

Remembering the Montréal Massacre



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Money in safe stolen from SUB

BY JEN HORSEY

A large quantity of money was stolen early Wednesday morning from a storage area near the lobby of the Dalhousie Student Union Building (SUB).

Halifax Police Sergeant Spicer said that a "large quantity of money in a safe" was reported stolen.

There were marks found on the door frame of the storage area. "Someone pried their way into the door," said Dalhousie's Chief of Security, Sandy MacDonald.

Halifax Police were informed that the money belonged to Robin's Donuts.

It is estimated that the crime occurred after the building was

closed at midnight, and sometime before the cleaning staff arrived at 5:00 Wednesday morning. The incident was reported to Dalhousie Security at 7:09 a.m. by a Beaver Foods employee. By 7:30, Halifax Police had been called in to investigate a theft.

The investigation is currently in the hands of Halifax Police. Beaver Foods is mystified as to how the theft occurred.

"I don't know how they got in the building or how they got it [the safe] out of the building," said Jan Morel, Beaver Foods' Food Service Director.

Morel would not say how much was stolen, however she did confirm that the safe contained money.

"It stored basically a change float," she said.

Unconfirmed sources claim that it was two bank deposits and the day's float totalling approximately \$6,000 contained within the safe.

"We're really, really disappointed about the whole thing," said Morel.

Beaver Foods runs Robin's Donuts, Pizza Hut, the Union Market, and offers catering services.

Sherry, who works at Robin's Donuts was angry that such a thing would happen.

"My staff works hard for this money. We're all really upset about this," she said.

The SUB was occupied on Tuesday night by at least one SUB

employee who was working in the building and the all-night programmer who was on-air at CKDU.

David Cox, President of the Dalhousie Student Union was informed of the incident late Wednesday.

"The money belonged to Beaver Foods," said Cox. "It has nothing to do with us other than security in the building."

The Student Union employs night managers who make sure that the SUB is empty and secure the building before they leave at night.

Cox says that a major problem with security in the SUB is the fact that so many people have keys to

the building, or access to those keys.

"There have been problems in the past. Some societies have complained about thefts during the summer...even in our own offices there have been problems," said Cox.

"Everyone has to be aware that if they have keys, they have to be careful," said Cox, and he noted that the Dalhousie Student Union will be taking steps to remind people to be responsible with their keys.

Beaver Foods is urging anyone who has any information about the crime to contact Dal Security, at 494-6400, Crime Stoppers at 422-8477, or Halifax Police. Halifax Police refer to this incident as case number 95-29022.

Dal students hold memorial ceremony

Six years after the Montréal Massacre, the violence continues

BY TIM COVERT

In remembrance of the fourteen women killed by a lone gunman on Dec. 6, 1989 in Montréal, a touching memorial ceremony was held in the Green Room at noon on Wednesday.

The names of the women were read off, and each name was accompanied by a description of the young life snuffed out in its prime.

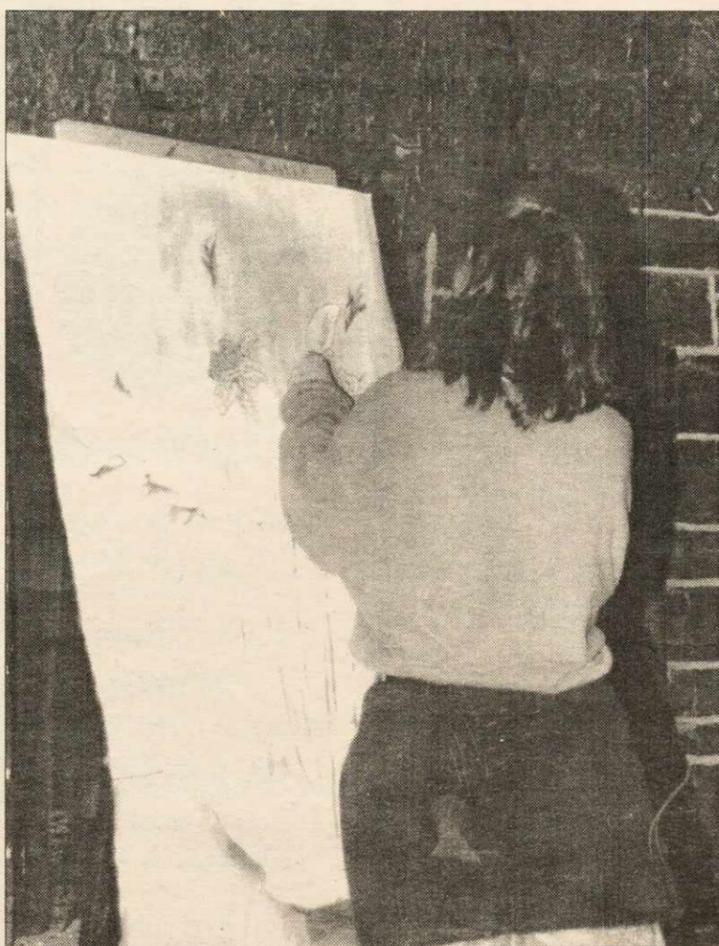
A member of the audience placed a paper flower on an empty bouquet as each woman's name was read. As the fourteenth flower was placed, the image of the full, blossoming lives cut off in their prime was very powerful.

One of the fourteen was to graduate the next day. Another was involved in a youth shelter, still another was newly married. One had just made the varsity ski team three days earlier and was looking forward to a great season.

"What moves me the most," commented Tania Trepanier, "is remembering that they could have been me. Young women who had dreams, and wishes, and aspirations."

One of the organizers of the memorial, Kristine Anderson, fought back her emotions as she reminded the assembled crowd that violence against women is not limited to gross acts of violence like the Montréal massacre.

"I was thinking about the event. But I was also looking



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A woman attaches a paper flower to an empty bouquet.

around at the faces around me, at women I know, who I know have faced situations themselves. It became so personal," said

Anderson later, when asked about what had suddenly overcome her.

Trepanier reiterated the same thoughts.

"The massacre goes hand in hand with the violence going on in our houses. We don't just have to take care of the madmen, we have to talk to our brothers, our uncles, our fathers, our boyfriends. Both men and women have to realize this."

"[Violence against women] is so all-pervasive, happening at so many levels. A lot of people know about the massacre, it's so huge and so shocking. But women are experiencing violence in their houses everyday. People should be made aware of this," she said.

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Six members of "The Women Next Door" — a thirteen member political activist group from Halifax — performed two songs a cappella: "Montreal Dec. 9" by Australian Judy Small, and "Women All Around The World" by Truro's Quita Gray. The all-women singers are political activists who use song as their medium of expression.

"Montreal Dec. 9," a song writ-

ten from a news report on the day of the memorial service, was especially effective as the women sang, "Why does gunman sound so familiar, when gunman does not ring true?/What is it about men that makes them do the things they do?"

The overwhelming majority of the people in the Green Room on Wednesday were women. Anderson was asked if she thought this represented a lack of interest on the part of the men on campus.

"I don't think men are saying, 'I'm not going to that Dec. 6th thing!' I think they're afraid they'll be unwelcome, that they'll be made to feel uncomfortable," she said. "I don't think guilt is the response we should be soliciting [from them]."

Anderson said that what men have to do is to take ownership of the problem and not turn a blind eye to what's happening around them.