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Assaults spur recommendations

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As a result of a public forum held Wednesday, October 15, several recommendations have been forwarded to the Student Representative Council and the UNB Administration which will eliminate sexual assault on campus.

The meeting, which was held under the auspices of the Student Women's Committee, saw guest speakers, Dr. Sandra Byers of the Department of Psychology at UNB, and Lorraine Walley of the Fredericton Rape Crisis Center deliver informative speeches on the extent of and the causes of sexual aggression against women.

The meeting, which was originally intended to be a public forum in which concerned students could air their suggestions and concerns, soon turned into a full scale debate as to whether the press should be allowed to cover the proceedings. In what appeared to be a divergence of opinion over the objectives of the forum, several members of the press, (the Brunswickan and CBC), insisted that they be allowed to stay. After much discussion among the SWC members, the press was requested to leave, but then allowed to return on the condition that they do not take pictures or quote any of the discussion.

Despite the small uproar caused by this misunderstanding, the meeting proved to be a huge success, with the SWC tabling a list of recommendations gathered from the discussion.

Representatives of the Campus Police, the men's residences, and Stephen Smith, president of the SRC, as well as many concerned students both men and women spoke quite frankly about what they believe is the cause of increased sexual assaults on campus and what they think would bring this spate of sexual crimes against women to a stop.

What emerged from the forum were several short term and long term strategies to combat the problem.

However, the onus is on administrative officials to implement the recommendations contained therein.

SHORT-TERM STRATEGIES

1. The present lighting systems of UNB and STU should be upgraded, in particular the route from STU to UNB and from Head Hall to the women's residences.

2. The use of escort services should be encouraged for those women who feel this service would offer them protection.

Escort services need not be restricted to the present arrangement which relies on men only. The service could be expanded to include women and/or campus police as escorts.

3. Subsidized transportation systems should be set up to include affordable transportation for off-campus residents following campus events. As well, a subsidized dial-a-bus or mini-bus service operating on a regular schedule should be

considered.

4. Computer terminals should be installed at locations convenient to residences to decrease the necessity of late-night trips to Head Hall.

LONG-TERM STRATEGIES

1. The administration of UNB should investigate the extent of sexual aggression and violence against university women on and off campus.

2. A comprehensive educational system aimed at changing mistaken ideas about sex-

ual aggression amongst both male and female students should be put in place. The Peer Alcohol Awareness model could be used as a prototype.

3. The University should use its resources, such as workshops, public lectures and existing courses to address the problem of violence against women. Administration, staff, faculty and students, as well as special interest groups on campus, should be encouraged to cooperate in this endeavour.



This is the suspect in the September 27th sexual assault at UNB.



This is the suspect in the September 28th sexual assault at UNB.

Third suspect sought

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On Wed. Oct. 15 Chief Carlyle of the Fredericton Police Dept. called a press conference in which details were released concerning a third assault on the U.N.B. campus. Composite pictures of two suspects in the first two assaults of Sept. 27 and 28th were also distributed.

The first two assaults are regarded by the police as unrelated.

The description of the suspect in the Sept. 27 assault

is as follows:

He was a white male, 23-24 years old. He was about 6'2", around 190 pounds and very muscular, and could perhaps have been a body builder. He wore a diamond stud earring in the right ear, and spoke with an American accent.

The suspect in the Sept. 28 incident was described as follows; a white male, approximately 23 years old, 5'10", weighing from 200-220 pounds. He was fat, with large legs and stomach. His fingers were short and stubby and the finger nails were very short, possibly bitten off.

He was wearing a heavy denim waist jacket, blue jeans, and crew neck T-shirt. He wore a wrist watch with a leather strap on the right hand. In his left ear he wore a hoop style earring.

On Oct. 13 at about 7:30 pm, an attempted assault occurred in the parking lot outside Marshall D'Avery Hall. The assailant chased the victim to her car. The victim, after talking to her husband, reported the incident to the police. However, because it was dark and because she was being chased, she could not describe her assailant(s). The police are

treating this as an incident unconnected with either of the first two.

Chief Carlyle, in the press conference, said that these incidents were receiving top priority from the department and that four officers were assigned to the case.

If anyone has any information which could help the police in any way they can either contact the Fredericton Police Department directly by calling 452-5701 or if anonymity and possibly a reward if the information leads to an arrest, call the TIPS line at 1-800-222-8471.