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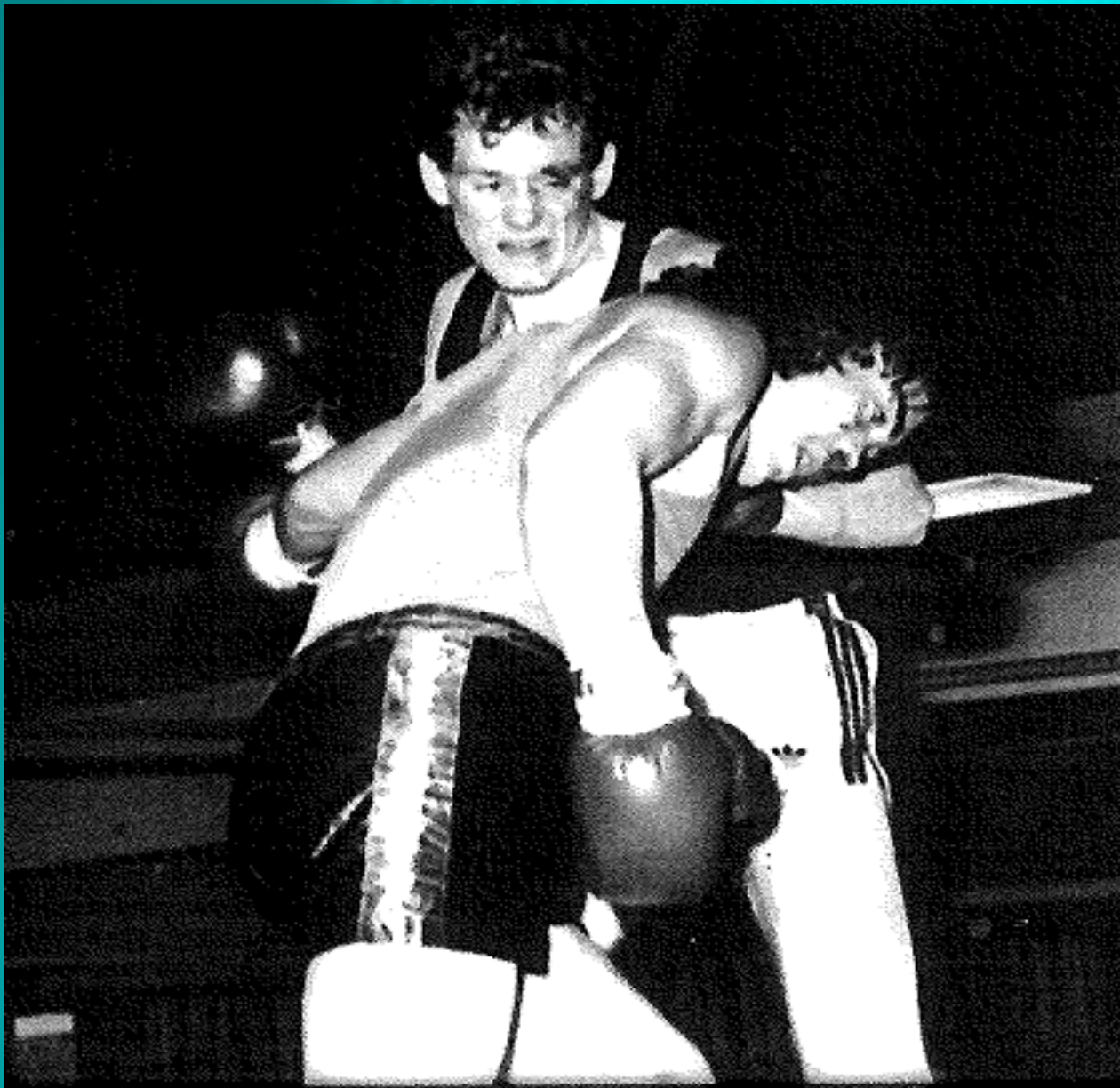
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Mike Lew, M.Ed.

“Victims No Longer” 1988

Belief

“that a logical perspective on male survivor issues is the feminist view of sexual child abuse: seeing it in terms of differential power in a patriarchal system that views children as property



TaskForce for Action on Sexual Violence

- TOAH-NNEST (Te Ohaaki a Hine -National Network Ending Sexual Violence Together)
- Report to Government from Taskforce..... Page 88
- STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE SPECIALIST SERVICES
- Throughout the history of this sector, at least until the 1990's when a small percentage of males became involved in this work.....
- SPECIALIST SUPPORT FOR MALE SURVIVORS
- As the sexual abuse of males began to be acknowledged in the 1990's, the only specialist male survivor support agency MSSAT that has continued until today began in Christchurch.



Mike Lew Invitation

29 October 2009 www.nextstepcounseling.org

- This is an official invitation asking you to participate in the International Plenary Panel at MaleSurvivor Conference in New York City on 19 March 2010
- Your participation in the panel at the previous conference was a contribution to the success of the conference. Your pioneering work with male survivors is a model for the rest of the World
- I hope you will be able to attend.....



MSSA Trust 1997

- Support Group Ian Bennett 1991
- Monthly Meetings
- Charitable Trust 1997
- Funders
- 10th Anniversary 2007, International Guest Speakers



Conferences/Workshops

Male Victims of Sexual Abuse

- 2003 Minneapolis, USA
- 2004 Kettlewell, England
- 2004 Galway, Ireland
- 2005 Vancouver, Canada
- 2006 Urchfont, England
- 2007 Perth, Australia
- 2007 New York City, USA
- 2009 Melbourne, Australia
- 2010 New York City, USA



WHAT DO WE OFFER?

- One on One support
- Peer support group,
- Parents support group
- Referrals to ACC Counselors
- Youth Worker, Prison Worker
- Educational Speaker
- Booklets/Information
- Life Skills/Workshops



Intervention/ Process

- Getting Started, Family of Origin
- Coping Mechanisms, Secrecy, Shame & Guilt
- Alcohol and Drugs
- Telling Your Own Story, Self Esteem
- Relationships & Trust, Boundaries, Anger
- Masculinity & Gender Issues
- Letting Go, Forgiving, Confronting
- Moving on: The Process of Recovery



Dr Werner Tschan

Program Director Zurich University Switzerland

- Guest Speaker MSSAT 10th Anniversary in Christchurch March 2007
- Christchurch is writing history for another time – it was not only the main port of Antarctic discovery but also the first place on earth to introduce the universal suffrage in 1893! It now has become one of the first places on earth where male sexual abuse survivor issues are addressed.



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Dr Werner Tschan

University of Switzerland, Christchurch March 2007

- Adults are role models
- Adults cannot on the one hand wreak havoc upon juveniles and then on the other demand good behavior from them.
- Adults need to provide healthy boundaries, which enable a “secure base” for juveniles.



Dr Werner Tschan

- Sexual abuse was once considered to only take place rarely.
- Leading Psychiatry books around 1975 estimated the incidence of incest to be one in a million.
- In the mean time we know better.



Dr Werner Tschan

- Professionals claim to be dedicated in their work to scientific research – but most of them never question themselves, how general awareness is influenced by what professionals never ask. The history of sexual violence, especially when males are victims serves as an illustrative example for this thesis.
- Despite clear evidence for its existence, sexual violence issues have only began “to appear on the agenda of mental health and child welfare professional since the mid-1970” (Finkelhor David, 1986 p.10).
- Virtually all writings in the area, however, were exclusively on female victimisation.



Dr Werner Tschan

- But still today, psychiatry tends to ignore the influence of sexual violence on the development of psychiatric disorders and on suicide.
- If you look at modern Psychiatric textbooks on the subject of sexual violence, you still wont find much on its impact on personal development, especially not on male victims of sexual abuse.



SAVI Report (2002)

(Sexual Abuse and Violence in Ireland)

- “ A significant proportion of the responsibility for the {unawareness} of male sexual abuse must be placed at the doorstep of professionals” (Mendel MP., 1995 p.3)
- Findings from the SAVI Report indicate, that 42% of women and 28% men in Irish society suffer from sexual abuse.....
- These are evidence based results, unbiased by gender discussions and still existing myths about sexual violence.
- A significant number of males suffer from sexual violence – its time to talk about the issue.



DSAC (1997)

- 62% of males in psychiatric care were sexually abused as children
- Only 4% had disclosed before the research



Prison Inmates

- Another Australian study of 27 correctional centres in NSW found that 65 per cent of male and female prisoners were victims of child sexual and physical assault. (Senate Committee Report, Australia 2004 p.168).



Prison Statistics

- The SAVI Report cites findings from informal research conducted with prison and probation officers working with male offenders (non-sexual offences) which suggests that up to 60% of prisoners have experienced sexual violence or sexual abuse at some point in their lives.



MaleSurvivor Newsletter, USA

February 2009

“It is estimated that on any given day there are over 100,000 people on probation in the province of Ontario.

It is also estimated that up to 80% of these folk may have been sexually abused....most of whom are male.

We also know that 59% of people in prison are sexual abuse survivors. Sadly probation officers are not trained in sexual abuse recovery issues.

Tom Wilken, (Counselor), Probation Officer



MaleSurvivor, USA

- The spark that got our group program running was a desperate call.....from a man who could find no professional government funded resource to help him deal with his childhood trauma.
- In Toronto, we have the “Blue Book” a listing of social service resources that is the size of a medium sized city’s phone book.
- In all those many pages there was half a page listing resources for men who were alcoholics or abusing their wives. Jim Hall (Therapist)



Professional Training (DSAC 1997)

- Training should be provided for staff in:
- Mental health settings
- Sexual health clinics
- Drug and alcohol services
- Department of Corrections

Concerning the identification and treatment of male sexual abuse



All Medical Personnel (DSAC 1997)

Including those in psychiatric inpatient units, should routinely and sensitively ask about people's sexual abuse history.



Schools (DSAC 1997)

- There is a clear need for schools
- to educate children – especially boys
- to be emotionally literate
- i.e. to be able to identify and communicate their feelings
- (including anger and sexuality)
- **in a clear, non-threatening way**



90% of male children (DSAC 1997)

who attempt suicide by the age of 14 have a
history of

Sexual Abuse



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There are grossly inadequate resources for the: (DSAC 1997)

- Prevention
- Identification
- Treatment
- Of sexual abuse in general and
- sexual abuse-
- of males in particular



Directly challenge (DSAC 1997)

- Rigid gender role training and homophobia
- So as to reduce male sex offending and make it easier for abused males to acknowledge what has happened to them



Senate Committee Report



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Children in Care

- “ many who suffered in institutions could not cope with life in the “real” world and have life long alcohol and drug problems or ended in the Mental Health or Prison system” (Senate Committee Report, 2004; p.146).
- It is stated in evidence that one in five adult prisoners and one in three juvenile prisoners have been in care (Senate Committee Report, 2004).



- A study of risk factors for the juvenile justice system found that 91% of the juveniles who had been subject to a care and protection order, as well as supervised justice orders, had progressed to the adult corrections system with 67% having served at least one term of imprisonment (Senate Committee Report, 2004).



- “after that it was institutions right through my life, including three jail sentences before I had even reached 21.... Even being in Pentridge at the age of 17 was bad, but no where as bad as Bayswater” (Senate Committee Report, 2004; Sub 148).
- “I have now tried to come to terms with my life but still have trouble doing so. I constantly end up having instances where I suffer from flashbacks....I just cant get any real treatment in Prison” (Senate Committee Report, 2004; Sub 105).



- “The Committee was repeatedly told that for many care leavers an acknowledgement of past wrongs would facilitate a degree of emotional and psychological healing and confirm that their experiences in care are at last ‘believed’ and recognised” (Senate Committee Report, 2004; p. 171).



Hon Paula Bennett MP

- I am not sure how an inquiry into institutional care of children in New Zealand's past might help those who have been past victims.
- (16 March 2009)



Case Study

- SID “I found I was struggling with my past and turned to alcohol and drugs to numb the pain. Got into a lot of trouble and in and out of Prison. I finally got the courage to talk about the sexual abuse I suffered as a kid and no one wanted to talk about it. I felt isolated again they said once I had finished I could look at it. It was following me around like a lead weight a nightmare’ I needed to look at it NOW.



SID

- Counseling would have been good
- Couldn't talk about it in the group situation very frightened and anxious.
- I'm not sure if they understood me I felt like I was getting told off when I wanted to get support.



Former boxer discharged; prosecution costs 9/12/1981

Two charges against a former Canterbury amateur boxing champion of assaulting police constables who had been called to an incident at the Doodles nightclub were found to be proved, after a defended hearing in the District Court yesterday.

However, Judge Frampton discharged the defendant, Kenneth Charles Clearwater, aged 28, a butcher, without conviction on both charges, upon payment of \$75 on each towards the costs of prosecution.

This course was taken after counsel (Mr R. J. Murfitt) had submitted that the defendant, who had retired from boxing after being a Canterbury champion, still held a trainer's licence and this would be in jeopardy if convictions were entered.

The Judge said the defendant had no previous convictions and, bearing in mind his successful boxing career, had obviously confined his skills in this sport to the ring.

The case was one meriting a discharge without conviction.

The defendant had denied

charges of assaulting Constables R. J. Byrne and S. W. Willcox on October 25.

Sergeant W. J. McCormick prosecuted.

Prosecution evidence was that police were called to the nightclub because of difficulty in making some patron leave.

The defendant saw Constable Byrne escorting a friend of his, Paul Jones, and asked what he was doing and where he was taking the friend, but was told not to interfere or he would run the risk of being arrested for obstruction. Jones then broke free.

Evidence was that in the confusion which followed the defendant punched Constable Willcox. Constable Willcox used his baton, jabbing the defendant in the chest.

Another confrontation occurred in the street when Jones was placed in a police car, and the defendant tried to approach. He pushed past Constable Byrne and was warned to keep away but refused and hit the constable in the face.

The defendant in evidence said he considered excessive force was being used to

remove Jones, considering his state of sobriety. He was told to mind his own business when he remonstrated about this.

He said he was then hit by Constable Willcox with a baton, and asked him to stop, but when the constable did not, he struck the constable in self-defence.

The defendant said he became concerned when he saw Jones lying in a gutter outside covered in blood after the police handling, and told the constables there was no need to treat him in this way.

The defendant said he was then grabbed by Constable Byrne and thrown across the police car bonnet and assaulted. He claimed that during this incident a constable stood on his throat.

The Judge held the constables' evidence to be factual, and the proved.

Mr Murfitt said in seeking the discharges without conviction that the defendant was not the architect of the incident, which had escalated from the sudden escape by Jones and his cannonballing into the others in the nightclub.



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Meat dispute after punch

STAR 16.8.86

By Nigel Boyle

Meatworkers at Ashley Meat Processors Ltd in Stockburn were suspended yesterday after a union delegate punched a greengrocer on Tuesday.

Nearly 300 members of the Meatworkers' Union here voted at lunchtime yesterday to go on strike to protest the dismissal of the delegate, Mr Ken Clearwater, a former Canterbury boxing champion.

The company then issued suspension notices on the meatworkers because the union did not act under the terms of an agreed disputes procedure.

According to the notice the suspensions are effective "as work runs out" and no further work will be offered until the company is assured that in further disputes the procedure will be followed.

The works manager, Mr Ian Cundall, would not comment today, saying it was an internal dispute. Union officials were not able to be contacted.

Mr Clearwater, the beef-planting delegate at Ashley Meat Processors and Canterbury's light welterweight boxing champion in 1980, said the trouble began on Monday.

A dispute occurred over the number of prime beef bodies to be boned and an argument flared between Mr Clearwater and the boningroom foreman, Mr Frank Paviell next day.

Mr Clearwater said he was fired on Tuesday after

the incident for a violation of company rules and without an opportunity to tell his side.

Mr Paviell would not comment on the incident today.

A shed meeting at the works yesterday voted to

go out in support of Mr Clearwater on a show of hands with only a handful of dissenters.

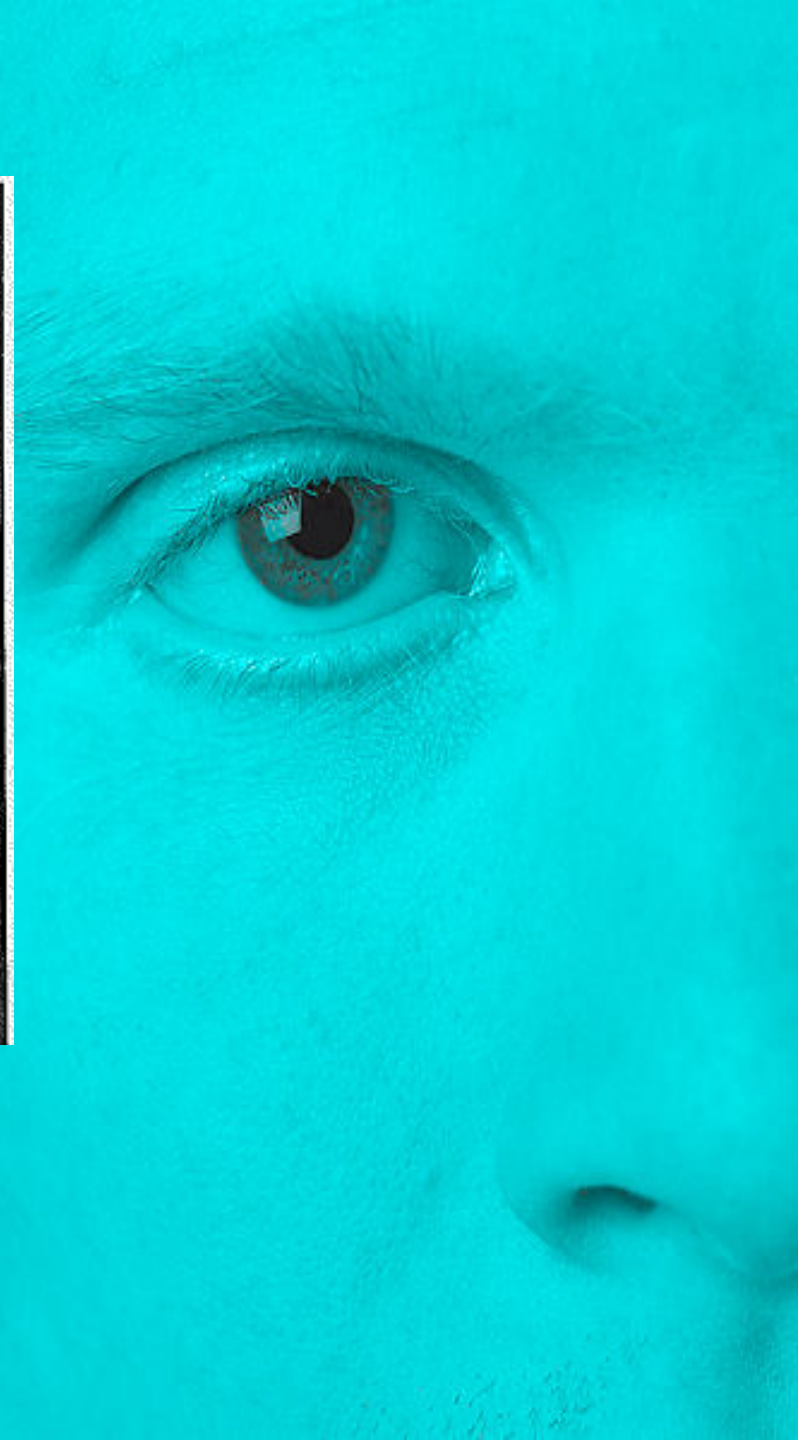
The works manager, Mr Ian Cundall, later contacted "The Star" to say normal

disputes procedure had been invoked.



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The Press (30th July 1965 pp8)

BORSTAL TRAINING

Alan William Davey, aged 18, a hospital orderly (Mr M. J. Glue), appeared for sentence on two charges of indecent assault on a boy aged 12 years. He was sentenced to Borstal training.

