

Rap Room headed for second successful year

Rap Room, the student counselling service which realized phenomenal success last year appears to be headed toward a second successful year.

Already Rap Room has attracted over sixty-five volunteers to staff the facility on a twenty-four hour basis. Obviously the large number of volunteers indicates good response from students at UNB,

STU and TC. Indeed, the enthusiastic response to Rap Room was manifest as I talked to staff members Barb Amos and Gerard Rickhoff.

Students have displayed a genuine willingness to utilize the services available at the Rap Room. This includes a number of students who drop in for no more than information on meal tickets or birth control.

The remaining students who utilize the services available at Rap Room are lonely, depressed, hung over or hung up.

These students are welcomed by counsellors willing to confabulate with them or if necessary or appropriate refer them to a specialized agency such as Insight, the University Counselling Service or a church group if the student so desires.

Indeed, many students after their initial experience with Rap Room return for further counselling and a few even join the staff. This indicates the success and value of Rap Room more than anything else.

Rap Room is administered by a steering committee—the effective executive of the organization. Any member of the staff can be a member of the steering committee by simply attending its meetings.

The most important functions of the steering committee are to conduct orientation sessions, to keep Rap Room properly staffed and to administer financial affairs.

This year there have been two orientation sessions, each five hours in duration. Speakers were in attendance from Chimo, Elm City Foundation, the be preferable for a woman to be explaining the case for abortion.

University Counselling Service and a number of other agencies. Don't worry if you missed the orientation sessions but want to help out. Just go down to Rap Room and tell them who you are. You will be on the staff in no time.

The steering committee has attempted to keep the facility staffed at all times by a male and a female. It has largely succeeded in accomplishing this by establishing a permanent weekly timetable for the staff.

Financially, Rap Room has depended on the SRC at UNB which this year passed a budget of \$1148.50 for Rap Room. Almost half the budget will be spent on four monthly dinners held for the staff. The remainder will be spent on advertising, phone bills, furniture and pamphlets.

Women march on abortion debate

FREDERICTON - Members of the Fredericton Women's Liberation Caucus marched out of a debate on abortion in protest of what was termed "male chauvinism", at St. Thomas University on Tuesday October 19.

Before the departure of the women, Jackie Good, a member of both the Women's Caucus and the New Democratic Party, took the stage to demand that a woman take the place of Mr. Alastair Robertson in arguing for abortion. Mr. Robertson is Provincial New Democratic Party President.

"Women are really up against it. They are most intimately concerned and have pushed for this basic issue for a long time. It is wonderful that men should support the case for abortion, but women must speak for it," said Mrs. Good.

Hugh Williams, a spokesman for the organizing group, the Saint Thomas University Cerebral Nutrition Foundation, refused to change speakers saying, "All of these people have

come here tonight to hear Mr. Robertson and Father Waugh debate. We cannot change speakers now."

Mr. Robertson began his presentation by apologizing for the situation and stating that he fully agreed with the stand taken by the Women's Caucus. He said that he did not realize his presence in the debate would be so controversial, until earlier Mrs. Good had used "abusive language" in informing him of her position.

At this point Mrs. Good rushed to the stage tearing her NDP membership card in pieces and in a highly emotional state declared, "I renounce the NDP. I did not abuse Mr. Robertson on the telephone. I renounce the NDP."

After Mrs. Good and other members of the Fredericton Women's Caucus had left the room, Mr. Williams took the microphone and announced, "The Cerebral Nutrition Foundation assumes all responsibility for male chauvinism."

When order was restored in

the auditorium filled with approximately two hundred and fifty people, Mr. Robertson again began his speech. He reasserted that he agreed with the demonstrating women and called for a vote by the remaining women in the room on whether to speak. The response was overwhelmingly in favor of Mr. Robertson continuing the debate.

In a later interview Mr. Williams of the STU Cerebral Nutrition Foundation explained that a woman had not been invited to debate Father Waugh because, "I don't really think any Women's Lib people are capable of handling Father Waugh. I don't know anyone in Women's Lib, but I've heard them talk. Sure I'll admit to male chauvinism."

Mr. Robertson's argument centred on the necessity of making a pragmatic and arbitrary decision about the fetus to prevent the wastage of human life arising from unwanted pregnancy. Throughout the speech he repeated that it would

In beginning his argument Father Waugh, a Roman Catholic priest and philosophy professor at Saint Thomas University referred to a leaflet distributed during the day by the Women's Caucus. The leaflet maintained that Father Waugh would not debate with women.

"I have been debating with women all my life, and I have never won a debate with a woman. Perhaps that is the reason I am not married."

Father Waugh's main argument was "The potential for human life is as good in the fertilized egg as it is in the embryo, the child or the adult. The embryo is in no way biologically a part of the mother's body, rather she is a life support mechanism for food and oxygen". All have the freedom of the right to live, according to Father Waugh and the decision to remove an unwanted embryo is no different than the decision to remove an unwanted adult or an unwanted race of people.

Hellyer envisages "blood in the streets"

TORONTO (CUP) - Paul Hellyer, the former cabinet minister who is rapidly becoming famous as a right-wing over-reactioner, envisages a full-scale "blood on the streets" revolution within the next few years unless the unemployment situation gets better.

Hellyer, who Agnew - as

savior type political movement Action Canada seems headed for a bust, was speaking Tuesday (Oct. 12) at a Junior Board of Trade meeting in Toronto.

"I've talked to a lot of young people, and I know a lot of alienation and disenchantment exists," he warned.

The former Trudeau sup-

porter, who still insists that zero unemployment and zero inflation are easily attainable within the Canadian economy, says if price and wage controls are not soon created by the federal government then "revolution in the streets" is a "serious" possibility.

Action Canada, currently engaged in a mutual right-wing flirtation with the Social Credit party, may even produce some revolutionary heroes in the future; who knows?

Among ourselves

By RUSS CROSBY

The New Testament makes the startling claim that our relationship to J.C. is a matter of life and death: for example, John, one of those who lived and walked closely with Him, maintained, 'And this is the record, that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in his son. He that has the son, has life; and he that has not the son, does not have life.' (1 John 5: 11, 12)

'Yes, that is all very well,' replies somebody, 'but why should I pay any respect to such a sweeping assertion, made by a writer whose judgement may not be very reliable, about somebody who lived two thousand years ago? To answer this question will be the purpose of the next 6 or so articles. Such an enquiry will make demands upon our minds and will call for careful thought. But in view of the serious issues involved, this is not too much to ask.

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