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Deck the hall...

Arleen Olson and her daughter Lisa help put the final trimmings on the bridge leading to Meadowbrook Hall as workers and volunteers hurry to get the estate ready for the Eleventh Annual Christmas Walk.

A 'special' concept in counseling helps students cope with pressures

By MIKE STEWART
Staff Writer

As students face the social, academic, and economic pressures of college life during the 1980s, there may be some consolation in knowing that help is there if needed.

That help is in the form of a University Community Counseling and Psychological Service located in the Graham Health Center.

The center was formed in 1971 to help emotionally troubled students with problems caused by anything from temporary stress to long-standing chronic illnesses.

"OUR MAIN program, psychotherapy and counseling, is

for students and faculty staff (at OU) that have a problem they would like to discuss," said Doctor

Bela Chopp, associate director at the center. "We see people of the community also; however, students do have first priority. Our first commitment is to the University."

Chopp, who received her Ph.D. in psychology from Yeshiva University in New York, indicated that she is pleased with the program. She also believes that OU's concept is somewhat special.

"It may be difficult to obtain this service elsewhere," she said. "The students can probably get faster and (less costly) service here. We have a rather low fee."

A full time undergraduate student pays only five dollars per visit, and there is no limit to the number of sessions an individual may attend, Chopp said.

"(A person could have) anywhere from one visit to three years (of therapy); it is a very individual matter," she said.

IN ADDITION to the counseling service, the center offers other specialized programs.

One of these is the Vocational-Educational Assessment Program. It is designed to give students educational and career counseling

by the use of interest assessments, ability testing, personality reviewing, and various other (See CENTER, page 5)

PIRGIM promotes Nestle boycott

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OU's chapter of PIRGIM, led by Roberta Kennedy, launched a campaign this month to make the OU campus "Nestle-Free."

The boycott is in accordance with the international boycott of Nestle products, of which PIRGIM and Campus Ministries have been supportive all semester.

The Nestle Corporation has become the target of boycotts because of the marketing and promotional techniques the

company uses in distributing its infant formula in Third World nations.

Carolyn Campion, public affairs director for the Nestle Coordination Center for Nutrition in Washington, D.C., defended the Nestle Corporation, calling the boycott supporters "misdirected."

"TEN MILLION babies a year do die," Campion said. "But it (the infant mortality rate) basically has nothing to do with the baby formula."

But according to Kennedy, Nestle's marketing practices include dressing sales representatives as nurses, thereby implying

that these people have an understanding of the medical and nutritional benefits of bottle feeding.

THESE representatives, often called "milk nurse" or "mothercraft workers," provide new mothers with free samples of the formula, and discourage breast feeding as being less healthy than bottle feeding, according to boycotters. The mothercraft workers "create the impression that breast feeding is not good, and make no effort to see that the mothers understand how to use the formula," Kennedy said.

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Conflicting reports surround 'prank' by OU fraternity

By MIKE STEWART
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Conflicting statements from OU students, fraternity members and Public Safety officials concerning a November 19 fraternity prank have resulted in confusion as to the actual facts of the incident.

The prank, in which students allegedly dressed in army fatigues attempted to paint a rock located outside Hamlin Hall, caused Public Safety officers to detain nine OU students. The detention resulted in one arrest, but no charges were filed by Public Safety officials.

According to various statements, some of the students picked up for their alleged involvement in the rock painting incident were partially dressed in army fatigues, while others carried toy guns. Several of them were members of the Theta Chi fraternity.

SOME OF THE STUDENTS involved said that Public Safety Investigator Mel Gilroy and other witnesses, distorted the facts of that evening's events. Much of the controversy concerns the differing reports of how the students were dressed.

"My understanding of the situation is that of the nine people questioned, only two or three were wearing some sort of fatigues. None were in full dress," said Theta Chi President Kevin Kropp.

"They (the students) felt they had been misrepresented," Gilroy said. "I heard that a 'plural' amount of persons were in fatigues and I took it on that level. I gave information as accurately as I had it and I'll stand behind that information."

Fred Zorn, a Theta Chi member and Area Hall Council president, felt the appearance of the group should not have been made into one of the key issues, he said.

"THERE IS NO CURFEW on this campus, and to my knowledge, there is no rule against wearing army attire," Zorn said. "If there is, then students break this rule each day in classes."

When asked about the presence of toy guns, one of which was actually a starter pistol, most of the fraternity members said that it held no real significance and that it just added another dimension to the hoax.

"The guns and fatigues were used just for the fun of it," Kropp said. "I don't think they were that important. Nobody was hurt, and there was no violence. We weren't (directing) this at anybody."

Zorn said he was also upset by witnesses' reports that he was seen being chased from the scene of the incident by several Kappa Alpha Psi members.

"I didn't come within 100 feet of the rock prior to the apprehension of the students," he said. "Nobody chased me that night and I didn't hide in the bushes (as witnesses have said)."

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STUDENTS WHO WITNESSED the incident, however, still claim that they saw several Kappa members pursue two students—one of them Zorn—into the brush.

One student, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "We saw them dash from the back of Hill (House). There's no doubt it was him."

Kropp said he still feels that the students questioned by Public Safety were innocent. "The people taken in for questioning were illegally apprehended; they weren't doing anything. Of the people that were questioned, not one was painting the rock."

"I feel they (Public Safety) were very wrong," Zorn said, echoing his dissatisfaction with the investigation. "I personally am encouraging (the students) to press charges against them."

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OU student is assaulted in Hamlin

A student was assaulted in Hamlin Hall last Saturday at 2 am, according to Public Safety officials.

Public Safety has three suspects, none of whom are believed to be OU students. No arrests have been made.

The offense could result in charges of assault with intent to do

great bodily harm, an offense that carries a maximum 10-year sentence, according to Public Safety.

The beating occurred as the victim was getting a drink of water from a fountain in the Hamlin Hall corridor. Public Safety officers said they have no clues about the motive.

INSIDE

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•The 1981-82 women's basketball team is dreaming of championships—and those dreams may become reality. See pages 11-14.

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Boycott

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Fund Inc., a Washington consultation firm, and the Nestle Corporation define these milk nurses as workers "who are in the countries with the approval of government health authorities, (and who) have contact with the women only on the orders of a

physician and do not promote products."

Both organizations maintain that the workers' primary function "is nutrition education" and that they "actively promote breast feeding."

However, another complaint boycotters have made is that

Nestle markets its baby formula in areas of the world where sterilization and refrigeration are nearly impossible.

AS A RESULT, mothers begin bottle feeding their children with free samples made with possibly contaminated water, and continue this practice until the children are

fully weaned.

According to a Nestle representative, when deaths occur in these poorer countries, the cause is "inevitably the mother's improper dilution of the formula, the use of polluted water or failure to sterilize bottles."

However, the representative said that "most women who breast feed their infants also simultaneously give them traditional foods mixed with water, or just plain water; the use of infant formula has not increased the risk of infection from waterborne diseases as the same water is present in the traditional infant diet."

Neal Blaher of the Pennsylvania Consumers' Board analyzes the situation this way: "In short, the infant formula industry is challenging its challengers; infant formulas do stand a risk of contamination, but only in a few poorer areas. The result is the existence of a slight chance of illness. The absence of these artificial supplements, however, can mean certain death for the infants of undernourished mothers or mothers who use the more seriously contaminated native food supplements."

AT THE LOCAL level, PIRGIM, Campus Ministries, and the St. John Fisher Chapel have gained support for the boycott from such university organizations as the Association for Black Students, the Graham Health Center, the OU chapter of the National Organization for Women, the Pre-Med Society, the Women's Organization, and University Congress.

While PIRGIM and other support groups will be working to rid the OU community of Nestle products—something which Kennedy said "won't be too difficult if more community groups lend their support"—an International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes has been adopted by the World Health Organization with the supporting vote of every participating nation except the United States.

Community support needed for success of boycott.

The World Health Organization, is urging many countries to incorporate the international code into their national policies. This code will include careful monitoring of individual corporations' marketing practices, and it should halt the use of mothercraft workers, the distribution of free samples, and inadequate labelling of infant formulas, according to supporters of the boycott.

On the OU Campus, PIRGIM has begun a petition-drive. The group also plans to distribute literature to gain support from the student body, according to Kennedy.

THE FIRST PHASE of PIRGIM's effort is to make OU Nestle-free by removing all Nestle products from vending machines, Kennedy said. Then the group will lobby Charlie Brown's and SAGA to remove all Nestle products from their stock.



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Deer crossing

Safe from the dangers of Michigan's hunters, this deer, spotted near east campus, runs freely through the woods on OU's grounds.

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