

HOPELINE CARES--DO YOU?

by Jeanne Rutledge

What is it About?

"It is estimated that 50% of all married women have been beaten at least once and 41% of all married women who are murdered are murdered by their husbands," said Judy Abbott, President of the Board of Albermarle Hopeline.

Hopeline started in the Fall of 1981. There is a training program for the volunteers. "We can use people in all capacities...it takes a lot of manpower and a lot of man hours...it takes 25-30 hours of training before a trainee can go on the telephone line." Abbott also added, "I recommend the training program for anyone who wishes to attend. They can learn so much, even if they do not want to be a Hopeline volunteer." A training program will be offered in January.

To Report Sexual Assault

- Go to a safe place that has a phone.
- Call police in the city where the sexual assault occurred immediately. Your credibility in court may depend on how quickly you call.
- Do not wash hands, bathe, shower, douche, or change clothes. Do not disturb "crime scene." This destroys evidence.
- Remember as much about the attacker as you can: size, age, race, scars, voice, clothing, what was said and done. Try to write it down. Positive identification is very important.



Work With This Man!

Precautions to Take

- Watch where you park your car. Will it be dark when you come out of a store? If so, park under a street light.
- Lock your car before going into a store and check your car before getting in, even if you had locked it.
- Be aware of how you carry yourself. Do not act lost, or fumble around for keys in the parking lot.
- Always take your keys out before leaving the store.
- Be leary of strangers.
- When leaving a store look around to see if anyone is following you.
- If you feel you are being followed do not go home, go to a police station-a gas station where there are many people.
- When walking at night remember the safety in numbers rule.
- If you live alone list your first and middle name in the telephone book by initials; your mailbox the same way.
- When answering the telephone do not say you are a widow, or you are alone. Instruct children in answering the telephone.

Hopeline receives approximately 103 calls a month. In the past nine month period, Hopeline sheltered 63 children, 16 women, and nine men. Counseling and advocacy were given 161 clients, men, women and children.

"We have had teenagers call who have had problems with incest; however, contact with children is basically through education in schools," said Abbott. Hopeline also reaches out to educate college students, senior citizens, church groups and others."

"Dare County has a Hotline and we have often been confused with them...but we are not alike or related. We address sexual assaults and domestic violence...and that is only one part of what we do," Abbott said.

Pat Kepler is Domestic Violence Director and Mary Ellen Maxwell is Sexual Violence Director for Hopeline. There is also a very dedicated volunteer staff who offer many hours to Hopeline.

"Hopeline is funded through State grant assistance, the Elizabeth City Foundation and various civic groups and churches...we wish some group in this area would take us on as a project...Hopeline wishes to offer more and better assistance and education throughout the area." Abbott said.

In the past, it was often believed that women who dressed or acted a certain way, were the ones who were raped.

"First of all, dress, age, body beautiful or body unbeautiful make no difference. The fact is that rape is not a sexual act. It is an act of violence...often it is to humiliate...a man who rapes a woman certainly has mental problems; most often he's going to have a loving wife and have a very normal sexual relationship with his wife," says Abbot.

If you are in a rape situation, Abbott suggests that you really must do some quick thinking-what you want to come out with is your life.

"Sometimes you can tell the rapist you have herpes, V.D., you are pregnant and then others just don't care. Then there are some men who will run if you scream and yell and others want you to scream and yell-they will love it! There is no set pattern, you need to figure the rapist out and hope you are doing the right thing."

For years, women and children have been the major concern of rape and beatings. Recently, men are emerging, claiming rape and beatings.

According to Abbott: "Once, if a man admitted to something like that, then he wasn't a man...American society has done something very bad to its men. In European societies, when a man is hurt, sad, or happy he may cry. In this country, when a man cries he's a sissy, or there's something wrong with him. Yet men have emotions just like women do."

"Men may be raped by men or women. Usually when it involves men this occurs in prisons where a new prisoner will find himself confronted by a stronger, more 'macho' type, and for survival will most likely be the other guy's woman...his life will depend on how well he acts as a woman while in prison. When a man is raped by a woman it is usually in the form of gang rape. When gang rapes occur they are very treacherous...the rapists often carve their initials in their victim's chest...amputation is also frequently involved. When a man is raped by a gang of women, it is very brutal and very ugly," Abbott said. Women having common frustrations may join together to drink or do drugs. This can result in gang rape.

A male or female caller receives the same assistance at Hopeline. If a man would prefer to speak to a man, this can be arranged. For everyone who calls Hopeline, confidentiality is honored.

Many beatings are caused by frustration from childhood, the lack of jobs, money and mental illness.

"People are having to take jobs even if they don't care for them-drinking has a lot to do with it. A person can hold onto his temper better without alcohol. The alcohol seems to release a lot of inhibitions and then it all comes out," Abbott explained.

"There is no economic group more prevalent than the other to spouse abuse. You hear about the lower economic group because they end up on the welfare roll and they have to ask for help, but professionals and their wives are just as much a part of it...If you have been beaten once you should look very seriously into the situation, because the second time, you should get the heck out of there. It does not get any better," Abbott said.

Children growing up in this atmosphere see it and may grow up doing the same thing. "A lot of it goes back to childhood...most of the time it's like a snowball; it keeps getting bigger...A daughter sees her father beating her mother and she sees her father as a strong figure in her life. There are no choices, what this man says goes. She sees her

mother afraid, walking on eggshells, trying to keep peace in the family, but making excuses for daddy. This is mental conditioning. As ironic as it seems, the child may say I will never marry anyone like that, but still end up marrying, the same type person," says Abbott.

Police are brought into a battering situation only when the victim calls for protection or is willing to swear out a warrant....When a woman swears out a warrant she should be prepared to follow through.

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"Often after the 'cooling off period,' she changes her mind: her husband's job is going to be in jeopardy, the neighborhood is going to know, she's going to have to go to court, and then there is the fear of retaliation," Abbott said.

Hopeline does not try to break up the family, but offers suggestions and alternatives. Assistance is given when a person is in need and requests it. For information on becoming a Hopeline volunteer, or in need of counseling, the Hopeline number is: 338-3011.

ECSU Responders Course

ECSU had its first graduates of a first Responders course that was held on campus from September to November 4, 1983. The course consisted of certifying the students in the emergency medical system.

The graduation exercise featured Stephen Guttie, Regional Coordinator, Emergency Medical Service, as the speaker. Other guest were Clifton J. is, Ernest Mickey, Director Administrator of Pasquotank-Camden Ambulance Service, and the Harmony Club Singers, Ervin H. Brothers, Arthur E. Gatling, Calvin H. Spellman, Willie J. Taylor, and William Gregory. The Harmony Club Singers are under the direction of Cardwell L. Cowell.

Another class is projected to begin in January 1984. Anyone interested should contact A. C. Robinson, Jr. E. M. S. coordinator.

course honorees

Certificate recipients are as follows: Carolyn B. Allen, ECSU Security Officer; Leonard R. Ballou, Director of Institutional Research/Archivist/Associate Professor of Music; Wayne T. Barcliff, ECSU Security Officer; Gertrude T. Bonds, Nurse's Aide/First Aid Instructor; Carol A. Duncan, Rose's Store Employee; Franklin D.R. Felton, Captain, ECSU Security; William Gibbs '79, ECSU Security Officer; James M. Hoggard, ECSU Chief of Security; Ernest E. Hoskins,

Second Lieutenant, ECSU Security; Marjorie M. Mercer, ECSU Housekeeper; Emma B. Mullen, ECSU Nurse's Aid; Jean Robertson, RN, ECSU Head Nurse/CPR Instructor; A. C. Robinson Jr., '64, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs/CPR Instructor; Joycelyn B. Robinson, '67, President of Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County PTA Council; Shirley S. Williams, ECSU Nurses Aid; Vertley Woodhouse, ECSU Housekeeper.

COMPASS Farewell to Lawrence Wright

by Pam Barcliff

This story is written in appreciation of Lawrence Alen Wright, who has helped the COMPASS in a very special way. Lawrence, a senior majoring in Business Administration hails proudly from Washington, D.C. He has been involved in various activities such as the University Players, the Yearbook staff, serving as president for the Circle K Club, treasurer of the University Center and a member of NAACP.

In addition to his involvement in activities and his classes, he sacrificed enough of his time to become a staff writer for the COMPASS. Anxious to gain all

experience possible in the making of a newspaper, Lawrence spent long sleepless hours, along with others at the Daily Advance. "A majority of the students who are members of the staff are not participating, if everyone would do their part, then one person wouldn't have to worry about what didn't get done. Other than this the staff is great!," said Lawrence.

Lawrence will be leaving the COMPASS soon. He will be graduating in December. He has been offered a job in Texas, in January 1984 he will leave to begin his career. He wishes the COMPASS good luck in the years to come.

Gift to the Biology Dept.

submitted

Mrs. Dorothy E. Thomas, associate professor of Biology, was presented plants, books, greenhouse equipment and supplies valued over \$1,000.00. The donation was made by the parents of one of Mrs. Thomas' former Botony students, Miss Jane Richardson. The plants were given to the Biology Department.

Miss Richardson is now enrolled at a university in Texas, and is pursuing her graduate studies. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Richardson reside in Edenton, NC.