

Mental Health survey

LONDON, Ont. (CUP) — Forty per cent of the male students and 54 per cent of the female students at the University of Western Ontario have felt some need for counselling on emotional or psychological problems since entering the university, a campus mental health survey showed Jan. 12.

But only slightly more than one-half this number of students actually sought help, most often from a friend, a member of their family, or a religious advisor.

The survey, prepared by the mental health committee of the students' council at Western, showed that most of the students who did not seek counselling — 35 per cent of the males and 38 per cent of the females — did not know who to see.

A report approved by the UWO students' council Jan. 12 said "marked improvement is necessary in counselling facilities for emotional, psychological and interpersonal problems."

The report recommended that Western's administration hire a full-time psychiatrist. It

also suggested setting up a system of informal mental health education through the health service staff, radio talks, posters, pamphlets, and the inclusion of mental health topics in the freshman orientation program.

Social and interpersonal difficulties emerged as the most serious problem among students. Other major problems, the survey showed, are caused by academic worries, lack of self-confidence and relations with the opposite sex.

Sixteen per cent of the male and 16 per cent of the female students had considered suicide, the survey showed, but only three per cent of the boys and four per cent of the girls considered suicide a serious problem.

The report said 75 per cent of the students at Western don't know the extent of psychiatric counselling facilities at the university health service.

A few thought the service provided counselling, but not by trained psychiatrists; others thought the service was available but only under exceptional circumstances.



DAVID ATTIS
... The Bandit



CHRISTA BRUCKNER
... The Wife



GRAHAM WHITEHEAD
... The Husband



Christa Bruckner, David Attis and Graham Whitehead will be playing the lead roles in the UNB Drama Society's production of "Rashomon". All three appeared in the award-winning production of "Inherit The Wind" last year, for which Miss Bruckner and Mr. Attis won Best Actress and Best Actor awards at the New Brunswick Regional Drama Festival.

Three other actors who appeared in "Inherit The Wind" and will be acting in "Rashomon" are Myron Mitton, Steven Finch and Dick Blackstock. Kate Lewis and Art Roberts will be remembered for their performances in the fall production "My Three Angels". Anne Graham is the only newcomer among these experienced players. She will be playing the part of a Medium, a pantomime role made difficult because of its restriction to physical movement.

"Rashomon" is an excursion into the East of long ago. It begins as the Priest, Woodcutter and Wigmaker pause beneath an old ruin called the Rashomon Gate to wait out a storm. While there, they discuss testimony given in court that day by the Bandit who admits boastfully to the murder of a Samurai warrior and the rape of his wife. The Wife's testimony is also told, giving an account of how she proclaimed her virtue in having resisted the Bandit's attack. The murdered husband speaks through a medium relating an entirely different version of the event. To complicate matters, a fourth testimony is given by an eye witness, the Woodcutter. The audience sees these four different re-enactments of the same crime and it must be the judge of which is the true story.

"Rashomon" will be presented at the Playhouse Jan. 30 and on Feb. 1 and 2. It will be directed by Canadian Drama Award winner, Mr. Alvin Shaw. Mr. Shaw states that this play is "definitely the most difficult ever to be undertaken by the University Company."

All UNB students are admitted free. Tickets may be obtained at the Drama Workshop in the basement of Memorial Hall. All other student tickets are priced at one dollar and may be picked up at the Playhouse.



STEVEN FINCH
... The Wigmaker



ART ROBERTS
... The Woodcutter



MYRON MITTON
... The Priest

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Letter hits home

Editor:

Last Sunday the Liberal party asked the Brunswickan for some technical assistance. They received the help that they wanted but in the process both managed to completely distort the others position.

In the last issue of the Brunswickan the party platforms of all parties were to be published. The Liberals, after the editor extended a deadline, not only did not produce their platform for publication they did not notify the editor. What appeared in the Brunswickan and the Liberal Choke at best was childish vindictiveness.

I would like to point out that "The paper would be checked by local Liberals downtown" was not a "blatant lie" as a matter of fact it was most certainly stated by a member of the Liberal club.

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