

# Walk home program established at UPEI

*Students find safety on campus with alternative service*

By Sarah Murphy

A "walk home program" was set up approximately four weeks ago to provide students with a safe alternative to walking alone on UPEI grounds. This walk home program was set up by the students for the students, aiming to make students feel safer while on campus.

"Specifically, it is two students posted at the front desk of Bernardine [Hall] who are on call in the evening hours to walk members of the university anywhere on or around the near vicinity of the campus," explained Duncan Crawford, one of 30 volunteers, male and female involved in this program.

The walkers are never alone. The presence of members of both sexes is likely to make the student being walked home less uncomfortable.

The program is not set up solely for residence students. Any individual on campus may call 566-0524, and request to be accompanied to or from any on-campus location.

"To a certain extent people are starting to use it," said Crawford. "I believe if we get the support and publicity, not to mention the dedication needed for this kind of program, it will prove to be very successful. If only one person takes advantage of the program over the course of the year and feels more comfortable for doing so, then in a sense the program was effective. And I think that with added publicity, it will get used considerably more. We can only hope."

This is the first attempt

at a safe-walk program at UPEI. Although feedback had been positive, some students are concerned with the fact that they do not know the volunteers who accompany them.

"The only problem is that you don't know the person," said Karen from Bernadine Hall. Unfortunately, it is impossible to request a specific person, as there is a rotation in volunteers, and the walkers are always paired up.

Currently, the program has been put on hold due to

some scheduling problems. It is most likely to be reinstated at the beginning of the upcoming semester. The volunteers apologize for the inconvenience, and assure the public that all will be taken care of as soon as possible.

*For further information, or if one would like to become involved in the walk home program, contact Duncan Crawford at 626-4543 or the program coordinator Brent Byrnes at 626-4554.*



## 14 Not Forgotten

*Canadian Federation of Engineering Students*

On December 6, 1989, a terrible event occurred at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal, Quebec. 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, twelve engineering students were not allowed to pursue their goals. The violence and senselessness of this act shocked and enraged 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 or junior high when it happened. Others find the anger and hurt not dulled and are still seeking answers, a remedy for the pain of this day.

On this day, we need to remember the many victims of this event, their families, classmates, friends, and finally, Ecole Polytechnique. We also need to remember the violence associated with that day and reflect on our own actions. It is important to commemorate this event in a respectful way, and to reflect on the violence against women and violence in this society.

The engineering community should unite in remembering the following:

Genevieve Bergeron  
Helene Colgan  
Nathalie Croteau  
Barbara Daigneault  
Anne-Marie Edward  
Maud Haviernick  
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