

## The M.A.P.U.S. Connection

The Christmas holidays are coming early for MAPUS members at U.P.E.I..

Beginning on Wednesday, December 2 and continuing until Thursday December 3, mature and part-time students are invited to join us for a Holiday Season Open House. The festivities will be held in the Mapus Lounge, Robertson Library 06.

Santa, appointed by the executive in his absence, is expected to make an appearance between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Come by and join in the fun. If you think of it, ornaments for the tree would be greatly appreciated.

Also, Mapus is accepting non-perishable donations and toiletries for the Campus Community Cupboard Food Drive. A box has been set up in the Lounge for this purpose. If you are in need, or someone you know, please contact Student Services for direction.

A Pot Luck and Gift Exchange at Paula Gauthier's home is scheduled for Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Details will be posted on the Mapus Bulletin Board during the exam period.

The quote of the week comes from the Governor General's New Year's Message in 1966.

"Affluence in our society can be our servant or our master. It can make us slaves of pettiness and purposeless living, or by refreshing within us the sources of charity and love, it can make us richer not only materially but richer in heart and mind and spirit as well.

Oh, what a responsibility affluence carries with it - a responsibility to all humanity, to those who are handicapped, to those who are miserable, to those who are hungry.

We must resolve that the principles our forefathers exemplified will guide our work and rekindle within us the force of determination to give worth and meaning to our lives."

That is all folks! May the richest blessings of the season be for you and your families. All the best in exams! See you in 1999.

The Mapus Connection column is dedicated to promoting the ideas, suggestions and concerns of mature and part-time students. For submissions, please contact Janice Muir at <[Jmuir@upe.ca](mailto:Jmuir@upe.ca)> or (902) 853-4042.



# Holiday OPEN HOUSE

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are invited to Come join the fun!

Wednesday, December 2

Thursday, December 3

10:00 - 1:00

M.A.P.U.S. Lounge  
Robertson Library 06

*Season's Greetings To All*

## The Montreal Massacre

By RUTH FREEMAN  
*Women's Centre Coordinator*

"What was the Montreal Massacre?"

The question stopped me cold in my tracks. I had been telling a first-year student about the Montreal Massacre memorial service we have every year, taking it completely for granted that she would know what I was talking about. How could she not know about the Montreal Massacre?

Duh!! She was only nine years old at the time it happened, and New Kids on the Block held a lot more appeal than the nightly news. It suddenly occurred to me that there are probably a lot of university students who don't know about the Montreal Massacre. So this is what happened:

It was December 6, 1989 -- the second last day of classes before the end of semester at the University of Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique. Sixty engineering students were gathered in a classroom on the second floor listening to a lecture on heat transfer. A young man entered the room and asked all the men to leave.

They thought it was a joke, until he lifted a semi-automatic rifle and fired two shots into the ceiling. The men left without protest.

The gunman opened fire on the women, screaming "You're all a bunch of feminists, and I hate feminists."

Six of the ten women there were shot dead.

Over the next twenty minutes, the gunman moved throughout the school searching for and shooting women.

In the cafeteria he shot three women, in the hallway one more, and in another classroom, he leaped over desks and shot at women desperately trying to hide beneath them.

Four more women were dead.

Before finally taking his own life, he gunned down twenty-seven people, leaving fourteen of them dead. Most of the injured were women, all of the dead were women.

And they were dead because they were women.

In a suicide note, the gunman claimed that he had been refused admission to the engineering school because female students were taking the rightful places of male students. So he decided to do something about it.

And that's what happened.

Many who write or speak about the Massacre make it a point never to use the gunman's name. It is the names of his victims that should be remembered, and they are: Geneviève Bergeron, Hélène Colgan, Nathalie Croteau, Barbara Daigneault, Anne-Marie Edward, Maud Haviernick, Barbara Maria Klucznik, Maryse Laganière, Maryse Leclair, Anne-Marie Lemay, Sonia Pelletier, Michèle Richard, Annie St-Arneault, and Annie Turcotte.



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