

PERSONAL BILL OF RIGHTS FOR WOMEN WHO DO TOO MUCH

1. I have the right to be treated with respect.
2. I have the right to not take responsibility for anyone else's problems or bad behaviour.
3. I have the right to get angry.
4. I have the right to say no.
5. I have the right to make mistakes
6. I have the right to protest unfair treatment.
7. I have the right to eat as much as I want and to not feel guilty about it.
8. I have the right to decide on a different course of action, or to change my mind in the middle of a course of action.
9. I have the right to work on any cause I want, and to not be consistent if I don't want to be.
10. I have the right to ask for emotional support or help, or to keep it all inside until I explode.
11. I have the right to hate you because you have a penis.
12. I have the right to look like shit or to look fabulous, and to not have you comment on either.
13. I have the right to have wild mood swings, even when I'm not pre-menstrual.
14. I have the right to procrastinate, to whine, and to whine about procrastinating.
15. I have the right to not be called a girl/chick/slut/bitch/whore
16. I have the right to be a dictator, because I am right, and everyone else is wrong.
17. I have the right to be sexually frustrated, and to compensate for it by being a workaholic and taking it all out on the people around me.
18. I have the right to be sarcastic.
19. I have the right to criticize others, but to be over-sensitive when others criticize me.
20. I have the right to be me.



Threshold of power

by Lara Morris

Finally! The long awaited, greatly anticipated Dalhousie Women's Centre is opening its doors Monday March 8 -- just in time for International Women's Day.

"Everyone is welcome and we're hoping lots of people come to the opening," said Tryna Booth, Centre organizer. "We want people to see what the Centre has to offer, especially all the upcoming events", she said.

The official opening will take place Monday, March 8 from 4:00 pm until 6:30 pm with special guests including the President's Advisor on Women, Barbara Harris. The Centre is located at 6143 South St., next door to Dal Security between Seymour St. and LeMarchant St.

In preparation for opening, the centre will be holding a founding General Meeting for the Dalhousie Women's Centre Society on Friday, March 5 at 4:00 pm at the Centre. "We have to elect members to the Management Collective, ratify our constitution and approve our events schedule for March", said Booth.

The Centre is managed by a management Collective consisting of 13 women selected on an annual basis. The Collective consists of a Facilitator elected at large and five other at large positions open to women who are faculty, staff or students at Dalhousie. The remaining seven positions are filled by various groups on campus including the Dalhousie Women's Faculty Organization, Dalhousie Staff Association, and Dalhousie Student Union.

"Positions on the Management Collective last for one year, from May 1 to April 30. Members elected Friday will take office immediately," said

THE DALHOUSIE WOMEN'S CENTRE WILL BE OPENING ITS DOORS ON MONDAY, MARCH 8. WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE DONATED:

KITCHEN TABLE & CHAIRS	DESK
COFFEEMAKER	FILING CABINET
KETTLE	GARBAGE CANS
MUGS	RADIO/TAPEPLAYER
COUCH OR CHAIRS	POWER BARS
STACKABLE CHAIRS	OFFICE SUPPLIES
SHELVES	CLEANING SUPPLIES
LAMPS	COMPUTER
TELEVISION	FIRST AID KIT
V.C.R.	FLASHLIGHT

IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU THINK MAY BE OF USE TO THE CENTRE, PLEASE CALL CHLOE YOUNGER AT 494-8891 OR 829-2452.

Booth. More information is available by calling Candida at 494-1281.

The Centre is also looking for women volunteers. "We're planning to hire a part time staff member, but for now the Centre is run only by volunteers. The more volunteers we have, the more hours we can keep the Centre open," said Booth. "Even if you only have a couple of hours a week, we could still use the help," she said.

There will be an information meeting for volunteers Friday, March 12 at 3:00 pm at the Centre. Training will be provided for all new volunteers. For more information call 429-1897.

Booth feels the Centre will offer something for everyone. "We have a

resource library and hope to offer a referral service. There's also a Women's Lounge, meeting space and a kitchen. People are welcome just to stop by to have a coffee and chat," said Booth. Proposed events in March include a Women's Trivia Night, various films, and a cultural sensitivity workshop.

"People interested in visiting the Centre are encouraged to drop by. A schedule of events for March will be available at the Centre or check the Gazette," said Booth. Centre hours will be posted outside the Centre once they are set by the Management Collective.

In union is strength

by Kelly Morrissey

Education Workers Organizing Committee (EWOC) has been designed with the assistance of the Canadian Union of Educational Workers to address the concerns of teachers assistants, sessional lecturers, grade markers, and undergraduates. By establishing a union among the teaching assistants and sessional lecturers the university is forced to recognize this group, which many say has been largely ignored in previous years.

Essentially, the goals of the organization include job security, health and safety, sexual harassment protection, hiring practices, effective grievance mechanisms, wages and benefits. However, EWOC clearly states the focus of its organization is not demands for higher wages, but rather the idea of TAs and sessional lecturers being paid adequately for their services. Each individual department is presently responsible for



separate payments to its TAs and sessional lecturers, creating a highly decentralized process which EWOC seeks to eliminate.

Bernie Lopko, an organizer with the Canadian Union of Educational Workers says, "hiring an ambassador doesn't seem like a very wise allocation of resources in tough fiscal times", and further suggests the university should concentrate its finances more upon necessities.

EWOC has received considerable support from such organizations as

the Dalhousie Student Union, Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students, Dalhousie Faculty Association, and the Dalhousie Staff Association. This is an encouraging sign for the organization whose membership currently exceeds 500 people.

The administration has commented very little on this issue, only mentioning that cuts to teaching assistants and sessional lecturers could

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