

Womenspace strives for abuse awareness

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The realities of violence toward women will be the focus of educational seminars and displays sponsored by Womenspace throughout October as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"It's clear that there is domestic violence on campus," said Pearl Wolfe, of Womenspace. "Just because people are being college educated does not mean that they are exempt. Domestic violence happens at the University, at Lane Community College, in the dorms, off-campus and to American and international students. It happens everywhere."

Womenspace, a non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter, counseling and safety to 500 women and their children annually in Lane

County, is participating in the local activities taking place throughout October.

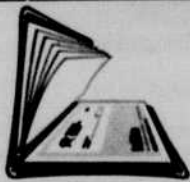
"We want the victims of domestic violence to realize that there is help," Wolfe said.

Womenspace began in 1975 when a group of survivors of domestic violence got together and began taking calls and sheltering abused women and children in their homes.

In 1977, the organization expanded to a 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter services for women in abusive relationships, a confidential shelter for women and children, and began offering counseling, support groups, transportation and children's services.

"We try to get women back on their feet and out of abusive relationships. We get them legal advice, medical help, and aid in finding jobs and hous-

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