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Vigil to remember slain women

By Kirsten Lucas
 Emerald Reporter

Two years ago today, a young man walked into a classroom at the University of Montreal's engineering school, asked the women to move to one side of the room and ordered the men to leave.

When 25-year-old Marc Lepine produced a semi-automatic rifle, the students did as they were told.

"You're all a bunch of feminists, and I hate feminists," Lepine shouted just before he opened fire.

By the time his 20-minute

rampage was over, Lepine had gunned down a total of 27 people, leaving 14 of them dead.

Most of the injured and all of the dead — except for Lepine who shot himself in the head — were women.

All of this took place Dec. 6, 1989, on the last day of the term.

Today, University of Oregon students will hold a candlelight vigil to remember the women killed in Montreal and women who are threatened, hurt and killed by men every day.

"It's not an isolated incident," said Mary Becker, one of the students who organized the

vigil. "Women are killed every day because of their gender and simply for that reason."

According to Canadian and American media, the Montreal tragedy is also seen by feminists as an attack on women who go into non-traditional fields such as engineering.

The *Washington Post* reported that, at the time of the massacre, fewer than 20 percent of the engineering students at the University of Montreal were women.

In recognition of the struggle of women in such fields, the

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Recycling gains show in trash audit

By Rachel Runyan
 Emerald Contributor

Results of last month's trash audit at the University show an increase in recycling efforts but also point to a definite need for improvement, recycling coordinator Karyn Kaplan said.

Volunteers collected almost 200 pounds of garbage from Johnson, Oregon, Lawrence Halls and PLC. The buildings were chosen based on a variety of reasons that included type of activity and volume of waste production.

About 100 pounds of trash were recyclable materials that included paper, cardboard, glass, plastic and food waste. The rest were non-recyclable materials such as plastic wrappers and certain papers.

"They're doing a fairly good job," said Kaplan, "but there's still white paper in the trash. People throw paper in wastebaskets. We could stand to cut waste by 50 percent or more."

The worst problem was the amount of white paper thrown away rather than put in recycling bins. The prevalence of non-recyclable packaging and plastic wrappers were another concern.

"It's challenging for us to minimize the amount of waste we produce," said Kaplan. "It's a tremendously exciting experience."

Campus recycling has been increasing. For example, in 1990, 25 to 30 tons of paper was recycled each month, up from 16 tons in 1989. Cardboard recycling went up from

seven tons a month in 1989 to almost 10 tons in 1990. Kaplan estimates that 20 percent of the materials that would go into the trash are being recovered and this number is increasing.

Every ton of paper recycled saves 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil and 8,000 gallons of water, Kaplan said.

The University has also been expanding its recycling efforts. There are now collection sites for glass not requiring deposits, and a site for cans and bottles with deposits. Campus recycling is working on adding glossy paper to its collections. It has also started collecting glass, tin and plastics from the dorm kitchens and food services.

Jim Crouch of the Physical

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cause it is sensitive to the needs of students in public colleges and universities.

In 1990-91, 7,262 University students received financial aid. Brand said Simon's proposal could bring a 30 percent increase in financial aid to University students.

"It will be of substantial financial assistance to students," Simon said.

With present financial aid programs, "all kinds of people fall through the cracks," he said. Freshman and sophomore students, and students with families in certain income levels often find limits on how much aid they can receive.

Simon said the Income-Dependent Education Assistance program would allow students to enter public-service professions after graduation, without fearing a lower income will put them behind in their loan payments.

"Our system right now is stacked against people serving in a public-interest way," he said.

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