

Forum addresses sexual violence issue

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Out of 14,000 women enrolled on this campus, 3,500 will survive rape or attempted rape sometime in their life.

ASG Senator Cathy Andrew is concerned about the lack of policy at Clackamas on rape and sexual violence. She and other members of ASG organized a forum last Tuesday to encourage awareness and implement a college policy of support for victims of sexual violence.

"It's not really a problem on this campus, but it is a community issue," said Jasmine Ruthdotter, a volunteer for the Portland Women's Crisis Line.

Out of all rapes or attempted rapes, 95 percent are perpetrated by men, 84 percent are acquaintance rapes and 54 percent are date rapes.

"There is a myth in this culture that we don't know these people who are raping us," Ruthdotter said. "That is not true. Another myth is the victim or survivor is somehow to blame for the crime. It's the only crime where we say, 'She has responsibility.' But hurting anybody is wrong."

Another disturbing statistic is that only one in ten rapes is reported.

Although rape is not a major problem on campus, the lack of policies regarding rape was an issue at the

meeting. ASG Senator Cathy Andrew noted the student handbook contained no policy.

"I was told it's not really an issue on this campus because we haven't had any reports," said Andrew.

Public Safety, represented by Cadet Heather LaFrey and Officer Viola Valezuela stated that they offer an evening escort service to cars for people. They also said that if anyone calls for them after hours, the calls go directly through to their radio.

Plans were made to form a policy for the handbook. Suggestions also included posting of the Public Safety number by all phones on campus and including names and numbers of counselors for survivor counseling. Educational fliers were also recommended, including rape information for new student orientations.

Currently, survivors of sexual violence can find support with the Portland Women's Crisis Line at 235-5333. This service provides legal services, victim pick-up for medical treatment and counseling.

Ruthdotter also offered the following advice. The most important thing she said is to listen. She said the key phrases to repeat are "You don't deserve it," "It's not your fault" and "You're not alone." The third thing is to let the survivor make her own decisions about what she wants to do about the crime. The woman needs to be empowered.

Letter to the Editor

• *Concerned student wants campus policy to address rape issues*

My name is Cathy Andrew. I am a student at CCC and a Senator in ASG.

Last fall I went to a lecture on campus rape awareness. I felt that our campus needed to address this issue. Currently, Clackamas has no policy on how to deal with rape on campus.

I have made a motion to write a policy for our student handbook. Also, I would like to see information on rape prevention around campus.

Currently, students can have pub-

lic safety personnel escort them to their cars at night. However, I believe that through educating students, faculty and staff, we can break the silence that surrounds this crime and prevent future incidents.

Currently, the most important thing a person can do for a victim of sexual violence is listen and believe their experience. This starts the healing process and helps the victim pursue legal services and counseling.

If you know someone who needs support, call the Metro Crisis Line at 223-6161. It is a 24-hour service.

You know, when we are kids, we make up things, we write, and for me the puzzle is not that some people are still writing; the real question is why did the other people stop?
- William Stafford

Public Safety: Tips for preventing campus crime

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For crime prevention to be effective, all campus members and users must cooperate and be involved. We must all assume ultimate responsibility for our own personal safety and the security of our personal belongings by taking simple, direct, common sense precautions.

1. Don't walk alone after dark.
2. Lock up valuables out of sight.
3. Report all suspicious persons or activities.
4. Look out for each other.

Students from the Criminal Jus-

tice Cadet program assist public safety officers in carrying out their responsibilities including assistance with "walkouts." To access this service, students should contact the Help Center in the Community Center at ext. 0; the information window at Harmony Center in the hallway (H102) at ext. 3117.

In life or death situations, use a pay phone and dial 911 or a campus phone and dial 9-911. State the problem and exact location. Do not hand up until dispatcher releases you. During evening hours or on weekends, call public safety's emergency number 650-6650. This is an emergency contact ONLY.

Event Calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

■ **UPS recruiters on campus**
Community Center
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Call Rosemary in the Career Center at ext. 2409 for information

■ **Chrysalis: Women Writers**
Noon to 1 p.m.
B112
Call ext. 2371 for information

■ **Instrumental Jazz Night**
McLoughlin Theatre
7:30 p.m. Admission \$2 for students and seniors, \$3 for non-students, no charge for those 12 and under.
Call ext. 2343 for information

■ **Now showing through June 5 Annual Student Art Show**
Pauling Gallery -- Free event
Open to the public
Monday through Thursday
8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Call ext. 2333 for information

■ **Now through May 26 Clackamas Basketball Rally tryouts**
Sign up in CC140
Call ext. 2247 for information

■ **Now through May 31 Spring Sell-abration at the bookstore**
McLoughlin Hall. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through Friday.

THURSDAY, MAY 22

■ **General Meeting -- Phi Theta Kappa**
McLoughlin 204
12:30 p.m. -- Free pizza & punch
Call ext. 2371 or 2210 for information

■ **Wells Fargo Bank recruiters on campus**
Community Center
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Call Rosemary in the Career Center at ext. 2409 for information

■ **Environmental Club Book Sale**
Outside of Community Center
Best-sellers and children's books for sale through Friday, May 23.
Call ext. 2247 for information

FRIDAY, MAY 23

■ **Service to Community Internship Applications deadline**
Applications available in CC140 or CC149. Volunteer 75 hours per term in the community and receive \$500 at end of each term. Student must carry a minimum of 9 credits with a 2.5 GPA.
Call Mindy Brown at ext. 2261 for information.

■ **Graduates, be sure to turn in your faculty of the year award nominations by Friday, May 23.** See Suzy in Barlow 241 or call ext. 2401 for information.

COMING NEXT WEEK

■ **APA Employment recruiters on campus, Tuesday, May 27**
Community Center
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Call Rosemary in the Career Center at ext. 2409 for information

■ **Women's Lunch & Learn: Trips to Europe, Wednesday, May 28**
Noon to 1 p.m. Modular B
Bring your lunch and learn about the planned trip to Italy, Greece and Turkey. For information call ext. 2310.

■ **Manpower recruiters on campus Wednesday, May 28**
Community Center
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Call Rosemary in the Career Center at ext. 2409 for information

■ **Donations will be accepted for the Spring Garage Sale Fundraiser on Thursday, May 29**
In the Community Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa. Call ext. 2371 or 2210 for information.

■ **Aerotek technical recruiters on campus, Thursday, May 28**
Community Center
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Call Rosemary in the Career Center at ext. 2409 for information

■ **Friday, May 30 PHI THETA KAPPA SPRING FUNDRAISER GARAGE SALE**
Community Center
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Call ext. 2371 or 2210 for information

JUNE

■ **Saturday, June 7 Ged & Jan Desforges Potluck Picnic/BBQ at Barton Park on the Clackamas River.** Starts at 3 p.m.
Call ext. 3212 for information

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