaney, one of the group's founders.

"WALL, though in its embryonic stage, has already made some inroads in that its

members recognize our mandate must be two-fold, i.e. education with political action. Awareness minus action equals absolutely nothing. That would be decidedly frustrating to those currently involved and to those we hope to reach in the future," said

Kaye MacPhee, a co-founder of the group.

Blaney added, "We realize that although women's issues are not class segregated, many consistently relate back to the fact that poverty and victimization go hand in hand."

The group has approached several government agencies for funding and plan to have two projects underway by fall. WALL is currently compiling research materials, a bibliography, articles, and collecting books for a library.

Their long term plans include increasing the awareness of women as to what they can do in crisis situations, and develop a referral system for a wide variety of services such as health and employment.

Other plans include input in the educational curriculum at the public school level; to increase women's awareness of the political ramifications of the day to day decisions made by governments and other policy making bodies; and to

increase public awareness of the prevalence of crimes committed against women in the area.

"We also want to increase participation of women in the political arena to eradicate the inequities women must suffer in our society," said Blaney.

On a regional level they plan to lobby with other women's groups to develop support systems through networking. "An alliance of women whose goal is social action and social change is of paramount importance to this community," said Blaney.

### CANADIAN CROSSROADS INTERNATIONAL

Are you graduating next year and wondering what to do? Are you feeling that you know nothing about the rest of the world, despite years of "education"? Canadian Crossroads International (CCI) offers you the opportunity to travel to places like East Africa, India, Costa Rica, Indonesia and more.

CCI is a non-profit organization whose aim is to increase public awareness of "third world" issues. This is effective in two ways. Prior to going overseas, the applicants will raise a certain amount of money in their community from various fund raising events. These events not only raise the money that is needed, but more importantly, educate the community on important issues related to development. The successful applicant then goes overseas and works for a period of 4-6 months in areas such as health, agriculture, etc. Upon their return, they will translate their experiences through slide shows, talks, etc.

This year the local committee in Fredericton is sending a participant to the Gambia, West Africa. As part of her fund raising efforts, she is organizing a Rich Man/Poor Man Dinner, to be held Saturday, April 19th, 6 pm and 8 pm at Café Croissant. These events are designed to simulate the situation between rich and poor countries. Half of the people attending the dinner will be served a 'rich man's' dinner. After the dinner, a past participant in CCI will talk on his experiences overseas, followed by some music from a local musician.

Tickets for this event can be obtained from Aura Foods (who is kindly donating food) or by phoning Mary McIntosh at 455-0412. If interested in learning more about CCI, contact Lori Sutin, local coordinator at 459-8874

## Canada stands up against terrorism

Canada is undertaking a comprehensive upgrading of its counter-terrorism program, creating a permanent Special Emergency Response Team and substantially strengthening protection of foreign missions and personnel, says Solicitor General Perrin Beatty.

"We won't make deals, pay ransoms, release prisoners or make any other concessions that will encourage terrorists," Beatty told the Law Faculty of the University of Toronto in outlining the government's actions to counter terrorism in Canada.

As designated lead Minister for the planning and coordinating of counter-terrorism efforts, Beatty is buttressing Canada's counter-terrorism capabilities by creating with the RCMP a permanent Special Emergency Response Team ready to be called in at any time when all other efforts at peaceful negotiation have failed and rescue by armed assault is the authorities' only recourse. Other countries have found that such a permanent, highly-skilled and specially-equipped force greatly improves the chances of rescuing innocent people. The special team will be in addition to a number of RCMP emergency response teams in place across Canada whose members can be assembled to deal with emergencies.

Properly trained RCMP special constables will now guard and patrol the perimeters of diplomatic missions across Canada, backed up by special

support services.

Another measure will be hiring more police to improve security arrangements for foreign missions and their personnel throughout Canada.

Beatty will also be working closely with the Department of Transport to improve security at Canada's airports, while taking care not to unduly inconvenience the public. Details will be released once

Cabinet has completed its review.

Beatty noted that as lead Minister and Solicitor General, he has at his disposal the intelligence-gathering capabilities of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and the criminal investigation expertise of the RCMP. He is also supported by a group in his Ministry which coordinates the federal government's

counter-terrorism program, working closely with the appropriate government departments.

Referring to how dependent terrorists are on the media to spread their message, Beatty said he intends to meet media leaders to seek their views and advice on how best to work together to protect and inform the public.

## 3.2 million dollars for nuclear test ban

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On February 7, 1986, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Joe Clark, announced that \$3.2 million would be provided to purchase equipment to monitor an eventual comprehensive nuclear test ban (CTB).

The money would be supplied over a period of three years to upgrade the Yellowknife seismic array. This contribution is a major Canadian achievement to the nearing of a CTB which is promoted within the Conference on Disarmament (CD). The CD is composed of over 40 countries from the Western and

Eastern block countries non-aligned and neutral countries. All decisions are based on consensus which means nothing substantial is achieved, claims Bob North, a research scientist from the Earth Physics Branch

of the Energy, Mines and Resources Department. One of the reasons a CTB is not done amongst the countries that have the potential use of

nuclear weapons is that there is no way of verifying if a country is adhering to the CTB.

Seismology is the science of monitoring the movements in the earth such as earth quakes of underground nuclear explo-

sions by the wave lengths these activities emit. Yellowknife is a unique and sensitive area to

monitor such seismic activity as underground nuclear tests. Canada would form and essen-

tial monitoring element of a negotiated CTB by using the best technology available.

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