

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

APRIL 2009

Every Monday in April: 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th

RESOURCE BOOTHS

11:00am-1:00pm, Kiosk A, Trabant University Center

Stop by our kiosks every Monday in April for free flyers, posters, brochures and details about our events. Pick up our extremely popular "Asking for Consent is Sexy" t-shirt while supplies last so you can raise awareness and show support for survivors throughout the month by wearing it!

April 7

FILM SERIES, (RE)VISIONING SEXUAL VIOLENCE – PART 1: "RAPE IS" AND "BREAKING THE SILENCE"

7pm, Gore 205

Two short documentaries explore the meaning and consequences of rape. **Rape Is** looks at rape from a global and historical perspective, but focuses mainly on the domestic cultural conditions that make this human rights violation the most underreported crime in America. **Breaking the Silence** focuses on acquaintance rape on college campus, and addresses a potential victim's point-of-view concerning the emotional pain of rape.

April 8: National Sexual Assault Awareness Month "Day of Action"

WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES MARCH

12:30pm, Trabant Patio (Rain location: Trabant Food Court)

It is said that you cannot truly understand another person's experiences until you have "walked a mile in their shoes." Come join male students, faculty and staff as they don four-inch stilettos to take this saying to heart. Help raise awareness about sexual assault and the dangers faced by women while simultaneously fulfilling your inner fantasy to wear women's footwear. Men's sized high heel shoes are provided, but please RSVP to tanalume@udel.edu to reserve a pair for yourself for the march. Of course you are welcome to bring your own heels! For more information about the national campaign, see www.walkamileinher shoes.org Sponsored by Men Against Rape Society (MARS), Greek Council, and Public Safety.

April 8 & 9

A WALK IN MY SHOES DISPLAY

11:00am-2:00pm, Trabant Patio (Rain location: Trabant Food Court)

ContactLifeline's Sexual Assault Network of Delaware presents "A Walk in My Shoes" display on the patio at Trabant. Each pair of shoes represents a Delaware survivor of sexual assault or abuse. Many pairs bear their survivors' stories. In prior years, a few students have been so inspired by the courage and strength of survivors that they have left behind their own shoes and stories. Stop by the display to learn, be inspired and show your support for survivors. Sponsored by ContactLifeline and Sexual Offense Support (S.O.S.).

April 9

P.S. TO POST SECRET DISPLAY

11:00am-2:00pm, Trabant Patio (Rain location: Trabant Food Court)

NOW-CAN wants to break the silence and shame of secrets. Anonymously send in your secrets to be compiled in weekly displays of collective confessions and NOW-CAN will host a gallery of the postcard secrets in various venues throughout the month of April. There are no restrictions on secret content, only that they are truthful and have never been shared. Send your secrets to: P.S. to Post Secret, The Office of Women's Affairs, 305 Hullahen Hall, Newark, DE 19716. (Do not include name or return address.) All collected secrets will be sent to the official PostSecret blog at the conclusion of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Sponsored by NOW-CAN.

April 13

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE: VICTIM-OFFENDER DIALOGUE

GUEST SPEAKERS: KIM BOOK, VICTIMS' VOICES HEARD, & DR. SUSAN MILLER, SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

7pm, Trabant Theatre

Victims' Voices Heard (www.victimsvoicesheard.org) is a pioneering agency in Delaware founded by Kim Book. Ms. Book assists victims of violent crimes, and victims' survivors, in obtaining answers to their questions and providing them with a safe and secure environment in which to meet face-to-face with the person who committed the crime against them. Dr. Susan Miller's soon-to-be-released book **The Ripple Effect** features Kim's own story, as well as the stories of many survivors and inmates who have participated in the victim-offender dialogue program. A past participant in the victim-offender dialogue will also be there to talk about her experience. Sponsored by Wellspring: Student Wellness Program, Sexual Offense Support (S.O.S.), and the Office of Women's Affairs.

April 14

FILM SERIES, (RE)VISIONING SEXUAL VIOLENCE – PART 2: JANE DOE NO MORE, INC.

GUEST SPEAKER: DONNA PALOMBA, FOUNDER

7pm, Gore 205

Jane Doe No More Inc., was born out of the founder's experience as a victim of sexual assault. Crime is an unfortunate reality in today's society and many victims are unprepared for what lies ahead after an attack. Victims can be mistreated by the very system put in place to "protect and serve" the innocent. The media and speaker will focus on navigating through the system after a sexual assault to break the social stigmas associated with this misunderstood crime and help victims heal.

April 16

A V-DAY BENEFIT PERFORMANCE OF ANY ONE OF US: WORDS FROM PRISON: NEWARK

8pm, Trabant Multi-Purpose Rms A&B

Any One Of Us: Words From Prison is a groundbreaking collection of monologues written by over 50 incarcerated or formerly incarcerated women in the United States and commissioned by V-Day. The piece reveals the connection between women in prison and the violence that often brings them there with honesty and sincerity. Sponsored and performed by UD's student organization VDay, which presents the *Vagina Monologues* annually at UD.

April 21

PEACE OUTSIDE CAMPUS' 3RD ANNUAL AWARENESS DAY

11:30am - 4:00pm, location TBA

PEACE OUTside Campus hosts its 3rd Annual Awareness Day festival to raise awareness about safety & security measures available to students and the community. This year, several featured bands, Registered Student Organizations and inspiring activities will meet to create an exciting day for UD's campus. Join us for the afternoon festivities. Sponsored by PEACE OUTside Campus and The Lindsay Bonistall Foundation.

FILM SERIES, (RE)VISIONING SEXUAL VIOLENCE – PART 3: "THE GREATEST SILENCE: RAPE IN THE CONGO"

7pm, Gore 205

Today, in the war-torn Democratic Republic of Congo, rape is taking place on a scale that is almost unimaginable. In the last ten years, hundreds of thousands of women and girls have been raped - but their suffering goes unacknowledged. Instead, they are invisible, shamed and mute. This is the story of one filmmaker's crusade to break the silence surrounding this shocking reality, armed with a firsthand connection with the women and men she meets.

April 22

FILM: "GEORGIA RULE"

7:30pm, Trabant Theatre

Starring Lindsay Lohan, Golden Globe winner Felicity Huffman, and two-time Oscar winner Jane Fonda, **Georgia Rule** begins when rebellious teenager Rachel comes to stay with her Grandmother Georgia for the summer. Her alcoholic mother doesn't even stay the night before rushing back to California to be with her husband. Rachel shakes up the town, a beautiful girl in the conservative Mormon country of Idaho. While with Georgia, Rachel reveals a traumatic secret from her past that explains her rebelliousness and brings her mother back to Idaho to find out whether her daughter is telling the truth. The crisis leads all three women to revelations of buried family secrets. Sponsored by SCPAB.

April 27

"RAPE BECOMES YOU: BEING THE NUT & SLUT" -- GUEST SPEAKER: TORY BOWEN

7pm, 100 Kirkbride

As a 21-year-old pre-law student, Tory Bowen was raped by a man who had been arrested 3 times for rape, yet never convicted. What many expected to be an open-and-shut case transformed into a legal battle when the judge banned phrases such as, 'rape, sexual assault kit, date rape drugs, attack' leaving Tory to describe her painful rape as "sex". She lost the case, and the appeal. Ms. Bowen spoke at UD last Fall about her experiences and now she returns to walk the audience through her case, consider the media's role, and take an in-depth look at common defense attorney tactics in rape cases - known as the "nut" and "slut" defense. Sponsored by Kappa Alpha Theta

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April 28

**FILM SERIES, (RE)VISIONING SEXUAL VIOLENCE – PART 4:
"I WAS RAPED"**
7pm, Gore 205

This documentary is a part of Jennifer Baumgardner's "I Was Raped" Project designed to promote awareness, acknowledgement, and social change by highlighting the prevalence of rape in our culture and interrupting the silence and shame that surrounds it. We all have different ways of both healing and speaking out, and different environments in which we may want to do that. What this documentary illustrates is how difficult rape can be to speak about, and how often those of us who have survived sexual assaults and abuses feel it is something shameful we must keep locked up inside ourselves.

April 29

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JENNIFER BAUMGARDNER, "I WAS RAPED" PROJECT
7:30pm, Rodney Room, Perkins Student Center

For 15 years, Jennifer Baumgardner has made her career in New York City as a prominent voice for women and girls. This former editor of Ms. Magazine began an awareness project called "I Was Raped" in 2008 which features a documentary and a shirt bearing the image of a safe with a card that reads "I Was Raped". Hear about her project and her activism that helps usher in a new world that allows women's voices to be heard!

April 30

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT: RALLY, MARCH & SPEAK-OUT!
Rally begins at 8pm at the Old College Steps
March ends at Kirkwood Room of Perkins Student Center for the Speak-Out!

Students Acting for Gender Equality (SAGE) will lead the annual Take Back the Night rally, being held to raise awareness about sexual violence and to assert the right to be safe on campus and in the community. The event includes a rallying cry from Jennifer Baumgardner, a march across campus, and the Speak Out! where survivors share their stories.

May 2

KICK THE SILENCE KICKBALL TOURNAMENT
9:00am, Academy & Park Place Fields

Kick the Silence is a campus-wide Kickball tournament hosted by the Alpha Eta Chapter of Phi Sigma Pi Co-Educational Honor Fraternity. Proceeds benefit CHILD, Inc., which aids battered women and their children. If you have questions, email Liz Van Wie, evanwie@udel.edu, or Paul Gwiazdowski, pgwi@udel.edu.

Sincere thanks to those who helped plan and support Sexual Assault Awareness Month and on-going programs (listed alphabetically):

Activities & Programs Office; Center for Counseling and Student Development; ContactLifeLine; Department of Public Safety; Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice; Division of Student Life; HAVEN; Greek Council; Kappa Alpha Theta; LGBT Community Office; Men Against Rape Society (MARS); NOW CAN; Office of Communications and Marketing; Office of Judicial Affairs; Office of Public Relations; Office of Residence Life; Office of Women's Affairs; Phi Sigma Pi; PEACEOUTside Campus; Sexual Offense Support (SOS); SGA; Student Centers; Student Centers Programming Advisory Board (SCPAB); Students Acting for Gender Equality (SAGE); Student Health Services; University Religious Leaders Organization; the UD Chapter of V-Day; Wellspring; Student Wellness Program; and Women's Studies Program

For more information or for event updates, visit our Web site www.udel.edu/saam or contact the Office of Women's Affairs, 302-831-8063 or (TDD) 302-831-4563 or Wellspring at 302-831-3457. To request disability accommodations, call 302-831-4643 or (TDD) 302-831-4563 at least 10 business days in advance of the event.



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