

# Women reclaim the night

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Halifax's third Reclaim the Night March will be held on Friday, October 23 at 8:30, starting from A Woman's Place, 1225

Barrington Street.

The march is for women only and it has two major goals. It will protest all forms of violence against women including rape,

sexual harassment in the workplace and on the street, battering, such institutionalized forms of violence as pornography and sexism in the social service sys-

tems, in the workplace and in education. The ritual of reclaiming the night will symbolize freedom in the city anytime and anywhere for women.

As the reported incidence of rape is up, many rapes go unreported. In the south end of Halifax many incidences of rape are not reported by the media because of the property value of the location. Halifax Police Chief Fry even admitted to **Atlantic Insight** that the rape statistics were not released because they would lower property values.

Marital rape and incest are hard to document and an abused prostitute has no recourse. The people of Halifax should be kept aware of these statistics.

Rape is currently the most distinct form of violence against women but it is not the only one. Shelters for battered women, such as Bryony House, have long waiting lists. All

women must raise ponderous psychological barriers not to be affected by the persistent bombardment of sexual harassment on the streets, in the media and at the workplace.

In Canada, one woman in every ten who is married or in a long-term relationship with a man is battered. 68 per cent of Nova Scotia women have no access to a transition house. One woman in every five is sexually abused by a relative before she is 16, and the majority of inmates in Canada's women prisons have a family history of incest.

More than 90 per cent of working women are harassed on the job. For some women, entertainers and waitresses, harassment is a regular condition of employment.

Such violence against women must stop. The Social Action Committee of A Woman's Place urge all women to participate in the Women Reclaim the Night March.



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## Concordia Cutback on cutbacks posters

MONTREAL (CUP) An order from the Concordia University administration to remove posters from the lobby and mezzanine of the main building has been called an infringement on student rights to communicate.

The posters were part of the Concordia University Students' Association (CUSA) orientation campaign to inform students about university cutbacks, and upcoming orientation week events.

"I think it was an act of open harassment against the student society," said Glen Murray, CUSA co-president.

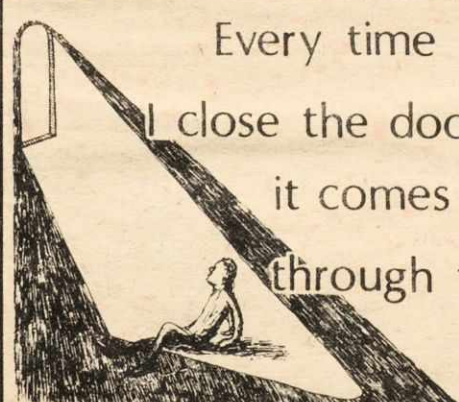
"These posters were taken down without even the courtesy of a phone call," said Murray. "A simple phone call to us (CUSA) saying to take them down, and we would have taken them down," he said.

CUSA had received authorization from Andre Laprade, assistant vice-rector audit and relations to put the posters up in the lobby and mezzanine area for five days, in accordance with Concordia's poster policy.

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