

# NEWS

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## Violent Crimes on the Increase

by Melynda Jarratt

The recent increase in sexual assault cases appearing before Fredericton Courts is not an indication of an increase in sexual assaults, says Constable Eric Carr of the Fredericton City Police. Rather, it is because "the High Court is now sitting, and people who had preliminary hearings last fall are only now reaching the higher court system."

Carr was speaking in reference to several sexual assault and assault cases in which three men are now appearing before Fredericton courts. One, which occurred last Saturday night at 11:30 PM, put a Fredericton woman in hospital with wounds to her head.

Apparently, the woman was walking at the corner of University Ave and Charlotte Street when she met a man coming towards her on the sidewalk. He passed her, turned around, and ran towards his victim. She anticipated the

assault and began to run away but her efforts were futile as he managed to jump the woman and hit her on the head with what police believe is the bloodied windshield scraper they found nearby.

Some neighbours heard the struggle and came to her aid, but by that time the assailant had fled the scene. However, on a fluke, as Carr called it, someone managed to catch his license plate number as he sped away, and the attacker was apprehended in a lumber-camp outside of Woodstock.

He is now in Jail pending his plea today in front of a Fredericton court, but as Carr reminds us, he could be out on his own recognizance this afternoon. It depends on the show cause hearing in which police must "show cause" that the man is a danger to others. If police are not able to prove that he is capable of more crimes for example, the judge will have to release him until his next court date.

There is no cause for alarm, said Carr, as the cases



Don't become a statistic. Take precautions against violent crime.

do not indicate a corresponding increase in sexual assaults. However, it is difficult if not impossible to feel confident in the city when recent statistics for the last year (1986) prove that crimes of violence are up by approximately 66 percent over past years.

In 1985, for example, there

were 169 crimes of violence in the city of Fredericton. By the end of 1986, that number had taken a phenomenal jump to 2711.

Carr attributes the dramatic increase in reported sexual assaults to the fact that many of the reported cases are family related. "It is an in-house situa-

tion where incest is occurring, which we see more of lately" he commented.

Nevertheless, city women should be aware that the danger of becoming a victim of crimes of violence is there, and precautions should be taken to avoid becoming another statistic.

## You Lose Some...

By TERRY WHITE

In a regular session of the UNB Student Council on Monday night newly seated Comptroller Tony Tracy was removed from office.

Councillor Wayne Carson initiated the proceedings for Tracy's removal from office. He stated that Tracy was not acting in the best interests of the Student Union and that he was acting in contrast to the best interests of the Council with respect to the CHSR Board of Directors. The vote to

remove Tracy was carried with two abstentions noted. Tracy was not permitted to vote but he was permitted to remain in good standing with the union. As a member in good standing Tracy will be permitted to vote in upcoming elections.

Student Union President Larry Hansen said that "our solicitor, Peter Forbes has been advised by Tracy's solicitor to await an amendment to their claim that will see them continue legal action against us."

Tracy could not comment without consultation with his lawyer.

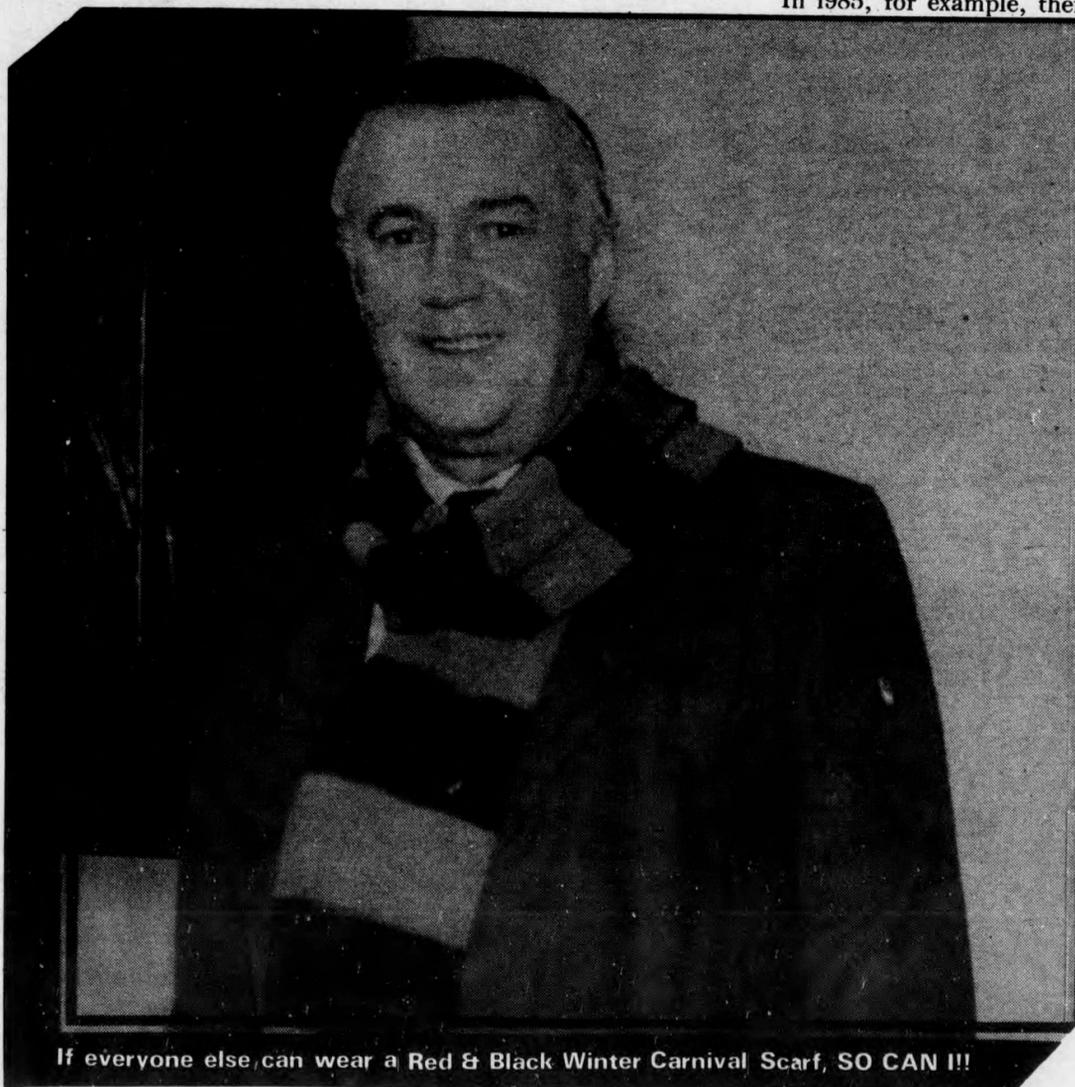
## You Win Some

On Wednesday February 13, CHSR held their monthly meeting. Among the items on the agenda was the electing of new executive officers of the station. Jeff Whipple chaired the proceedings until his office was taken over.

The 1987 executive consists of:

Station Director - Steve Staples  
Personal Director - Michelle MacKenzie  
Program Director - Mike Lapoint  
News Director - Tim Porter  
Sports Director - Regan Legassie  
Chief Engineer - Paul Kenny

Also on the agenda was the appeal made by former member Tony Tracy. Tracy put a plea to the general membership of CHSR that he be reinstated as a member in good standing of CHSR. His motion was carried. Tracy will be permitted on air privileges immediately.



If everyone else can wear a Red & Black Winter Carnival Scarf, SO CAN !!!

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