

Take Back the Night - September 25

Press Release

Friday, September 25, 1992 has been set as the date of the Fredericton Rape Crisis Centre's eight annual TAKE BACK THE NIGHT MARCH. The March will begin at 8:00pm at City Hall.

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT marches have been used in Canada and the United States since the 1970's as a way of protesting and celebrating. It is a protest against all violence against women including sexual assault, rape, battering, sexual harassment and incest. It is also a celebration of women's ability to unite in a common goal - to educate the public, to help change attitudes, and to demand the eradication of violence against women.

The FRCC invites everyone to play a part in the protest against violence. Women and children are welcomed to participate in the march. Men are welcomed as care givers for the children who do not march, and to line the streets to cheer on and support the marchers. Everyone is welcomed to a reception following the march at the Rape Crisis Centre.

The Fredericton Rape Crisis Centre is a feminist collective whose primary goal is the eradication of sexual violence against women and children. The centre strives to meet this objective through public education and by providing direct services to those affected by sexual abuse.

Along with confidential counseling by telephone or in person, the FRCC also offers support and follow up to survivors of sexual assault, incest, child sexual abuse and sexual harassment; information on police investigation, medical needs and legal procedures; accompaniment to hospital, police station, to court or any other place of support; public education through public speaking engagements and workshops; referrals to other agencies; training sessions for volunteers; media involvement in response to issues concerning women; and a resource library.

Despite the obvious need for the services of the FRCC, it is still the only rape crisis centre in

New Brunswick. Due to funding cuts by the Department of Health and Community Services, the centre's budget has been halved for this year and cut completely next year. The centre is in danger of closing if it cannot find sufficient funding.

This year, more than ever, the

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- the four Canadian students: three A's and one A-;
- the eight international students: three B-'s, two C+'s and three C-'s."

The Acting Dean's report quotes a Canadian student in the class as saying that it was the professor's normal practice "to repeatedly question students who were not fully prepared for class, and that, in the incident in question, it was "painfully obvious to all" that one of the students who felt he was bullied had not read the material."

As part of the Acting Dean's investigation, another qualified professor was asked to grade the class papers to look for discrepancies in the marks. Coleman's report found there were "instances of discrepancy in the individual mini-reports," and were given marks of "strong", "acceptable" or "weak". One notable exception however was that one of the papers by a Canadian student which was given an B+ by the professor in question was rated as "weak" by the other professor.

Shortly after filing their complaint the students submitted a proposal to Dr. Wiktor Askanas, Assistant Dean (graduate) of the Administration Faculty, with copies to the Dean (Dr. R.G. Storey), the Assistant Dean (who later became Acting Dean in Dr. Storey's absence), Dr. Dan Coleman, and the professor involved.

The proposal requested a meeting with all those involved. The Dean of the faculty, Dr. Storey, responded that the "suggestion of a general form in which this matter should be discussed seems appropriate in view of the process that is established for handling issues of this kind."

However, Assistant Dean Askanas said that he would not

agree with the outline proposed and that individual meetings would be scheduled. Before this issue was resolved, the students were summoned to a meeting with Dr. Askanas, Dr. Coleman and the professor involved. At this meeting, all 8 students were confronted by plagiarism charges by the three professors.

This procedure conflicts with those outlined in the University Calendar section 2.13 which states "In the case of plagiarism, the instructor shall make every reasonable effort to discuss the case with the student and follow one of the two following courses of action:

(a) If the instructor is satisfied that the plagiarism was the result of a genuine misunderstanding he may permit the student to submit a genuine piece of work to replace the one involving plagiarism...

(b) If the instructor is satisfied that the plagiarism was deliberate and not a result of genuine misunderstanding the instructor submits the student's name and relevant evidence to the Registrar, who will advise the appropriate Dean, the Chair of the Student's Division, program or Department where applicable..."

The faculty held a meeting to discuss the students' discrimination charge which was chaired by Coleman, who had been present at the presentation of the plagiarism charges. Students were not allowed to have any representation from the

one on a weekend). They are also expected to attend one business meeting and one study evening each month and be a member of one committee.

The FRCC is also looking for volunteers to help with fundraising and to assist with the

annual TAKE BACK THE NIGHT MARCH which will be held on September 25, 1992. Those concerned can also support the centre by purchasing raffle tickets, T-Shirts and jewelry that FRCC members are selling.

For more information call 454-0460.

GSA, the Student Union or the MBA society.

The decision of the Faculty of Administration as printed in its August report on the issue, was as follows:

"It is therefore the opinion of the Faculty of Administration that (the professor involved) did not show attitudinal inconsistency and discrimination in teaching and grading in (the course involved)."

Students involved in the formal charges of plagiarism appealed the charge to the Student Standings and Promotions committee on the basis that they believed they followed the model report put on reserve for the students use by the professor. They also contended that the course outline stipulated that papers would not be accepted if they "lack references to the sources of information." The committee recommended that because of the case's unusual circumstances, students should

submit individual reports to replace the group report in question. Students complying with this stipulation would receive a maximum allowable grade of C.

Under normal circumstances, on a first offense of plagiarism the student can submit a "satisfactory and genuine piece of work to replace the one involving plagiarism, a grade of F (zero) shall be awarded for that assignment only." According to University regulation 2.14, if the student will not submit a rewrite or if it is unsatisfactory, he or she would receive an F for the course.

No decision has been made yet as to whether the students will be appealing the Faculty's judgments, however, students had hoped that the University would set up a review committee to look at both the charges of discrimination and plagiarism as one issue.

Planned Parenthood

by Murray Carew

Anyone in need of education or counselling on birth planning and sexuality might consider contacting the Planned Parenthood association of Fredericton. The non-profit organization exists for both men and women and offers a variety of services including counselling, advice on birth control, and pregnancy testing. Also, a small collection of material is available

for students doing research on issues relating to teen pregnancy. Planned Parenthood has operated in Fredericton for over twenty-two years. Those wishing more information can call 454-6333 or drop by the office at 749 Charlotte Street. Planned Parenthood is launching a fundraising drive in early November, anyone interested in making a contribution or helping in any way can contact Cindy Doherty at the above number.

MacKenzie to speak at Conflict Studies Conference

(UNBPRI) Participants in the sixth annual Conflict Studies Conference at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton will hear first hand about the challenges of international peacekeeping from one of the world's best known and most experienced peacekeepers.

Lewis MacKenzie, the Canadian major-general who caught the world's attention as commander of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in Sarajevo this summer, will speak

during the conference luncheon in the Alumni Memorial Building on Saturday, Sept. 26, at noon.

The conference theme, Peacekeeping and the Challenge of Civil Conflict Resolution, provides a fitting framework for General MacKenzie's remarks. His 32 year career as a member of the Queen's Own Rifles and Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry has taken him all over the world and has included peacekeeping missions in the Middle East, Cyprus, Vietnam

and Central America. His reputation as a natural leader and a highly experienced peacekeeper made him the obvious choice for chief of staff of the UN force in Yugoslavia.

Sponsored by UNB's Centre for Conflict Studies under a grant from Canadian Department of National Defence, the two day conference starts on Friday, Sept. 25. It will feature presentations dealing with a wide range of peacekeeping efforts and issues, past and present, including the United Nations observation mission to Yemen in 1963-64 and the Kurdish operation in northern Iraq in 1991.

Anyone interested in attending the conference is urged to register early as seating is limited. Fees are \$75 and include lunches, refreshment breaks and all conference materials. Students will pay a reduced fee of \$25. Participants who wish to attend the conference banquet on Saturday evening will be charged an additional \$25. For further information, contact Deborah Stapleford at the UNB Centre for Conflict Studies, by telephone at (506) 453-4587

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the Office of the Dean of Students
(Room 8, Alumni Building) and
the Department of Extension and Summer Session.
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