



CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

"As a woman I have no country, as a woman my country is the whole world" (Virginia Woolf)

Thursday, March 5

-Women's Studies Lunchtime Film Series: *No Time to Stop, Immigrant Women, and Adam's World*. 12:00-1:30 p.m., Multidisciplinary Centre, 1444 Seymour St.

-Women's Coffeehouse, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Green Room, S.U.B.

Friday, March 6

-Women's Studies Lunchtime Film Series: *Simone de Beauvoir* 12:00-1:30 p.m., Multidisciplinary Centre, 1440 Seymour St.

-*Women and Economics: Whose Counting Now*, panel discussion, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Room 307, S.U.B.

-Potluck supper, 5:00 p.m., Multidisciplinary Centre, 1444 Seymour Centre.

-*Wisecracks*, a movie about women comedians, 7:30 p.m., Queen Elizabeth High School, 1929 Robie St.

Saturday, March 7

-*The Varied Talents of Working Women*. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., performances begin at 7:30 p.m., Bloomfield School, 2773 Robie St.

-Women's Dance, 9:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m., the Church, 5657 North St.

Sunday, March 8 - International Women's Day

-International Women's Day March - begins at 2:00 p.m. at Victoria Park (at the corner of Spring Garden and South Park)

-NFB is showing films about women all day at Spring Garden location

-24 hours of all-woman radio on CKDU, 97.5 fm

Visit the Dalhousie Women's Group booth all week in the SUB Lobby. See the Kalendar on page 23 for further details.

In Celebration of Strong Women

Do you remember, Deborah, the summer we grieved together for our grandmother? I was a confused fourteen year old but you, with the wisdom possessed by city cousins of seventeen years, were there to give direction as we struggled to pick up our grandmother's tasks. We were so often exhausted. We had known her as warm and giving. After that summer, we knew her as strong and enduring, and we knew each other. Your new daughter has her hands — and already much of her spirit.

Do you remember, Manuela, when we met in that chaotic dorm thousands of miles away from either of our homes. You spoke five languages — to my one and a half — and still you thought it wasn't enough. You taught another half language, and together we learned to climb mountains. I remember hanging off rock faces, secure and trusting that you were my anchor at the top of the cliff. You never let go then and you haven't since.

And I will never forget, Sheila, the way you pulled me out of self-doubt at a difficult time and convinced me that I could go on — not on my own — but in the company of friends. You cried with me when I broke, and you applauded when the pieces were put back together stronger than ever. It seems you knew something "all the king's men" hadn't figured out.

I took my new self travelling, and I met you, Jennifer. So you remember how particularly STRONG and EARNEST I was determined to be. Our friendship softened my edges and helped me to laugh more freely. Watching you at work with handicapped children, I learned about giving about commitment and saw why the laughter is so essential in our lives.

Each of you and so many other wonderful women, have added so much to my life. The amazing part is that I am still so young and I know there are many more women like you and unlike you I have yet to meet. I remember each of you secure in the knowledge that you are my sisters and my friends and I thank you for the part of yourselves you have trusted to me.

Happy International Women's Day...

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All Women Welcome

A few weeks ago, a woman came to a Dalhousie Women's Group meeting and told us about a recent sexual assault she experienced, and the disturbing way in which the Dalhousie administration dealt with it. We were all struck by her courage in stepping forward to tell us about the incident and her effort to seek disciplinary action against her attacker.

We were shocked by the administration's insensitive and inefficient response. The group offered her support and a means by which her voice could be heard. Together, we ensured that this matter was brought to public attention through a *Gazette* article.

A few days later, a second woman talked to a member of the group

concerning the mishandling of disciplinary action associated with her own recent experience of sexual assault.

These were by no means isolated incidences. According to reliable sources, crimes against women are common occurrences on the Dalhousie campus.

We know how difficult it is for a woman to share her painful experience with others. The courage of these two women is remarkable. We offer ourselves as listeners and supporters, and our meetings as a safe place for women. We meet every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in room 307 of the S.U.B.

The Dalhousie Women's Group

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Making Security a Priority

One of the most crucial issues for Dalhousie women today has to be that of security on campus. In our increasingly violent and troubled society we can no longer afford to be complacent about our personal safety.

Lighting is insufficient in many areas around campus. It must be improved. One area which is of particular concern to many female students living in residence is the path which begins at the tennis courts and leads down to the front of Shirreff Hall. This is a very dark area, especially in spring and summer when the leaves on the trees block what little natural light there is. The back entrance of Shirreff Hall and vicinity are poorly lit as well.

During the winter months, the residents of Shirreff Hall are required to park their cars at Dalplex. This often results in them walking from the Dalplex to Shirreff Hall alone at night. Dal security should offer other alternatives. Would it not be possible for

students to park in front of Shirreff Hall when there is no snow on the ground?

Tiger Patrol, Dal's escort/walk home service is an example of an effective security measure. Many residents of Shirreff Hall use and appreciate Tiger Patrol. Service could be improved, however, by extending the hours of operation and providing direct line telephones on campus. Presently this service is not available until 9:30 pm even though through the winter months it is dark in early evening. Direct line telephones to the security building would assist those students in areas where pay phones are not available.

Security at Dalhousie must be an administrative priority.

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Dalhousie Women's Group and Dalhousie Women's Studies Society invite you to a **WOMEN'S COFFEEHOUSE** in celebration of International Women's Week Thursday, March 5th 4:30pm - 6:30pm Green Room Dalhousie Student Union Building 6136 University Ave.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE, COOKIES + CONVERSATION!