

MYTHS AND ATTITUDE

The PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre is looking for volunteers. By late November the planning committee will have had a crash course in counselling victims and will be prepared to work with volunteers in establishing a twenty-four hour telephone answering service to aid victims of rape and sexual assault.

The Centre will need many volunteers in all parts of the Island. If you have some free time and want to help, you will be needed. For information call 894-8027 on Tuesdays or write Rape Crisis Centre P.O. Box 1522 Charlottetown.

Rape has become one of the most rapidly increasing crimes of today. Public attitude must take much of the blame. It is the responsibility of all of us to learn to distinguish between the myths and the facts about rape.

MYTH-Nice girls don't get raped.

FACT-The rapist does not stop to think of whether his victim is nice or not. He usually preys on women who are kind and trusting and therefore vulnerable to his approach.

MYTH-Only young attractive women are raped.

FACT-The reported age range of victims is six months to ninety years. Every woman is a potential victim.

MYTH-The woman is to blame if she gets raped because she asked for it.

FACT-No woman's behaviour or dress gives any man the right to rape her. Society encourages women to look as attractive as they can.

MYTH-Women falsely report rape out of revenge.

FACT-False reports occur no more than false reports for any other crimes.

MYTH-A woman cannot be raped against her will.

FACT-Rape is a life threatening experience which often involves a weapon and physical and verbal force. Women are taught through their socialization to

view men, no matter what their size, as stronger.

This attitude alone is enough to render a woman incapable of defending herself against and assailant.

MYTH-All women fantasize about being raped

FACT-Women are as likely to fantasize about being raped as they are about being murdered and as likely to want the rape to happen.

MYTH-Rape is a crime of passion.

FACT-Rape is a crime of violence, an act of extraordinary humiliation, degradation and assault done with an enormous amount of hate.

MYTH-A woman who is raped will be hysterical.

FACT-There are many different ways in which people display their feelings during a crisis.

A woman's immediate outward expressions after rape do not determine the validity, severity, or emotional impact of the rape.

MYTH-The rapist is sexually unfulfilled.

FACT-Dr. William Pendergast, of the New Jersey State Prison, states all of the rapists he has studied had available sexual relationships. Sixty per cent of the men in Dr. Amir's study were, in fact, married and led normal sex lives.

MYTH-A rapist is usually a stranger.

FACT-Forty eight percent of the rapists in Dr. Amir's study were known to the victim (either casual friends or relations).

MYTH-Most rapes occur in dark alleys and side streets.

FACT-The majority of all rapes are committed in the home of the victim or the offender.

MYTH-The rapist is mentally ill.

FACT-Studies show that the rapist has a normal personality. He is, however abnormally aggressive and violent, and probably exhibits feelings of hatred towards and fear of women.

MYTH-Rape is an impulsive act.

FACT-In a study done by Dr. Amir, 90% of group rapes were planned in advance and 58% of rapes committed by a single man were planned.

MYTH-A woman cannot be raped by her husband.

FACT-This is the result of the age old concept that a wife is the property of her husband. Any act of sexual intercourse which the woman has not consented to is rape.

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**COLLISION REPORT
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CHARLOTTETOWN (IIS) - The latest collision report issued by the highway safety division, dated October 29, 1982, indicates that there have been fourteen (14) motor vehicle related fatalities on Prince Edward Island so far this year. The report shows that there were four (4) more fatalities than for the same period last year. An increase of 40%. So far this year there have been 2062 collisions, up very slightly from the 2058 that occurred to this date last year.

So far this year 531 people were injured in motor vehicle related accidents. This represents a decrease of 9.23% compared with last year's figure.

SORRY, NO JOBS

Final exams are over. Diplomas have at last been handed out. No longer students, they stand proud and eager, ready to take on the world. But times have changed. It's 1982 and the world is no longer at their feet. What the future holds for 1982 university GRADS and how they face it is a CBC Television documentary Sunday, December 12 at 10:00 p.m.

One hundred thousand students graduated from Canadian universities this year. That's like adding the population of Halifax, Nova Scotia or

Oshawa, Ontario to the already long lineups for jobs. Many of their stories have a familiar ring as they face some pretty hard facts. The jobs aren't there. Elaine wants to teach in a correctional institute. No available positions. Steve graduated with a B.A. in Geology, a profession that in past years practically assured the graduate his choice of company. He can't find a job. Maggie took work as a waitress to wait out the dry spell in the work force.

This year's graduating students entered university three to five years ago when expectations were high and jobs were plentiful. They leave university as if they passed through a time warp. Back into a society, not only in a recession, but often computer-dominated. Those students who studied in Canada's co-operative universities, alternating terms between the classroom and a fulltime job, were more prepared to enter the work force on graduating. But they represent fewer than 10% of the students in Canadian universities. And co-op programs cost money.

These GRADS - they're Canada's bright lights. They represent her future. It costs a lot of money to give them their education. Now they want to prove it was worth it. That's the problem. Was it?

GRADS is an Agriculture and Resources documentary. Producer is Doug Lower.

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