

Row, row, row your boat

If you're going to be in Fredericton this summer and are looking for something different to do why not try the UNB Rowing Club. Whether you're interested in recreational exercise or want to try your hand at a new competitive sport rowing in a pair, four or eight on the Saint John River on a summer morning or evening can be a great way to keep fit.

Formed in 1975, the Club provides a chance for anyone young or old to take part in casual or competitive rowing, summer regattas and social events from early May through October for a student membership fee of \$15 for

the season.

The boat house, located on the Northside of the Saint John River directly opposite the Beaverbrook Art Gallery, has room for the pair, four and eight use skills along with three additional boats which will be delivered this spring.

The Club will sponsor two regattas for men and women in Fredericton this summer as well as taking part in competitive in Saint John and Halifax.

The sport of rowing, which has a long history, has been very popular for many years in the Halifax, New England, Southern Ontario and West Coast areas and

at the present time it is growing rapidly in all parts of Canada. It is internationally recognized as a prestigious, physically demanding and aesthetically attractive sport, appealing to a broad cross-section of people because it can be enjoyed by both sexes and all ages.

A number of rowing experts including Roger Jackson, Canada's Gold Medalist in Rowing at the Tokyo Olympics and a senior consultant and Director of Sport Canada, have indicated that the section of the Saint John River flowing through the City of Fredericton is an ideal location for recreational rowing. The physical setting to make the best competitive rowing course in the Atlantic region and the potential for National and International regattas equal to St. Catharine's Henley Regatta.

Instruction for beginners and coaching for oarsmen with experience will be provided from mid-May. Come on out and give it a try. Attend the annual spring organizational meeting on Wednesday, April 25th in the Lady Beaverbrook Gym at 7:30 p.m. Bring a friend and enjoy a film.

For information call Barry Thompson, c/o Dean of Student's Office - Phone 453-4527 or 4528.

A Crash Course

Every summer, during the last week of August, young people (14 years and older) from all over Eastern Canada come together at Camp Kinkora for a week of liturgical education.

The camp is situated at Ste. Agathe des Monts, in the Laurentian Mountains north of Montreal. The facility offers the normal recreational features that would be expected at a summer camp - boating, swimming, hiking, bonfires, etc. in addition to the workshops in song, dance, drama, art, media, etc.

For more information, contact: Folk Music Camp 1950 St. Antoine Street West, Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3J 1A4

PRE-MARRIAGE WORKSHOPS

Couples who are contemplating marriage within the next few months might take note of the two workshops that are being offered under the Auspices of the STU Campus Ministry. These sessions, which are held almost monthly throughout the academic year, encompass a range of topics in one week-end which are of interest to a couple who are about to marry. Areas explored by the couple include personal histories, marriage expectations, rules for

fighting, planning the marriage ceremony, etc.

For more information, contact: Fr. Frank Wagner, CSC Campus Ministry, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, N.B. 455-3337

NATIONAL NEWMAN CONFERENCE

The 1979 National Newman Conference will be held at St. Thomas More College in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan from August 27th to September 1st. More than 100 delegates from universities across the country are expected to attend. The theme this year is centered on the 'Person and Meaning of Jesus Christ'.

JNB - STU Newman group hosted the 1978 conference at Camp Medley, an Anglican summer camp located about 30 miles downriver from Fredericton, and close to Gagetown, N.B. Over 120 university students from coast to coast converged at this site for a week of fun and games, discussion and prayer, cold showers and no beer!

For more information, contact any of the chaplains, members of the Newman group, or write directly to: Newman Center, St. Thomas More College, 1437 College Drive, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. S7N 0W6.

YEARBOOK DEADLINE

Attention all residences, organizations and teams: If you want to be represented in the 1979 YEARBOOK now is the time to submit. The final deadline is April 13th. This includes all photos, articles etc.

We are especially interested in obtaining material on, orientation, x-country running, scuba fencing, judo, wrestling and many others.

Remember time is running out.

Free Gadgets

New York (magazine) columnist Roy Martin has discovered a way to get any electrical appliance your heart desires absolutely free.

Since competition among banking institutions has heated up over the past decade, many banks have been offering a free toaster or electric toothbrush to new customers who open up a savings account within a certain time period.

So Martin started opening savings accounts all over town. He deposited the smallest amount possible and kept it in the bank only as long as necessary. Over the past few years, he's acquired a waffle iron, a portable tape recorder, an electric fan, a knife slicer, a blender, two electric toaster-ovens, a heating pad, a hair dryer and - a cookie jar, among other things.

One word of warning: Martin says that courtesy and sex appeal really help when the banks get hip to your scheme. (Newsprint)

Maggie T.

Maggie Trudeau's kiss-and-tell autobiography is already a runaway success a month before its official publication date.

The first hardcover printing of "Beyond Reason" has already sold out - and the paperback rights have been sold for a quarter of a (M) million dollars.

Mrs. Trudeau also expects to make a small fortune from syndication. The right to her story as Canada's freewheeling First Lady may bring in more than a (M) million dollars from newspapers and magazines around the world. (Newsprint)

MARY LOU

(The following questions and answers are taken from a book by Dr. J.W. Montgomery titled, HOW DO WE KNOW THERE IS A GOD?)

IS NOT MAN ABLE TO BETTER HIMSELF MORALLY BY HIS OWN SELF-WILL?

The human race has not been very successful at this. The early 20th century French philosopher Emile Coue said that we could become better by repeating: "Every day in every way, I am becoming better and better". But the horrifying wars of our own "century of progress" have shown that instead of becoming better, we have only become more efficient sinners. True progress! Six million Jews annihilated and Hiroshima! We just don't have goodness in us. We need Jesus Christ - every one of us.

WHY DO I NEED JESUS CHRIST?

Jesus said that he came to earth "to seek and to save that which was lost" and to "give His life a ransom for many". Mankind - each of us - has gone his own way, rejecting God's standards and wallowing in selfishness, just like the Prodigal Son wasted his inheritance in a far country. Out of love for the fallen race, God came to earth in the person of Jesus, to take the death penalty deserved upon Himself. When Jesus died on the Cross, he substituted for each of us, paying the penalty that we should have paid. Once He has taken away the penalty of your sins, the heavens open and you can come back into fellowship with God and man. Isaiah 55:7 "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God for he will abundantly pardon."

WILL THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD OF CHRIST BE CONDEMNED?

The Bible makes perfectly plain the condition of those who have ACCEPTED Christ and those who have REJECTED Him. Those who have accepted receive eternal life; those who have rejected must pay the penalty of their own sins, for they have refused the only remedy for their disease. But the Bible leaves to God's mercy those who have never heard of Christ. Scripture says that no man comes to God except through Christ, but we do not know whether God may not have means of bringing Christ to people whom we have not been able to reach. If you are REALLY concerned about this question, you will be more concerned to preach the Gospel to those who have not heard of Christ than to discuss the question theoretically.

IN WHAT SENSE DO CHRISTIANS HAVE "ETERNAL LIFE" IF EVERYONE HAS AN IMMORTAL SOUL?

Having an immortal soul means only THAT you will live forever; it doesn't tell WHERE you will live forever. The "eternal life" promised to Christians is life in the everlasting presence of Jesus Christ: a life characterized by all the wonderful qualities that Christ displayed while on earth - love, goodness, truth, beauty, and all the other perfections. But if a man rejects Christ, he chooses to separate himself from this kind of existence here and in eternity. He lives forever, but how monstrous the forever! Above all, don't make that mistake.

HOW CAN I HAVE PEACE OF MIND?

Ask yourself the hard question: why don't I have peace of mind now? If you are honest, the answer will come back that the absence of peace of mind comes from insecurity - the agonizing fear that your life is not quite right, that a sudden turn of events could destroy it all. In other words, you are not sure of your relationship with the Universe. Suppose you knew that you were right with God and that nothing could happen to you which would not be in accord with His perfect love for you; would you lack peace of mind then? You can have this assurance if you will come to God in the way he has set down in scripture: by the way of the Cross on which the Prince of glory died for you. Matthew 11:28 "Come unto me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Speaking of Rape

(And speaking of rape laws,) The Canadian government is considering a proposal to do away with its current rape charges.

Currently, rape is punishable by life imprisonment in Canada. However, rape convictions are very hard to obtain, because the present charges require such detailed physical evidence.

So the Canadian Parliament is considering writing two new sexual offense charges. One would be called "sexual interference," and would prohibit touching a person for sexual

purposes without that person's consent. "Sexual interference" would be punishable by five years in jail.

The other charge would be called "sexual aggression", and would require a maximum jail sentence of up to 10 years for using or threatening to use violence to obtain sex.

Canadian law experts believe the new "sexual offense" charges will make it easier to obtain rape convictions in court. (Newsprint) (Credit: Her Say and Canadian University Press.)