

"The future is ours"

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Since 1981, women and children have camped outside the chain link and barbed wire fence surrounding the U.S. Air Force Base at Greenham Common, England, in protest of the deployment of Cruise missiles to come in late 1983. On December 12th, 1982, 30,000 women embraced the 9 mile fence around the base to shut it down and decorated the fence with symbols of life. Rachael Ganz, presently a

student at St. Thomas University and a member of WORD (World Disarmament) and VOW (Voice of Women) was present for the December 12th protest at Greenham Common.

According to Ganz, who was living in Oxford, England, at the time, when the demonstration was called, she felt compelled to act. The general attitude of those involved in the demonstration was that they "could change things", that their actions weren't futile.

The symbolic reclaiming of the fence stands out in her mind stating that they put up an "eight by six painting, photos of children, animals and countryside, a wedding dress, dolls" all symbols of life. There was a candle lighting vigil that evening and Ganz said she walked around the perimeter of the nine mile fence in ankle deep mud with other women. Ganz said that the newsreports initially were positive, referring to the decoration of the fence as artwork, however, later the reaction was mixed.

The reaction from those inside the base was heartening; the women received letters of inside support from the soldiers within the compound. Unfortunately, some of the local citizens when passing by, shot at the women with air rifles. The soldiers

within the base were told that if any of the women entered the compound they were to be shot. Though this was the policy, when some women did enter, they were asked to leave at gunpoint, were threatened, but were never fired upon. Once the missiles are deployed the rules will be more stringent.

Due to her experience at Greenham Common, Ganz became involved in another peace camp at Upper Heyford. When asked why, she felt that individually, people have little or no power. Though no immediate effect may result,

in the long term, with enough people, positive results can come about. The public, at least, was made aware of the issue. Though at times there is a feeling of futility, one keeps going. "The future is in our hands, not the government's."

Aggie Jakubka is one of the women who have been at Greenham Common since its inception back in 1981 and she, along with Monika Grunberg will be speaking at the Unitarian House, 749 Charlotte Street, Wednesday, November 16th, at 8:00 p.m. Students of STU and UNB-F campuses are invited to attend.



WORD

World Disarmament is a new peace group on campus and is dedicated to educating its members, the student population and the general public as to the moral/ethical, medical, technical and sociological implications of the nuclear arms issue:

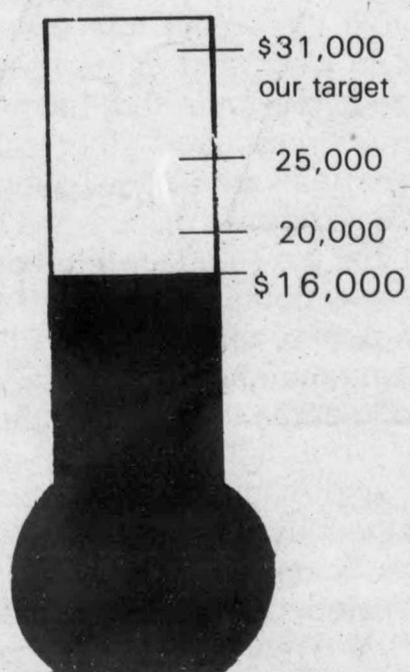
Anyone who is interested in more information regarding WORD, or would like to become a member (a \$5.00 annual membership fee is required) you may attend our first general meeting in Room 103 at the SUB, Wed., Nov. 30th at 8:00 pm or contact Kaye MacPhee -453-4993 or 457-0845

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Student Services

Have you heard about the Counselling Services for students at UNB/STU? Located in the Alumni Memorial Building, first floor, Counselling Services may be able to help if you have a problem. The services are here to enable you to deal with social-emotional difficulties and career and educational indecisions. The offices are open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. However, in case of emergencies at other times, contacts with counsellors can be made through UNB Security (453-4830) in Annex B. To receive counselling service phone 453-4820/21 or drop in to make an appointment. Anyone in acute distress will receive immediate attention. All counselling and personal identity are confidential.

CAREERS

What kind of career do I want? Will my degree open the way to a job? Should I change faculties? Am I in a program of my own choice? If these questions are familiar, causing you to feel confused, discouraged and to lack direction in your life, a counsellor can be helpful.

Career Counselling activities include individual counselling on formulating a meaningful career identity, educational direction and group counselling for making career and educational decisions, for learning life-long career planning skills, for gaining greater purpose in life and for improving self-esteem. For more information contact Heather Davey, Acting Career Counselling Co-ordinator at 453-4920.

There is also available a Career Information Library with information on career preparation and training, occupational trends, college and university calendars, etc. Drop in and our Career Library Assistant will assist you.

A Career Exploration Workshop (one night per week for nine weeks each term) helps students to explore their skills, interests and values in order to formulate career goals.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL NEEDS

Activities in social-emotional counselling include individual counselling on personal problems, couple counselling for conflict resolution or for help in separating, student-family counselling on relationship issues, stress-management and tension control training, as well as group counselling for mutual helping skill development.

If you are troubled by tension, feeling down or unsafe, grieving or hurting inside, or trying to cope with other social-emotional difficulties in living, you can meet with a counsellor individually. In addition to individual counselling, couples may receive help in communication and renewing a lost closeness.

Each term, a Human Relations Communication Workshop is offered. This is helpful for people who are down on themselves, bottling up feelings, confused about personal identity, and having trouble in relationships. Participants are helped to develop skills for sharing feelings, hearing others, discovering their own solutions and directions.

This mutual helping workshop, designed for an intensive personal learning experience, runs for nine weeknight evenings plus a weekend. For more information on the upcoming workshop in January, 1984 call 454-4820 or drop by.

NATIVE STUDENTS

For Native Indian students we have a program designed to meet the special needs of students adjusting to university life. For information on this as well as on career choice and writing and study skills for Native Indian students call or drop in to see Serena Knockwood, our Native Student Advisor, as Counselling Services at UNB on Monday to Friday mornings and 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. or room 108 at STU on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

WELCOME

A warm welcome awaits you when you come to Counselling Services. If you wish to use the services, please call 453-4820/21 or drop in for coffee and a chat.