

# Rape: Advocacy, Prevention & Education Center

## Center

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### Upcoming Programs

Wednesday  
April 14, 2004

### **Take Back The Night!**

See Schedule above  
for related events

We're on the web!  
[sumweb.syr.edu/health/rape.htm](http://sumweb.syr.edu/health/rape.htm)



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## Take Back The Night 2004



The Syracuse University R.A.P.E. Center is hoping you will join us during Take Back the Night events, April 12-15 2004, to come together as a community to proclaim that violence of any kind will not be tolerated. Take Back the Night is an international event, reported to have started in England in 1877 as a protest against the fear that women encountered walking the streets at night. The first Take Back the Night march in the United States was held in San Francisco in 1978 to protest violence against women, particularly sexual assault. Since then, Take Back the Night events have spread across the country and the world with a broadened perspective. The event this year at Syracuse University is a collaboration of campus and community members, coming together to take a stand against all violence, to raise awareness about attitudes that perpetuate violence, and to discuss ways we can work together to make the night safe for all members of the community.

*Take Back The Night events are co-sponsored by the Syracuse University Rape: Advocacy, Prevention and Education (R.A.P.E.) Center, and the Team Against Bias (TAB).*

**Take Back The Night  
Winning Logo**  
By Sarah Ross, CHES 2005  
T-shirts with this design will be available at the rally

### TAKE BACK THE NIGHT Schedule of Events

#### April 12-15:

Information table and interactive "Hands Against Violence" display in the Schine Student Center.

#### April 14:

**5:30pm:** Clothesline Project t-shirt making in the Noble Room, Hendricks Chapel (see page 3)

*Co-sponsored by the office of Residence Life*

**6:30pm:** All meet at Hendricks Chapel

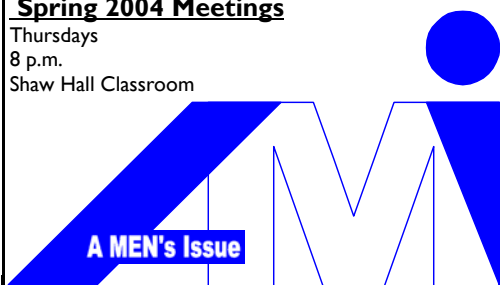
**7:00pm:** Welcome

**7:15pm:** March from Hendricks Chapel to Marshall St. to Walnut St. & back to Chapel.

**8:00PM:** Speak-Out beginning with scheduled introductory speakers, followed by open forum.

### Spring 2004 Meetings

Thursdays  
8 p.m.  
Shaw Hall Classroom



We welcome new faces and look forward to seeing familiar ones.

For more information, contact Tremayne Robertson at [trrobert@syr.edu](mailto:trrobert@syr.edu) or 443-3002.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MEN AND WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE...

CALL FOR ACTORS/ACTIVISTS



A PERFORMANCE TROUPE DEALING WITH ISSUES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL, 2004

For more information, contact Jill Sneider, 443-7126 or [jasneide@syr.edu](mailto:jasneide@syr.edu)

**Myth:** One Vote doesn't matter. Why bother to vote?

**Reality:**

- In 1839, Marcus "Landslide" Morton was elected governor of Massachusetts by One Vote.

- In 1868 Just One Vote allowed Andrew Johnson to retain his presidency.

- In 2000, the Presidential election was decided by One State.

**Myth:** It's a hassle to register to vote.

**Reality:**

- Registering to vote is easy.

Go to [www.mtv.com](http://www.mtv.com)

"Rock the Vote"

"Register"

Then click, print, and mail.

## Featured Volunteers

### Brooke Levandowski

Take Back the Night co-chair



*I have enjoyed working with the R.A.P.E. Center to help organize Take Back the Night. It has been a fantastic opportunity to work with both undergraduates and graduates on an important activity that will both educate and bring together the Syracuse University community.*

### Chelsea Carter

Take Back the Night co-chair



*Volunteering at the R.A.P.E. Center has allowed me to meet and work with some great people, refreshed me in some responsibility ;o), and overall helped me become a better person.*

## Encouraging Fraternities to Take the Next Step: Being Proactive, Not Reactive

by Lansing R. Dimon, past President Kappa Delta Rho

In the January 2004 newsletter, TKE Vice President Michael T. Christie discussed the lack of concern for safety for those students who attend off-campus parties. His insightful comments on the importance of risk management and the need to reevaluate the priority of safety and security at these functions is a welcome sign among fraternity men.

I not only echo Mr. Christie's sentiments, but also encourage more fraternity men to take this stand. As Greeks, we have the responsibility to be leaders in ALL of the different areas that make us a community, and concern for ALL guests – male and female – should take its rightful place at the top of the list. Too many times, as men and as Greeks, we are forced to become

reactive, handling situations after the fact when they could have been prevented.

Perhaps the next step is the most difficult for men: putting thoughts and words into action. Simple yet effective ideas during party planning can be that 'ounce of prevention' that can lead to a 'pound of cure': maintaining a guest list, knowing your guests, and keeping an eye on situations in an organized and tactful manner can help create and maintain a safer environment.

An even bolder step is being proactive. Having discussions and workshops facilitated by the R.A.P.E. Center or another agency, supporting these agencies through fundraising efforts, and volunteering our time are perfect examples of men taking action. We in Kappa Delta Rho saw the need

to improve our awareness and sensitivity to the issue, and committed to hosting an in-house workshop and discussion on how effective we as men could be in preventing risky situations, especially at our social events. Having the staff from the R.A.P.E. center come to our house and discuss the issue enabled us to begin to make wiser choices about how we handle our situations, not only for our guests but for ourselves. In turn, we plan on sharing our experience and insight during a regional conference for other KDR chapters later this spring.

I encourage all Greek men to take that next step and help change the culture within our community, and create a safe and strong community based on mutual respect and concern for all of our fellow students.

## Advocate Voices

by Lisa Ryan

One of the things I love about SU is that there are so many ways to get involved in our community. I have been an advocate for the R.A.P.E. Center for four years now. I chose to volunteer for the center for several reasons. During my own years in college I had a friend who experienced the terror of rape. It changed her life. She was in a city where she knew no one. She had been drinking and was scared she had caused it to happen. She did not want to talk about it for a long time and felt very alone. She survived and became stronger for it. I admire this strength in her and that encourages me to help others to find the same strength.

Rape is something that happens. So many times it happens with someone you know or are acquainted with. It may involve alcohol or drugs. An advocate is someone to be there, non-judgmental and supportive. An advocate is a warm and caring face during a difficult and confusing time. An advocate lets the survivor know what options they have, that they do have choices, and at all times it is confidential.

Being an advocate also provides me with information to share with my children, my friends, and my children's friends. Awareness is important. As a volunteer we can make people aware of situations that may come up and how to handle them. Being an advocate does

not take up a lot of my time. I give two weeks each semester to be on call. I have met some wonderful people through the advocate program at SU. The center is filled with caring and giving people. If you are looking for a place to volunteer within the university, please consider becoming an advocate. It feels good to give back.

*The R.A.P.E. Center provides 24-hour support and assistance to Syracuse University students who have been sexually assaulted. R.A.P.E. Center Volunteer Advocates, who are specially trained Syracuse University staff members and graduate students, are an integral part of the crisis response team, assisting in providing on-call crisis response services evenings, nights, and weekends.*

## Peer Education

by Megan Headley and Margaret Giovannetti

There's a new peer education group on campus. Sponsored by the R.A.P.E. Center, the group is coordinated and supervised by Jill Sneider, the Sexual Health Coordinator at the R.A.P.E. Center, and co-chaired by Megan Headley and Margaret Giovannetti. Megan and Margaret have been peer educators for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Health Enhancement (S.A.P.H.E.) Office and University Rape: Advocacy, Prevention and Education (R.A.P.E.) Center since their first year at Syracuse University, Fall, 2001. In addition, both are students in the College of Arts and Sciences. Other peer educators include Anna Bender, Elaina Heagerty, Cat Rudnicki, Christine Show and Caitlyn Steele.

The peer educators will facilitate discussions with students on campus while presenting the program "Sex, Drugs, and Rock n'Roll", a spin-off of the popular game Jeopardy. This is a fun-filled way to address issues such as alcohol and other drugs (AOD), prevention of sexually transmissible infections and HIV, pregnancy prevention, healthy relationships, and to educate students about resources on campus that relate to AOD and sexuality. The peer educators will be available to present in classes, at resident hall floor meetings, and in fraternities and sororities.

To prepare for this undertaking, Megan and Margaret worked with Jill to develop a comprehensive training curriculum for the peer educators. The group has been meeting weekly during the spring 2004 semester to develop skills and acquire knowledge important to successful peer education. The group has covered a variety of topics from how to facilitate a presentation from a nonjudgmental perspective to what student resources are available on and around the SU campus. The following speakers also provided information on different subjects and resources: Jim Byrne, JD, CASAC, Options Counselor; Patty Hayes, Graduate Assistant, LGBT Resource Center; Kathy MacLachlan, N.P. and Anne Hogan, N.P., S.U. Health Services; Lt. Grant Williams, Department of Public Safety; Juanita Perez Williams, Director, Office of Judicial Affairs, and Janet Epstein, Associate Director, R.A.P.E. Center.

Now that training is wrapping up, the peer educators are excited about the training they've had and can't wait to start presenting. Any group interested in inviting the peer educators to present should contact Jill Sneider at the R.A.P.E. Center at 443-7126 or [jasneide@syr.edu](mailto:jasneide@syr.edu).

## Clothesline Project:

by the Rape Crisis Center of Syracuse, Inc.

*A Tribute to the Strength and Courage of Children, Men, and Women Survivors*

The Clothesline Project is part of an international effort to educate people about the personal impact of sexual violence. It offers children, men, and women who have been impacted by sexual abuse/assault, and their supporters, an opportunity to have a voice. They can express themselves through artwork displayed on t-shirts. It provides an opportunity to bear witness to their personal experience of violence, and celebrate their transformation from victim to survivor in a powerful statement of solidarity. For many survivors, "breaking the silence" is an important part of the healing process. The Clothesline Project offers that opportunity.

Each t-shirt, garment or other meaningful item will be decorated by a survivor or their supporters to represent their experience and/or express their feelings. You need not be an artist to create a moving, personal tribute. Whether you choose to simply paint, or sew elaborate embroidery is up to you--any remembrance is appropriate. Each item tells an individual story, and when displayed together, they are a powerful testimony. See the schedule of events for Clothesline t-shirt creating and viewing opportunities.

For more information, please contact:

Rape Crisis Center of Syracuse, Inc. 315-422-7273 (24 hr. hotline) [www.crisiscentersyr.org](http://www.crisiscentersyr.org)

## AMI Update

by Tremayne Robertson

Greetings all, my name is Tremayne Robertson and I am the Advisor to A Men's Issue or AMI. We have changed our Thursday meeting time from 7:15pm to 8pm in Shaw Hall Classroom. AMI has been meeting on a regular basis to discuss issues ranging from gender equity in K-12 education to how professional wrestling can perpetuate bullying and battering.

AMI is completing the process of becoming a recognized student organization this semester and supporting campus activities like the White Ribbon Campaign and Take Back the Night. To find out more, please join us Thursdays at 8pm in Shaw Hall.



### Clothesline Schedule of Events

**April 12:** Ophelia's Place 6:00 pm

**April 14:** S.U. T-Shirt Making 5:30pm  
S.U. Take Back the Night 6:30pm  
(See page 1 for details)

**April 17:** Center for Creative Arts  
& Healing 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

**April 24:** McMahon Ryan Child  
Advocacy Center 1:00pm – 3:00pm  
"A Closing Tribute"



**Tremayne accepting his award at the Vagina Monologues, presented to him for his leadership in promoting male responsibility in preventing violence against women.**

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## Syracuse University R.A.P.E. Center

### Free, confidential services:

#### **Advocacy:**

Medical, Legal/Judicial, Counseling, Academic, Residential

- Provide support to survivors of sexual assault
- Discuss all available medical, counseling, legal, criminal, and judicial options with survivors
- Accompany students to area hospitals
- Accompany students to area police departments and/or the Syracuse University Department of Public Safety
- Accompany students to the Office of Judicial Affairs
- Facilitate referrals for follow up health care and counseling
- Contact academic deans for academic assistance
- Facilitate referrals to the Office of Residence Life and/or the Housing Office regarding residential concerns
- Assist friends and family members of survivors.

#### **Prevention and Education:**

Education about sexual assault, human sexuality, relationships, and communication. Workshops and programming provided for campus community.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Students volunteer in many capacities, including staffing information tables, joining e5m (the peer interactive theater troupe), becoming active in AMI (the new men's group), participating in the peer education program, and helping to organize special events.

#### R.A.P.E. Center Staff

Janet Epstein, Associate Director  
Jill Sneider, Sexual Health Coordinator  
Michelle Brisson, Administrative Asst.

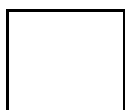
#### Contact Information

##### On Campus Resources

Emergency- Dial 711  
University R.A.P.E. Center-443-7273  
University Health Services-443-2666  
Public Safety-443-2224  
Counseling Center-443-4715  
Hendricks Chapel-443-5044  
Psychological Services Ctr.-443-3595  
Goldberg Couple and Family  
Therapy Center-443-3023  
Judicial Affairs-443-3728

##### Community Resources

Emergency-Dial 911  
Upstate Medical University-464-5540  
Community General Hospital-492-5011  
St. Joseph's Hospital-448-5111  
Syracuse Police Department-442-5111  
District Attorney's Office-435-2470  
Victim Resource Center-422-7273  
Rape Crisis Center of Syracuse-422-7273  
Onondaga County Sexually  
Transmissible Disease Clinic-435-3240



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