

Mental illness program needs workers

Mental illness is a disease that hits more Canadians annually than all the other diseases combined. Surprising? It should be, considering the fact that the advertising media of television vigorously promotes the fight against respiratory diseases, cancer, cardio-vascular diseases etc, but seems to shy away from extensive coverage of mental illness. Mental illness can be and is as decimating as the other diseases mentioned, yet there is still a great deal of stigmatism attached to the concept

even the term mental illness. Mrs. Helen Reimer is one of several people in the community of Fredericton actively assisting the out-patients from psychiatric wards to establish a new life for themselves. For two years Mrs. Reimer has served as coordinator of the programme to help the discharged patients. It isn't an easy job. The present programme is set up in a few rooms at Cathedral Memorial Hall on Brunswick St. It has been sponsored by the Mental

Health Association since 1969. On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, Mrs. Reimer and several volunteers operate a programme for the discharged patients. The patients represent a cross-cut of people living within central New Brunswick and Fredericton. These people have been hospitalized for many years simply because of the fact that they have no where to go when they are discharged. Either they have no living relatives or their family has, for a variety of reasons abandoned them in the

hospital situation. After a long period of waiting in the hospital to be placed in a foster home, the patient now discharged into the foster home finds what we may term the simple business of day-to-day living a frustrating, confusing job at best. It is through the Community Services Centre, Mrs. Reimer and her volunteers that the ex-patient finds a place to relax and socialize with others. There is a social group whose activities range from an active craft programme, where crafts are

made and sold, to sports programme and tours to places of interest and education, i.e. Kings Landing. Mrs. Reimer pointed out that although there has been a big response from the community, students in particular, "Three times the present number of volunteers are needed. Some people believe they can't do it, the job is too emotionally demanding, while others are somewhat fearful of working with ex-patients, not knowing what to expect from these people." Volunteers are also needed to transport people to and from the bi-weekly meetings as well as tours.

"Summer, said Mrs. Reimer, "is the hardest time with no students available to help on a volunteer basis."

The physical set-up at present is rather cramped, with only a few rooms at Mrs. Reimer's disposal, what is really needed is a house.

Mrs. Reimer also stated that "a high per-centage of the ex-patients are either on welfare or unemployment and simply cannot make it on their own." Thus making an already difficult return to active community life that much harder.

What are the qualities of a good volunteer? Certainly empathy, care, and patience, but above all the prime quality is simply the want to be a friend.

Nominations for SRC election close

Nominations closed for student union, senate, and graduating class positions, last Wednesday, February 4. Three positions, Comptroller, Graduate representative and Law representative had the deadline for nominations extended as only one person ran for comptroller and no candidates were nominated for the other two positions.

Running for Senate are fourth year Business student Chris Naigle, Third year science student Kevin Garland, second year chemical engineering student Mark Alexander Tulham, second year forestry student Paul W. Meyer, third year arts student Dale Saulis, third year arts student Ursula Wawer, and fourth year arts student John McCluskey.

The following persons are candidates in the upcoming SRC election: John Bell, Arts Rep.; Andrew "Jim" Donovan, Arts Rep.; Stephen Berube, Business Rep. (acclaimed); Alex Kibaki,

Education Rep. (acclaimed); Stephen Whalen, Education Rep. (acclaimed); Christopher Pratt, President; Dale Saulis, President; James Smith, President; Allan Patrick, Rep at Large (acclaimed) (full year); Michael Bleakney, Rep at Large (half-term); Joseph Labelle, Rep at Large (half term);

Barbara Clerhue, Science Rep.; Allan Hildebrand, Science Rep.; Alexa Morrison, Science Rep.; Lorraine Paquin, Science Rep.; Patricia Field, Phys. Ed. Rep. (acclaimed); Comptroller, Peter Davidson; Graduate Rep. vacant; Law Rep. vacant.

The following persons are

candidates for the graduating class Executive: President, Moyra Barry (acclaimed); Vice-President,

Wenceslaus Batanyita (acclaimed); Valedictorian, Margot Brewer; David Kent; Vicki Weatherby; Secretary, Laine Carson Mulholland, Brian Edwards.

Wiesner to lecture Feb. 16

The annual F.J. Toole Lecture Series will be delivered in Fredericton this month by UNB research professor Karel F. Wiesner.

Wiesner will speak Monday, Feb. 16, on "The Long Road to Delphinine". The lecture will deal with problems encountered in natural product synthesis.

Tuesday, Feb. 17, he will deliver a specific lecture of interest to

chemists and biochemists on "Topics in Lycopodium and Ryanodine Chemistry".

On Wednesday, Feb. 18, he will give a general interest lecture for chemists, physicists and biologists entitled "The Second Renaissance of Electro-chemistry." It will deal with the advantages of electrochemical methods over relaxation methods in studying fast reactions.

All three lectures will be given in

Room 146 of Loring Bailey Hall at 8 p.m.

One of Canada's leading organic chemists, Wiesner was elected to the Royal Society of Canada in 1957 and in 1969 became a Fellow of the Royal Society of London. He holds honorary degrees from UNB, the University of Western Ontario and Université de Montreal.

In 1963 he received the highest honor of the Chemical Institute of Canada, the Palladium Medal, and in October of 1975 was named an officer of the Order of Canada by Governor-General Jules Legere.

Born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, Wiesner studied at the Prague Institute of Technology and at the Charles University in Prague, receiving his doctorate in physical chemistry in 1945.

The F.J. Toole Lecture Series was formed in 1971 by the UNB chemistry department to commemorate the contributions of the late F.J. Toole, former head of the department, dean of graduate studies and academic vice-president until his retirement in 1965.

Student loan processing slowed

Student loan applications are being processed at the usual rate, said a provincial youth department official, following a slow-down last Wednesday.

The official told The Brunswickian in a telephone interview Monday, that work on the applications was stopped when a demonstration by over 500 Université de Moncton students began last week in anticipation of the students' occupation of the student aid office.

She said work was "going quite smoothly" and no incidents had taken place.

SCRAMBLE ANSWER "newspaper"



I said, "Take up the collection, not TAKE it!"

Christ died between thieves, so it's fitting Redemptorist Priests be at home in prisons, and among those cut off from society. Are you interested in putting in time — or using it well?

The Redemptorist Priests

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FEBRUARY 2, 1976 7 P.M.

PRESENT: Batanyita, Kennedy, MacLean, Sanderson, Semple.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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