

March gives women courage for one night, awareness for many

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"Watch out for the rapists!" she said. I laughed. It was 9:30 on a Sunday evening, time to head home from the library. A few people passed me as I walked towards Robie Street.

"How would I feel if someone attacked me?" I wondered. "Scared, but I could handle it."

I walked close to the street, on the side with the most houses. As I approached Inglis Street and turned left past Saint Mary's University, a car turned on its headlights, silhouetting my body against Saint Francis School. I edged closer to the street, glad that a few cars were driving by.

Then I noticed the car inching past the Science Building at SMU. It stopped and seemed to wait as I crossed the driveway to continue along the sidewalk towards Tower Road.

I slipped my bag off my shoulder, looked back and saw the car creeping up the driveway towards Inglis Street.

"It's probably nothing, he'll turn the other way," I thought. But the car came in my direction, drove past slowly and turned into the parking lot at the corner of Inglis Street and Tower Road.

As I hesitated, wondering if I should take my usual shortcut through the lot, the car turned around and approached the street again. I stopped.

"Which way should I go?" My stomach churned with apprehension. The car had also stopped, waiting for me to pass along the sidewalk in front of it.

I cut into the middle of Inglis Street and walked up the centre line past the car.

"You fucking bitch..." was all I heard.

The car followed me onto the street and I quickly moved back to the sidewalk. To my relief he turned left at the next corner and I broke into a run.

The rest of the way home I kept to the middle of the road, forcing cars to go around me, fearing all the time that the next car to approach would be his.



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The evening before 135 women marched together, trying to reclaim the streets of Halifax from the creeps who frighten many women into staying home after sunset.

The march was sponsored by a group called Women

Against Violence Against Women, formed from a conjunction of women's organizations including the Social Action Committee of A Woman's Place. They had previously written a pamphlet on violence against women which was distributed to 1,000 Halifax homes.

The march was organized to protest violence against women, to help women overcome the fears of walking alone at night and to show a spirit of togetherness. Organizers said they were pleased with the response.

Lynn Murphy, formerly of Rape Relief, said there was a similar march in 1978 and only 65 women participated.

"We tried to promote awareness of the march this time," she said. "We marched in both Natal Day parades and distributed pamphlets around the city. It seems to have worked."

marchers carried whistles. According to organizers a government policy paper suggested that women arm themselves and their daughters with whistles for self-defense.

The marchers were a diverse group, young and old, students and workers. Wendy Long, a student at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, said, "I'm marching because I'm sick of violence against women. I'm sick of feeling guilty when I'm out late and something happens. It's good for people to get involved in the march and feel strong together."

Bystanders commented on how well organized the march was and on the fact that the group obeyed road signs. "They were even quiet when they walked by the hospital," said one man. Another shouted "Right on!" and several wondered what such a

Student accuses prof

TORONTO (CUP)—In a possibly precedent setting case, a former Carleton University student may sue a professor for plagiarism.

Bobby Sui, a former graduate student at Carleton, has accused a professor of publishing material that he had prepared for a conference while employed as a research assistant by that professor.

Sui took a reading course in Canadian management ideologies at Carleton with a professor visiting from Concordia. The professor grew interested in Sui's work and hired him as a research assistant so they might jointly continue the work.

They jointly prepared a brief for a conference. Sui then left Canada for a year. When he returned, he found that an article allegedly bearing marked similarities to the brief had been published naming the professor as sole author and giving him one footnote as credit to his research.

The Ontario Graduate Association (OGA), a group within the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS), is supporting Sui's case and pursuing the legalities on his behalf.

Gord Howe, OFS executive officer, said the article was a rewrite of an editorial nature since all data and conclusions

were the same. Whole paragraphs had been lifted from the brief, according to Howe.

Howe said Sui approached the Canadian Association of Sociologists and Anthropologists and filed a complaint. He also contacted the Professional Ethics Committee (PEC) which, after reviewing the evidence, found the case to be in Sui's favour.

The professor took this decision to the executive of the association and appealed it. The case was reopened and he was exonerated on procedural and technical grounds. Howe added that the technical grounds were that no stated contract existed that Sui and the professor would co-write a paper for publication.

Howe said the PEC hearings lasted two years, during which time the professor published a book containing marked similarities to the brief. Sui then approached the OGA.

Karen Dubinsky, OFS chairperson, said that organization recently sent out letters to universities and colleges asking for \$50 from each student council to cover legal fees for Sui's case and other cases in which OGS is involved.

Howe said Sui's case could make a big difference to students because plagiarism by professors is not as infrequent as one would think.

A lawyer will determine shortly if there are grounds to take the case to court, says Howe. He added the informal opinion is that there is a fair possibility to build a good case.

Smith lecture cancelled

MONTREAL (CUP)

—Ian Smith, former Rhodesian Prime Minister, will not be speaking at McGill University as planned earlier.

The McGill debating union has decided not to sponsor Smith for financial reasons, although members of the club acknowledge the "furor" which erupted on campus over Smith's visit.

"The decision was based on financial merits", said Marcel Mongeon, president of the debating union, "due to the non-appearance of co-sponsor funds caused by the debate on the issue."

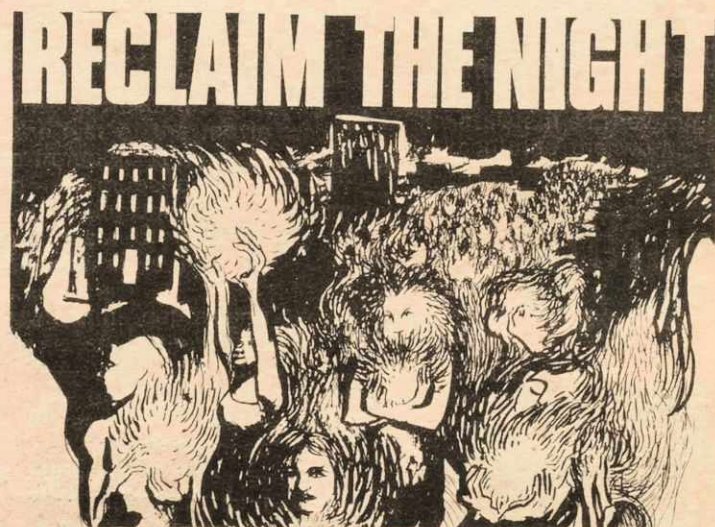
The McGill Student Society had condemned the invitation and the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society had

refused to contribute any money towards it. A petition was circulated on campus to condemn the use of student funds to pay for Smith.

Barbara Jenkins, president of the South Africa Committee, said she was happy to hear about the decision but wished it had not been made solely on a financial basis.

"I'm very relieved that this issue has been resolved because it takes away from the main issue of our committee which is divestment," she said. "I think it is a wise decision not to have a speaker such as Ian Smith at McGill University. . . I only wish they would have made the decision for different reasons".

Smith would have been paid \$6,000 for his appearance.



The women followed a planned route around downtown Halifax, carrying signs and flashlights, shouting chants and blowing whistles.

"Yes means yes! No means no!"

However we dress! Wherever we go!

"No more quiet screams!"

"Freedom from fear!"

To emphasize how ineffectual the government has been in preventing rape and violence against women, the

march would prove.

The women involved in the march said it gave them strength and courage. "Even if the violence doesn't stop, we've made our position clear to a few more people," said one marcher, "and it gives us all a good feeling too."

All women who are interested in discussing future strategies about violence against women are urged to meet at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5 at A Woman's Place.