

# Counseling program formed for men who abuse women

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The Orange/Durham Coalition for Battered Women has established a new program in Orange County designed to counsel men convicted of assaulting females.

The program, CHANGE: Domestic Violence for Men, was first established in Durham County in 1981, CHANGE director Fred Stang said.

Both court-referred and self-referred men receive counseling from CHANGE, he said. The district

attorney in Orange County will help determine which men should be referred to CHANGE.

"We want to help them stop being abusive," Stang said. "We hope to get at least 10 referrals a month. I would say in the first year, we hope to see 75-100 men."

When a man is referred to the program by the court, he is usually sentenced to participate in 12 sessions of group counseling. Sometimes in a deferred prosecution, the threat of going to jail is used to ensure the man's attendance at the counseling

sessions, Stang said.

Trained male volunteers from the community lead the group counseling sessions, he said. "We see ourselves as a community-based program," he said. "We have decided to train men from the community to lead these groups."

Now, men from Orange County who are in the CHANGE program go to Durham County for their counseling sessions. Before the group establishes a counseling site in Orange County, CHANGE wants to know which area of Orange County most

of the men come from so they can be served best, Stang said.

The program is running smoothly overall despite limited funds, Stang said. "I think for what we can set up, it's going well," he said. "The whole CHANGE budget is right at \$24,000. "As seemingly rich as this community is, a lot of non-profit organizations are struggling."

CHANGE obtains its clients through a referral system in the courts because it is less expensive than a personal screening system, Stang said.

"Basically, we make the assumption that if the man is referred he needs counseling," he said. "I think it would be better if the court system would investigate these cases. There is a question of whose responsibility (selecting clients) is."

Another purpose of CHANGE is to obtain more accurate records of the number of assaults on females in Orange and Durham counties. North Carolina courts are not able to document that information accurately, Stang said.

## Symposium

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Room 224.

Another panel will discuss university involvement in athletics at UNC. Richard Richardson, chairman of the political science department, will be the moderator.

Panelists will include Richard Hiskey, chemistry professor; Lawrence Slifkin, physics professor; and

Carolina Athletic Association President Carol Geer.

Geer said she expected questions to arise about the Educational Foundation — also known as the Rams Club — student seating for basketball games and the athletic department's role in student use of facilities like the Smith Center.

## Crowd protests in Hungary

From Associated Press reports

BUDAPEST, Hungary — About 10,000 people chanting "Democracy! Democracy!" marched through the streets of this communist capital Tuesday and called for a free press and free elections.

Police turned out in force but took no action as protesters yelled anti-government slogans and speakers criticized the Soviet system.

The throng marched several miles down Budapest's main boulevards, blocking traffic and waving red, white and green Hungarian flags.

The unofficial protest followed a rally organized earlier in the day by the Communist Party to celebrate one of Hungary's biggest holidays, the anniversary of this East European nation's abortive 1848 revolution against Austria.

"The time is over for self-appointed governments," prominent dissident Gabor Miklos Tamas told the throng, in a reference to the nation's communist authorities. "A modern democracy has to be created with a new constitution and free elections."

The crowd marched to monuments of Hungarian national heroes and paid particular tribute to firebrand poet Sandor Petoefi, whose name is symbolic of resistance to foreign suppression in Hungary.

Protesters chanted "Democracy! Democracy!" and waved banners reading "We want real reforms" or "We demand freedom of the press."

Later Tuesday night, a crowd of about 1,500, most of them young people, gathered at the Petoefi monument and then moved across the Margaret bridge to the Castle Hill, where they repeated calls for democracy and press freedom.

About 150 people then moved back to the Chain bridge, intending to return to the Petoefi monument, but witnesses said the demonstrators were dispersed by waiting riot police, who held clubs but did not hit anybody.

Hours after the unofficial demonstration was over, the state news agency MTI reported that eight people, mostly dissident intellectuals, were arrested.

## Iran-Iraq war heats up with inter-city bombings

From Associated Press reports

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Iran and Iraq blasted each other's cities Tuesday with missiles, bombs and artillery in apparent attempts to terrorize each other into submission in a new "war of the cities."

Communiques from both sides, monitored in Nicosia, reported scores of civilians killed or wounded in the third straight day of new attacks on population centers.

"We are determined to turn Tehran into a hell, the like of which the barbaric scoundrels have never seen before," the Iraqi news agency said.

Persian Gulf shipping executives said Iraqi warplanes attacked a Liberian-flag tanker, chartered by Iran, off the Iranian coast.

They had no details on casualties or damage aboard the 249,223-ton Trade Fortitude, the second ship damaged in Iraqi raids in the gulf since March 8.

Iraq, which has long held the technological edge in the deadly duel, said it fired six long-range missiles Tuesday into Tehran, the Iranian

capital, while its air force bombed seven cities in western Iran.

Iran said it bombarded the southern Iraqi port cities of Basra and Nashwa, 12 miles to the north, with 11 short-range missiles and artillery fire and hit four other cities in the northeast and southeast with air raids.

The Iranians reported no long-range missile attacks on Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, or any other cities.

The absence of any missile attack on Baghdad prompted speculation that the Iranians may have exhausted their arsenal of long-range missiles in an exchange with the Iraqis that began Feb. 29 and ended for two days last Friday.

So far, the Iraqis have reported shooting 86 long-range missiles into Tehran and other Iranian cities in the last 16 days. In contrast, Iran has claimed to have fired 31 in that period.

In the gulf, the Kuwaiti tanker Gas Prince, one of 11 Kuwait tankers reflagged with the Stars and Stripes to afford them U.S. Navy protection from Iranian attack, sailed northward in the 17th convoy operation this year.

The convoy was the 39th since July, when the Navy began escorting the Kuwaiti tankers.

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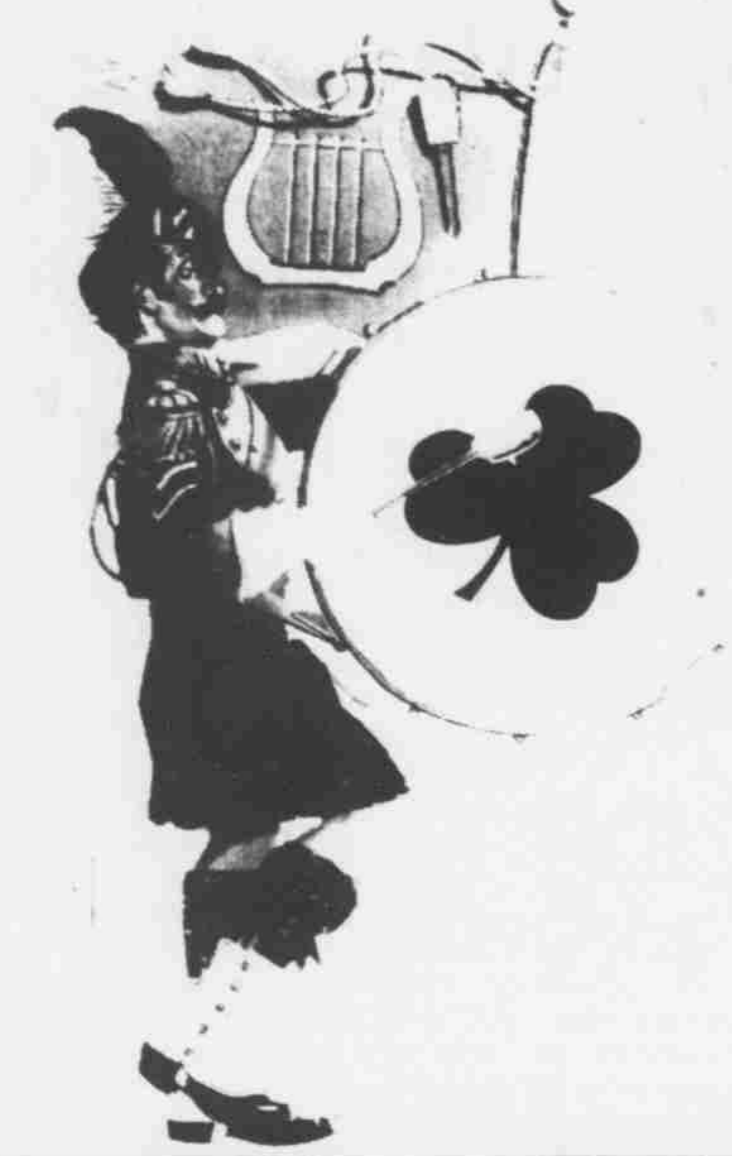
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