

## UNB's 1st Date Rape Awareness week

by Julie Egers

The UNB Student Union held its first Date Rape Awareness campaign this week.

Pamphlets have been placed in the libraries, in residence mail boxes, and are available at the Help Center. Posters have been put up through out the campus and the Women's Collective is selling T-shirts.

It is an issue that needs to be addressed since for many women, date rape has become much too familiar. Efforts are needed to change the fact that 1 in 8 women will be sexually assaulted while attending university or college.

Valerie Kilfoil of the Women's Collective stated that the period where there is the greatest incidence of campus rape is from Frosh week to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Education of both men and women is essential in preventing date rape. People need to be

made aware that anytime a person is forced to have sex against their will, no matter what the circumstance, is rape. There is a misconception that rapists are strangers; the UNB/STU survey found that 92.8% of victims know their aggressor.

For their own safety the pamphlet provided by the Student Union recommends that women learn to trust their instincts and exercise caution. For additional assistance, people can contact the university counseling services and the Fredericton or St. John Rape Crisis Centers.

The pamphlet also stresses that emphasis should be placed on communication "Date rape often happens because one partner has not truly listened to the other. If there is any question as to whether or not the person you are with wants to have sex, don't assume or push... find out for sure."

### From the Student Union's pamphlet for Date Rape Awareness Week:

Date rape often happens because one partner has not truly listened to the other. If there is any question as to whether or not the person you are with wants to have sex, don't assume or push... find out for sure. It is always better to find out at that moment than to regret it later. Here are some of the common myths and their realities which are all too often ignored.

**Myth:** "Women often say no when they mean yes"

**Fact:** NO Means NO! Never assume that you understand what your partner wants better than she/he does.

**Myth:** "If a person has agreed to have sex with their partner in the past she/he cannot be raped by him/her."

**Fact:** Anytime a person does not want to have sex, but is forced to do so, that act is rape.

**Myth:** "Agreeing to kiss or neck or participate in foreplay means a person has agreed to have sex."

**Fact:** Everyone has the right to stop sexual activity at any point no matter what has preceded.

**Myth:** "When men are sexually aroused they need to have sex."

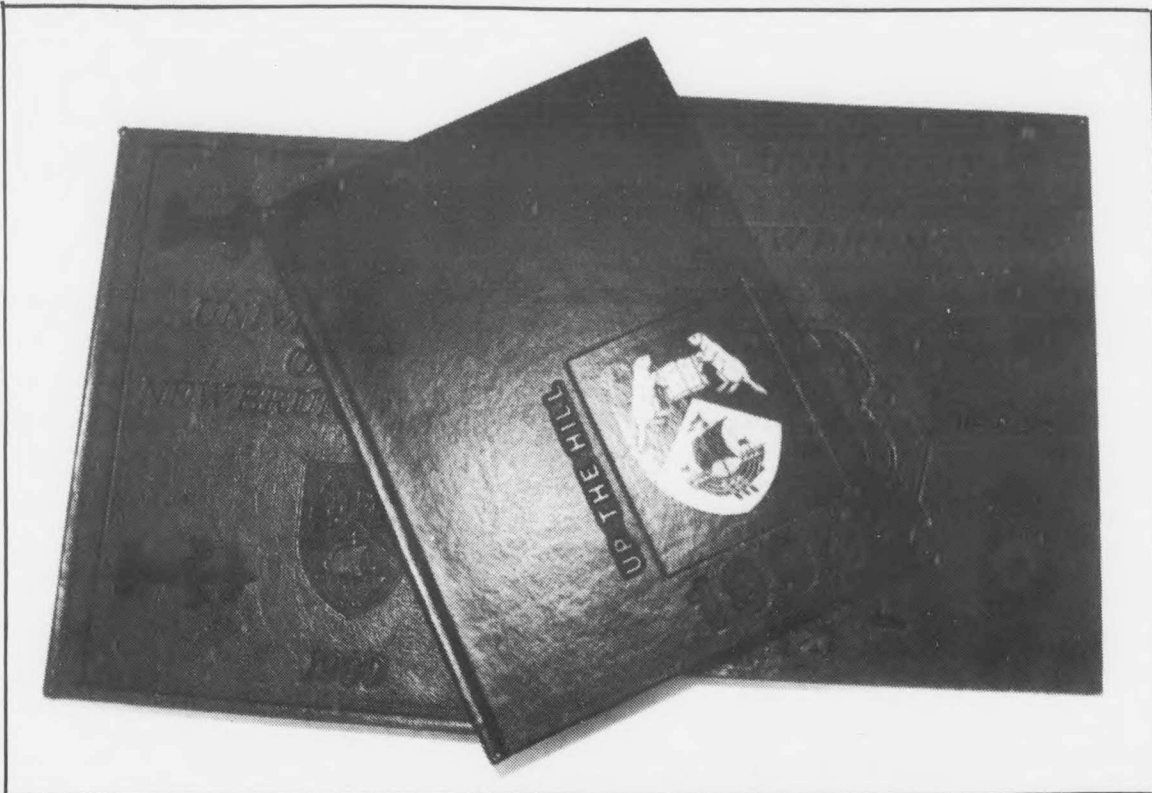
**Fact:** Men don't physically need to have sex after becoming aroused any more than women do. No one should ever pressure their partner into having sex.

**Myth:** "If she/he didn't fight back it wasn't rape."

**Fact:** Just like having your wallet stolen is theft - whether or not you fought back - having sex against your will is rape - whether or not you fought back.

**Myth:** "If a woman has excited a man she should carry through."

**Fact:** While a partner may be the stimulus of sexual excitement, ultimately an individual controls their own body. No one is under any obligation to relieve their partner's sexual tension.



The Graduates of 1992 are still awaiting their yearbooks; the SU proposes that a combined 1991-92 & 1992-93 edition may be the best solution. Kevin G Porter photo.

## 1991-92 yearbook still unpublished

by Erin Campbell

For years, UNB students have received a free yearbook upon graduating. The class of 1992, however, is still waiting for their edition.

Twenty-four thousand dollars was allocated to the 1991-1992 yearbook budget. This fund came directly from the fee students pay annually. The amount the typical student enrolled in a four year programme donated to the yearbook committee is sixteen

dollars. As James van Raalte, VP finance for the student union, says, this is a fair price when compared to the amount high school students pay for their yearbooks.

Last year's graduates stand to lose their investment. The 1991-92 committee planned to have the yearbook out by May of this year. The publishing date has been pushed back month-by-month to November.

van Raalte believes the yearbook cannot be ready by this date. The publisher, Josten's, has

not even received a half of the yearbook's pages it was commissioned to print. At first it appeared that many sections of the yearbook had been lost.

With the help of Josten's the student union was able to relocate the graduate photos, inarguably the most important section of the yearbook. van Raalte said Josten's is shipping back the yearbook material so it can be sorted through and organized. A release date for the yearbook has not been fixed and van Raalte estimates it will be "delayed indefinitely".

van Raalte believes most of the trouble with this year's committee have been solved. He is "really pleased" that Jamie Rowan accepted the position of editor for the 1992-93 yearbook. But for the class of 1992, however, their yearbook is still in limbo and its progress, day to day.

Pending the outcome of further discussion with last year's editor, the SU Council voted on Monday to combine the 1991-92 yearbook with this years edition.

## U.N.B. Debating Union strong at Atlantics

by Jennifer Lawson

Last weekend (Nov. 7-8), Saint Thomas University hosted the Atlantic Debating Championships, a tournament which drew 19 teams from schools from all over the Maritimes, including teams from Memorial, Dalhousie, St. Francis Xavier, U.P.E.I. and King's College. Fielding only two teams, the U.N.B. Debating Union quickly established itself as a force to be reckoned with.

Cruising through the 4 preliminary round-robin matches with few problems, U.N.B.'s persuasive and convincing style resulted in judges awarding them not only high speaker points but team wins. Both teams qualified for the power rounds, for which only the top 8 win-loss records were admitted.

Both teams won their quarter final matches, only to come head to head in the semi finals. To eliminate the possibility of a U.N.B. dominated final round, the U.N.B. A team of Marc Lefebvre and Mark Chandra advanced to the final championship round, narrowly defeating the U.N.B. B team of Jennifer Legere and Rajeev Venugopal.

Although the Dalhousie team of Evan Tingley and John Haffner took the championships, Lefebvre swept not only the top individual debater prize but also took the public speaking round in convincing style. According to

Lefebvre, "though we only fielded two teams, both ranked in the top 4 in the Atlantic region. I am confident that in the next few months, U.N.B. will become the premier debating school in the Maritime region."

Next weekend, U.N.B. will be travelling to Concordia University in Montreal to compete in a tournament which will act as a warm-up for the World Debating Championships in Oxford, England. The tournament, which will take place from January 3-10, will draw teams from countries around the world. Finances permitting, U.N.B. will be sending four debaters to England; Jennifer Lawson, Jennifer Legere, Marc Lefebvre, and Rajeev Venugopal. If last weekend was indicative of the Union's quality of debate, U.N.B. will place extremely high at the Worlds.

The skills acquired from the practice of parliamentary debate are invaluable. Through the use of logic and reasoning, debaters learn how to use constructive argument as a tool for conflict resolution. Many employers today favour candidates with experience in debating, for their ability to engage in logical argument and their power to persuade. Anyone interested in joining the Debating Union can come to one of our weekly meetings in Tilley 303 at 6:30 on Tuesdays.



"Oasis For Health" -- Students in d'Avery Hall were presented with information on their eating habits on Tuesday, November 10.

A class of students studying nutrition held the event, "Oasis for Health", to promote awareness of healthy nutritional choices. The students set up booths around the building, each displaying facts regarding different aspects of nutritional health.

In addition to the informational displays, the students are also holding a draw for two entrees at 99 Noodles. Ballots were given out to students spotted making healthy meal choices at the d'Avery Hall cafeteria.

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