

Dalhousie reflects

by Lisa Lachance

"Chocolate! I think all our events should have chocolate at them," voiced one meeting attendant.

November means different things for students at Dal. For the campus' women's groups, November means Week of Reflection. This annual week looks at issues surrounding violence against women. It began as a response to December 6, 1989 when fourteen women were killed at l'Ecole Polytechnique. Although the above demand for chocolate will probably not be met, other plans for this year's week are well under way.

In the past the week has included workshops, panel discussions, movies, discussion groups, coffeehouses and other events. An important part of the week has always been a vigil that is aimed not just at remembering the women of l'Ecole Polytechnique, but other women who continue to suffer and survive situations of violence.

This year the Week is from November 21 -25 and many of the above outlined events are in the works. Groups who have been working together this year include the Dalhousie Women's Centre, the Dalhousie Women's Collective, Dalhousie Women and the Law, the King's Women's Action Coalition, and other people not normally affiliated with these groups.

One of the first questions many people ask is why a week in November and not one coinciding with December 6? Just take a look at anyone's dayplanner and the main

answer should be fairly evident — Dec. 6 occurs during the last week of classes for undergraduates and the exam week for many professional programs. The third week in November was a time set by the Canadian Federation of Students that has been adopted by most universities and colleges across the country.

There have been some controversial issues concerning the purpose of the Week, including whether this is a week to honour women or to dishonour men. In the past, most events have been open to both genders, but there is usually some space reserved for women-only reflection and remembering.

Another aspect of the Week of Reflection that organizers try to address each year is diversity. Some people think that our society continues to remember l'Ecole Polytechnique because it was fourteen middle-class white women who were killed. They question whether we would still be remembering if it was fourteen women of colour or poor women or lesbians. This year, like others, the organizers are trying to provide discussion around this idea, as well as other issues of diversity.

If you have any concerns you do not even have to volunteer time. Just call and give your earful to myself (Lisa Lachance) at the Dalhousie Women's Centre.

The November 17 issue of the Gazette will include a Week of Reflection supplement. A full calendar of events will also be available at that time.

Dal Profiles

Names: (l to r) Melissa Baroski, Joanne Newton, Jenny Osburn

Ages:

Mel- 19 soon

Jo- Legal in Québec

Jen- 19 in 409 days

All-time favourite song:

Mel- "Violet" by Hole

Jo- "I am the Cancer" by Sloan

Jen- "Ding-Dong, the Witch is Dead" from the Wizard of Oz

All-time favourite TV show:

All- Cheers

All-time favourite movie:

Mel- "Point of No Return"

Jo- "Lethal Weapon"

Jen- "The Wizard of Oz"

Favourite cartoon character:

Mel- Ren (of "Ren and Stimpy")

Jo- Smurfette

Jen- The mom in "Muppet Babies"

Favourite food:

Mel- Potatoes

Jo- Cheeseburgers

Jen- Those Marriot grilled peanut butter and banana sandwiches

Favourite smell:

Mel- Sandalwood

Jo- Definitely the rotting leaves in the photo

Jen- Basement smells

Favourite Crayola colour:

All- flesh tone

What makes you happy?

Mel- Sex

Jo- Brown eyes

Jen- Clean sheets

What is your greatest fear?

Mel- Going to hell

Jo- I'm scared of everything

Jen- Joanne

Do you have any bad habits?

Mel- I'm a lazy bum

Jo- I forget to wash my clothes

Jen- I chew my toenails

What was the worst gift you ever received?

Mel- An apron

Jo- Seagull pewter - get it away!

Jen- A jogging suit



What did you do with it?

Mel- My parents might be reading this - they gave it to me

Jo- Well, I put it on the light-switch; it was a light-switch cover

Jen- It's under my bed

Favourite word:

Mel- Concubine

Jo- Free

Jen- Impedimentia

What is the best thing about being profiled?

Mel- No comment

Jo- Tim telling me I'm perfect

Jen- Tim feeding us

What is your favourite Jenny fantasy?

Mel- She cleans the room

Jo- She gives me her overalls

Jen- I straighten up my act and get straight As

by Tim Richard

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