

Letters to the Editor

Fourteen Not Forgotten

Dear Editor:

On December 6, 1989, a horrible event took place at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. On this day a man walked into the classroom, ordered all the men to leave and opened fire on the women in the room. Fourteen lives were lost, and twelve engineering students were not allowed to pursue their goals. The violence and senselessness of this act shocked and outraged everyone across Canada

"In the years since this tragedy, we have grown, in different ways for different people. Many do not recall that day, and many of our current students were still in high school when it happened. Others find the anger and hurt not dulled, and are still seeking some answer, some remedy, for the pain of this day."

The member schools of the CFES have expressed a strong desire for the National Executive to provide information about this terrible day: information about different commemorations, in particular the white ribbon campaign and the "14 Not Forgotten" button campaign, information to help schools commemorate December 6 in a personal way and a letter from Ecole Polytechnique.

"Many years ago engineering students and professionals across Canada joined together because they had similar goals and thought they could help each other. This is what friends do, so on December 6 I will remember that I lost a friend to a terrible tragedy. They lost lives for something they didn't do, and that shouldn't happen anymore."

It is true, as it was said in one of the mandates given by member schools, "that different schools, due to their different backgrounds, histories and environments, may face different situations when preparing the December 6th Memorial." Thus we encourage our member schools to commemorate this sad day in their own way. The white ribbon campaign and the "14 Not Forgotten" buttons campaign are two simple, humble and direct way of commemorating the event. We also encourage all the schools to continue or initiate their own commemoration, be it a minute of silence, the burning of candles or other activities they feel representative of their students.

On this day we need to remember the many victims of this event, their families, their classmates and friends, and finally

Ecole Polytechnique. We also need to remember the violence associated with that day and reflect on our actions. It is important to commemorate this event in a respectful way and to reflect on the violence against women and violence in our society.

The engineering community should unite in remembering the following:

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Flooded Out!

Dear Editor,

I am a residence student living on the top floor of Bernadine Hall. When I moved into my room, the toilet was broken. Since September maintenance has been called more than three times to fix it. It is still leaking and even overflowed two weeks ago. Luckily my roommate and toilet mates were home to stop the water and mop it up.

On Wednesday November 22, it overflowed again but no one was home to catch it. My roommate, can mates and myself were all at the cafeteria eating. When we returned, we found two and a half inches of water on the floor. It covered our whole room, half of the next room, and it ran out into the hallway. We immediately shut off the water and called security.

Within 35 minutes two men had come and cleaned the water up with their shop vac. But by the time they were finished, the water had dripped down two

floors. We then began to sort through our soaked belongings: one printer, a stereo, a typewriter, an alarm clock, a blow dryer, various books, clothing, and papers.

The overflow happened at 4:30 pm. The Residence Life Coordinator did not come to inspect it until the next day. He only lives on the bottom floor of the same building. How hard is it to climb some stairs? He says he is here for us. When? Days after the fact? When it is convenient for him? In the meantime, the four of us had no place to go. Our rooms were soaked and as you can imagine, smelled pretty bad.

The Residence Life Coordinator says that he is trying to make residences the best place to live. Who can live in these conditions? He says that Bernadine Hall is our home. Is your home like this? Would you live like this? We have classes to attend and studying to do. How can we when we have no place to go?

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