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If it were between countries, we'd call it war. If it were a disease, we'd call it an epidemic. If it were an oil spill, we'd call it a disaster. But it's happening to women, and it's just an everyday affair. It is violence against women. It is rape at home and on dates. It is the beating or the blow that one out of four Canadian women receive in their lifetime. It is sexual harassment at work and sexual abuse of the young. It is murder.

...excerpt from The White Ribbon Campaign statement

Whether words, blows, or bullets, violence kills. This December 6th women and men throughout the York community will be mourning the Montreal massacre. Although this anniversary has become a momentous symbol for us all, we must remember that the murder of these 14 women is not an isolated incident.

DEC. 6th

We ask all **men** at York to wear a **white** ribbon or armband from now until **December 6th**. The white band acts as a symbolic truce to the war against their sisters.

Women are asked to wear **black** ribbons or armbands to mourn the 14 women killed on **Dec. 6, 1989** at L'école polytechnique de Montréal and all women who have been victims of men's violence against women.

Both kinds of ribbons will be available Thursday and Friday from the YFS office.

A message from the
 YORK FEDERATION OF STUDENTS
 and the
 GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION.

Sixty-two per cent of all women murdered in Canada have died as a result of male violence in the home. Ninety per cent of women with disabilities have been sexually assaulted. Violence against women is endemic in the power structures and power relations of our society. It is manifest in issues of race, class, sexual orientation, ability and age. The university is by no means immune to these forms of systemic discrimination against women. This discrimination is an all-too-easily accepted reality, and it must end.

**STOP THE VIOLENCE
 AGAINST
 WOMEN**