

'Women unite, take back the night'

Toronto women march in dark to protest recent violence

Barb Taylor

Hundred's of women participated in a Take Back the Night march through downtown Toronto last week. As the march wound through dark city streets and High Park, the women chanted, "women unite, take

back the night and get the creeps off the streets."

Joanne Hurley, a York student who participated in the demonstration, said, "It's important for women to get out and march because they can achieve a feeling of

solidarity and with that they can work together in forums such as Rape crisis centres and the York Women's Centers. Women have to work very hard at killing the myths that surround rape. It is an act of violence and it can happen to any women regardless of age, the way she is dressed, her income or the time of the year."

The march, the second in months, was organized in response to the

increasing number of violent assaults against women in Toronto. Judith Santos, CYSF Women's Commissioner said, "the problem of women walking at night and getting attacked is not an isolated problem--it happens downtown, it happens at York."

Santos sees the need for similar action at York "because we have a lot of security problems thus there have been people breaking into residence

and assaulting women. There is not enough lighting on campus and there are not enough security guards."

Santos and Louise Mahood of the York Womens Center are working together to "organize a series of programmes relating to the position of women as victims from many aspects eg. security, violence, pornography, jobs, equal pay and the list goes on."

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- September 29:** "Rape"
12:00 Film "Why Men Rape"
A discussion on Bill C53 by Judy Fudge,
Osgoode Women's Caucus
- 1:00 "Defendo" Karate demonstration by Harry J.M.
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- September 30** "Pornography"
5:00 Film (free)
Curtis Lecture Hall I
Following the film a discussion on "Not a Love
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