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Dick Godfrey, a psychiatric social worker, and Rueben Gilliams, Director of CODA, interact with drug addict in new program.

Council To Extend Treatment Program

by Gwen Dixon
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The Council on Drug Abuse (CODA) is extending its program beginning July 7 to include evening hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The program will be open at night "to make its services available to people who work during the day."

Departments Merge At Hospital

All Health Department clinics and Family Health Center clinics will be merged July 7 at the Reynolds Memorial Health Center. This action follows the takeover of operations at Reynolds by Forsyth County.

Clinics including pediatric, obstetrics, gynecology and medicine will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment.

Other services that will continue to be provided at Reynolds include the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program, Sickle Cell Screening Program, and Family Planning.

The only services remaining temporarily at the Health Department on Ridge Avenue will be blood testing and small X-rays.

CODA's Director, Reuben Gilliams, has also started an interaction program with third year interns at Baptist hospital. Gilliams and Dick Godfrey who is a psychiatric social worker say that there is a need for the interaction between drug client and medical students. Godfrey who is a psychiatric instructor said "third year medical students are on rotation from psychiatry and I wanted them to get together with drug clients and learn street language, and have personal contact."

He further remarked that most of the student's learning is so processed that they do not get the human contact that is needed.

Gilliam says he has received complaints concerning the treatment drug addicts get when they are brought into emergency rooms. Therefore, he feels such interaction with doctors will help them to better treat a drug addict going through withdrawal symptoms or an overdose.

The session was quite revealing because drug clients from the center said a drug patient going through withdrawal would prefer to be in a quiet room, with the doctor holding his hand and reassuring him (patient) that he would be alright. In that

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Rape On Upswing - WAR To Aid Victims

by Gwen Dixon
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According to FBI statistics rapes have increased by 9% nation-wide and 12% in the South. In the June 30 issue of Time magazine, it stated that in the last 14 years forcible rape has increased by 143%.

Karen Welch, who is white, is a rape victim and Shirley Greenwood, who is black, is also. Because of their experiences they have started a group called "Women Against Rape" (WAR) to aide rape victims. They have begun an answering service to take calls 24-hours a day. There is definitely a need for the service.

Sixteen rapes have been committed through the month of May, according to police

statistics. It is Mrs. Welch's contention that rape is on the increase. She believes that men commit rape because they have been hurt, frustrated, angry, or lost their jobs. These factors, she said, causes men to commit that violent act.

"Rape is a violent act, not an act of love," she stressed. In a telephone conversation, she said, "You have to experience it to know what it's like."

It is generally felt that rape victims suffer humiliation from the police, the courts, the doctor, friends, and family. In the case of Shirley Greenwood, her family turned away because they were unable to deal with the situation.

"You are alienated from your family and friends

because they don't know what to say to you," Greenwood said.

The two women are concerned for other unsuspecting victims because they have traveled that road. They say a woman does not easily get over such an experience. "Many women call me just to talk about the time they were raped," Greenwood said. "Even though they may have been raped five or six years ago." The way a woman acts after the offense varies, both women informed.

"Some go into shock immediately, some are hysterical and then there's the period of denial that it has not happened to me," Greenwood said. "And if the woman is calm, police are quick to say

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Legislator Says

N. C. Lacks Leadership

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First of a three-part series

"Leadership is the most pressing problem in North Carolina at this time." Those are the words of Richard Erwin, a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Erwin is the first black ever elected to the General Assembly from Forsyth County. He talked about his first year-and-a-half in the Assembly in an interview this week at his law office.

Rep. Erwin said the General Assembly was not very different from what he had anticipated. "When I got there," he said, "I found two separate branches; the House and the Senate, each acting independently."

Erwin said that during his term thus far some good laws



Richard Erwin

have been passed and some bad ones have not passed. He was quick to point out, however, that "a law may be a good one to me and not to others."

He pointed out that the structure of the General Assembly permits members with seniority to have control. "First termers and Republicans are generally committee members and not officers," he added.

The black democrat said, however, that this adds to the

assembly's effectiveness because experience is so important.

The Forsyth County attorney said he had no goals set when he entered the General Assembly. "I only wanted to be a good legislator, and in order to do this one must understand the legislative process," the Howard University graduate stated.

Erwin said that he does have goals now, however, "as you go along and see the problems of the state you set up goals."

The legislator said he has enjoyed his term in the house thus far. "Nothing distasteful has happened and everyone has been very kind," he stated.

Erwin warns that the state is at a crucial point now. "We are at a time where money is tight for public programs, while we have just come out of

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