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SATURDAY, MARCH 25

EASTER DISCO LBR: 8:30 - 1 a.m.

SUNDAY* MARCH 26

PUBLIC SKATING: Aitken Centre, 7:30 - 9 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 27

UNB/SRC MEETING: SUB, Rm. 103; 6:30 p.m.

SPEAKER: Education Society presents Richard Needham, known for radical views on Education policies, will talk on "A New Outlook for Education" at Marshall D'Avray Hall, Rm. 143 7:30 p.m. A silver donation will be taken.

WUSC MEETING: 7:30 p.m. Tilley Hall Rm. 48 Everyone welcome.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

WORD: Bible Study, Prayer, Discussion: TV Room (116), SUB: 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.

PRE-MED — PRE-DENTAL SOCIETY MEETING: SUB 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

STU RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPT PRESENTS: a film "The Shop on Main Street" dealing with the Nazi take over of a small Czechoslovakian town. Free admission. Edmund Casey Hall auditorium 7:00 p.m.

AD HOC PLAYERS present 3 one-act plays 8:15 p.m. Nashwaaksis Junior High School. Also Thursday, March 30th.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

HOPE: Bible Study, Prayer, Discussion: TV Room (116) SUB: 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.

'Day-Break'

By RICK FOWLER

Free ice-cream and cartoons are some of the things available in the recently innovated Daybreak program, taking place in the Blue Lounge Mondays and Wednesdays at noon.

Student Union Director Howard Goldberg said the program had been no great success (the speed scrabble tournament only had eight participants), partly due to the fact that the program has not had enough advertising, either in the media or outside the SUB.

Another difficulty that came up was the fact that Chairty Charity Brown didn't show up on Wednesday the 15th, due to some unexplained legal problems.

One of the reasons for the program's formation was to get the "brown baggers" out of the cafeteria at lunch time.

However, Mr. Goldberg said

that "if you try to start anything new around here, people just laugh at you, and it's disheartening."

Goldberg says that, despite this, he feels that Daybreak is a good idea, it just needs more push. He also feels it's a good idea because it relieves some of the exam time tension.

Goldberg claims that another good point of the program is that it's inexpensive, to run it for a month costs between \$100 - \$200 dollars.

Whether or not the Daybreak program will be carried on again next year is unknown. Mr. Goldberg says that he won't have time to run it next year, and despite the fact that Daybreak is inexpensive over a couple of months, it would cost in the neighbourhood of \$1200 for a year, and that money may not be available.

Here comes Sun Day

The Task Force Against Nuclear Pollution says it wants one million signed petitions supporting the rapid development of solar power by Sun Day, May 3rd, 1978.

The Task Force, which includes actors Jack Lemmon and Robert Redford on its Board of Directors, says that although many polls show that an overwhelming majority of Americans support solar energy, it's not getting the attention it deserves. They say this is because solar energy advocates

are not organized, while the oil, coal, gas and utility lobbies are not only organized, but have enormous financial clout as well.

The Task Force already has half a million petitions signed, sorted and computerized according to Congressional District. They need 500,000 more in the next two-and-one-half months. Petitions can be obtained by writing to Task Force Against Nuclear Pollution, P.O. Box 1817, Washington, D.C. 20013. (Newsprint)

Wife Abuse Centre planned-maybe

By Sheenagh Murphy

Without funding from the provincial government, a project entitled Women in Transition will not go over according to Anne Crocker.

She said that Minister of Social Services Les Hull did not seem agreeable or encouraging to the project which will involve a center where battered wives and women under severe stress can find counselling and assistance.

She said that in the two meetings she has already had with the minister he expressed doubts as to the need and the practicality of the project. She said the minister is doubtful as to whether there is a demand for the centre, and feels that a centre of this sort should be available to the entire province of New Brunswick rather than only Fredericton.

Crocker feels that the community interest in the project (to date 12 women) warrants the project whereas in other communities the same interest may not be shown.

She feels that the government should not run every social service but that some should be community oriented, with aid from the provincial government.

Crocker said the centre needs the financial aid, which she estimates at around 45 thousand dollars before they can open. The original opening was scheduled in May, but due to the government's failure to commit itself, and also to the large amount of work which Crocker herself has to do, it does not look as if the project will open before September.

Crocker is presently the librarian at the UNB law school, has a family and is chairperson of the Advisory Council on the Status

of Women. She expressed hope that one of the other members of the group be willing to take charge of a part of the organizational work.

She said that she would like to go directly to the federal government and other help organizations for aid but cannot do so without some indication that the provincial government will support the project.

The project will entail hiring one full time co-ordinator and a part time assistant. Crocker said the group hopes to buy a house, where approximately 15 women and children can be accommodated up to six weeks.

She said the centre would not be for women who are simply tired of their families, but rather for women who are abused by husbands or have children being abused, either physically or mentally.

She includes mental and physical cruelty, child abuse, rape and other "endless possibilities" as some reasons why many women in Fredericton need the centre.

Crocker said the house will work in co-operation with other mental and physical health services in town.

She agrees with the minister that centres of this stamp are needed everywhere, but feels that an innovative program such as Transition House deserves help.

She also said that the house would be run on a co-operative basis with the women staying there helping with the cooking, cleaning and housework. Volunteers will also be available to help in various areas.

"I'd like to offer an alternative

to women who are economically dependant or mentally dependant on husbands that abuse them" said Crocker, who felt that if the women had somewhere to go then they may make the effort to break away.

She said the project will be probably attractive to the lower class wife, as the middle class is usually conscious of protecting their husbands to keep up an image. She said that many women get into a rut, where they deceive themselves that each time they are abused will be the last. She said that some women convince themselves that they are not actually being beaten up also.

Crocker expressed the need for better records on cases of wife and child abuse. She said the hospital does not keep a file on women who come in as victims of assault, and that the women have to press to get it on their records at all.

Crocker said that she would like to see New Brunswick women become aware of the problems. She feels that if women realize they are not alone in their predicament then they may get the courage to fight back.

According to the records of the Fredericton City Police from the first of January to November 30 there were 450 complaints of a domestic nature, 234 of which involved wife abuse of a physical nature, 216 of a mental nature and thirty which resulted in court proceedings. CHIMO, the crisis centre reports thirty phone calls from June 1 to November 30th which involved wife battering or severe domestic trouble.

Family Enrichment and Counselling Services also reports 18 separate incidents of wife

battering and 7 of child abuse. Community Employment Strategy and Pro-Feminae will assist Transition House clients with job retaining and job placement.

Crocker said the objectives of the house are to provide a secure environment for women and their children when they are severely threatened, to provide counselling

in order that these women may make reasonable decisions, about their future free from as many external pressures as possible and to provide the necessary support services to assist the women in making necessary life changes and in reintegrating themselves to the community as whole and independent persons.

Knowledge is heaven

Witnesses told a Senate hearing on domestic violence in Los Angeles last week that wife-beating is so widespread that most American women assume their husbands have the right to assault them.

Although exact statistics are impossible to calculate, it is estimated that as many as 3.3 million American women are battered by their husbands each year, and that one-fourth of all battered women are pregnant.

Domestic violence is common

among all racial, economic, class and social backgrounds. In fact, in California, one of every two women will most likely be assaulted by her husband or son at sometime in her life.

Chairperson of the Human Resources subcommittee on child and human development, Senator Alan Cranston, (a Democrat from California), is conducting the hearings on abused women and intends to introduce a bill on domestic violence in the near future. (Newsprint)

Act to be extinct

The Endangered Species Act, which was enacted nine years ago to protect rare plants and animals from extinction, may itself become extinct.

The law is scheduled to expire this year. And many environmentalists fear that even if Congress does renew the law, it will be severely weakened.

The law has lost considerable popularity over the years because it has delayed no less than 4,500 federal projects. And last year's battle to preserve the snail darter

-- a rare, three-inch trout -- intensified its opposition. The act halted completion of a Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Dam that would have wiped out the darter's one remaining habitat.

So the TVA appealed to the Supreme Court, which has agreed to decide if the law is constitutional. And Senator Howard Baker (a Tennessee Democrat) has vowed to press for loopholes permitting completion of the dam and other projects, when the act comes up for review in Congress. (Newsprint)

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David Duke, leader of the Ku Klux Klan, wrote a bogus list of addresses of radicals.

Duke admitted the manual, called "African Attack," which purportedly listed the names of Klan members and their "dirty" activities through mail-order names and addresses of militants in the U.S.

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