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Take back the night march

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Rape..even in Fredericton many cases of sexual assault and harassment occur, the majority of them unreported.

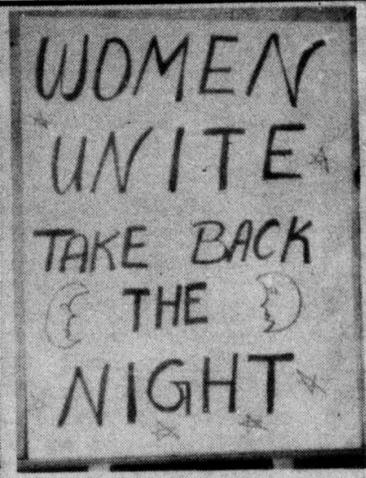
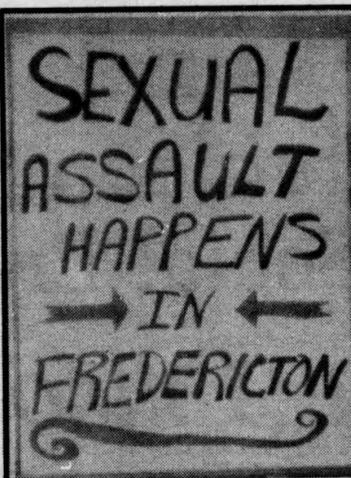
During the last three years, the Rape Crisis Centre has been responsible for the organization and production of "Take Back the Night" marches.

The aim of the march is for women to come out in force and voice their rights to freedom from molestation.

In an interview with the Brunswickian, Leanne Cooper, a R.C.C. volunteer, said that the march is a statement to all men with sexual harassment in mind, that women have had enough and that they demand the respect they deserve. The "Take Back the Night"

march is being held tonight, Friday the 18. Beginning at 8 o'clock with a rally and speeches in front of city hall, the march will wind its way down Fredericton city streets and conclude back at City Hall where there will be closing speeches.

In the past, men have not been allowed to participate in "Take Back the Night" on the basis that this was a women's issue and thus only women should be represented. This year however, men will be allowed to march alongside the women on the condition that they remain silent. Laura Richards, co-organizer of the march, told the Brunswickian that the reason for the condition of silence was that this was a women's rally and only women's voices should be heard.



Women's solidarity in the face of the threat of rape

The Rape Crisis Center in Fredericton was founded in 1975 with the purpose of providing help, counselling and information to victims of sexual harassment.

The R.C.C. is made up of a fifteen member collective, with each member participating in a ten week training course dealing with rape victims before they become a full-time

volunteer. The center has a 24-hour crisis line at 454-0437, and offers a wide range of confidential services to victims of sexual assault.

Right to appeal granted

By STEVE GRIFFITHS

In a decision made on September the 9th, the New Brunswick Court of Appeal has granted members of the deposed student union leave to appeal with regard to a previous decision reached last May by the court of Queen's Bench.

In the decision, a move to quash the motion by members of the replacement 13 member student governing council and a university employee was simultaneously dismissed.

Reviewing the situation, the Court of Appeal stated that "

... we are not persuaded that the ... appeals are 'manifestly entirely devoid of merit or substance'."

The stage is now set for an appeal based on two counts that might affect the decision made last May. The first of these, proposed collectively by Michael Bennett, Anthony English and Hugh Brown, is that Justice M. Dickson for Queen's Bench Fredericton represented a potentially biased judicial authority. The second is that Justice Dickson may have incorrectly used his discretionary powers to ratify rule 27.09 proposed by members of the interim student governing council. This

ruling, which was accepted, identified the actions of Bennett, Brown and English as "frivolous vexatious and an abuse of the process of the court of law" and prevented them from further proceeding with legal action.

The appeal will not likely be heard until early next year and only if successful will Bennett, Brown and English be able to repeat their attempts to have the court declare illegal the April 17th 1986 lock-out of the UNB student union executive headed by Mr. John Bosnitch.

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