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Check out the details at

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my.nmsu.edu

or call WAVE

at 646-2813.

Help for Sexual Assault Victims

Jessica Adkisson

Every year hundreds of women on this campus are sexually assaulted. Of these women only a fraction report this crime to the police. So what is going on with the rest of them?

Some will tell a friend, and perhaps a family member, but many of them will not say anything at all. These women sit next to you in class, ask you for help during your office hours, and live in your dorm.

Victims of sexual assault face an environment that is both repressive and

judgmental. They fear they will be blamed, or that they won't be believed. To protect themselves many victims remain silent, telling themselves it was their fault. These thoughts often lead to self-destructive behaviors such as alcohol or drug use, cutting, eating disorders, or suicide attempts.

Sound discouraging? Well it doesn't have to be. While it will take our world a long time to overcome many of the factors that contribute to violence, we can immediately help those that have been affected by letting them

know we believe them, and encouraging them to seek the help they need.

One local resource available to victims and their supporters is La Pinon Sexual Assault Recovery Services. La Pinon offers free sexual assault medical services, counseling and a 24-hour hotline.

If you know someone that has been a victim of sexual assault, encourage them to call La Pinon at 526-3437 so they can begin the road to recovery.

Looking for a Guest Speaker for Your Class?

WAVE Peer Educators are trained to educate on issues such as binge drinking, alcohol laws, sexual assault, dating safety, media literacy and stalking.

For more information or to set up a presentation please visit our website at www.nmsu.edu/~wave or call 646-2813

Media Literacy Priority for Fall Semester

Sarah Marquez

Before the advent of the television and internet, one could survive by simply being literate. The stories of American culture were told through family, religion, books, and the newspaper. But in a society engulfed in technological advancements, the stories of our culture are told more and more through the American media system. Movies, sitcoms, advertisements, video

games, labels, billboards, websites, and radio waves never fail to give us our daily dose of pop culture.

How often do we REALLY take the time to analyze the constant messages, both overt and hidden, that all types of media feed us?

In recognition of a culture fueled by media influence, WAVE will be promoting a

media literacy campaign that seeks to give students the resources and skills they need to analyze and deconstruct both simple and complex media messages. We want students to recognize that the mass media system will rarely tell the whole story, and in doing so, decipher the story that is not being told.



WAVE & Housing Confront Domestic Violence

Connie Montoya

"Sleeping with the Enemy". "Enough". "Fried Green Tomatoes". "The Color Purple". All these films have brought the element of domestic violence into theatres and into our homes in an almost poetic way. In these films we see the victim ultimately murdering the batterer as the only means of escaping the violent relationship. In our minds we may believe that those things happen only in extreme cases and "other" places.

However, here in the real world of NMSU, the reality is that domestic violence (also called relationship violence) is more common than we think. Nationwide, domestic violence is the number one cause of

injury to women. The impact of this abuse is felt not only by the victim but also by their friends and family, their schools, their employers and the communities in which they live.

This past summer, WAVE teamed up with NMSU Housing and Residential Life and La Casa for a special training regarding domestic violence. This training provided the staff with the education and tools needed when responding to a domestic violence situation. In addition, WAVE was able to address other violent crimes related to domestic violence such as child abuse, stalking and sexual assault.

This fall WAVE is providing materials for the South Campus Family Housing

that will be given to every new resident. We will also have featured articles in their monthly newsletters that will address these issues. By bringing this issue out into the open, we hope to create an environment where it is safe to talk about it and begin working together towards finding a solution. Because unlike the Hollywood endings that tell a woman, "the only way out is to kill him", there is a way out. There is help.

Are you interested in becoming a domestic violence advocate?
Call La Casa at 526-2819

WAVE Program Gets National Recognition

Megan Gordon

The WAVE Program has been awarded the 2006 College and University Drinking and Driving Prevention Award by the Center for College Health and Safety and AAA of New Mexico.

This award is designed to recognize programs and activities at colleges and universities for their efforts to prevent or reduce the campus' drinking and driving problems, and to prevent or control the campus'

alcohol or other drug use which can result in impaired driving.

This award is one of two given in New Mexico, and included \$1,000 which the program plans to use in implementing the upcoming media literacy campaign.

This is the second year NMSU has won this award. The first time was in 2001 for the CHOICES Program. The CHOICES Program merged to become a part of WAVE in 2004.

This year's award recognized WAVE's work educating students about high risk drinking behaviors. This included their work with the English 111 classes and their work on the 21st Birthday Card initiative.

To learn more about this award, you can visit the Center for College Health & Safety website at www2.edc.org/cchs/aaa-awards/

Volunteer Opportunities for Fall

September 9—16

La Pinon Advocacy Training

Call 526-3437 for more details.

The WAVE Program has ongoing opportunities for volunteers throughout the semester. Please visit our website at www.nmsu.edu/~wave or call 646-2813 for more information.

Cell Phone Drive

WAVE is collecting cell phones for La Casa Domestic Violence Shelter.

Do you have an old cell phone cluttering your room or house? We want them, big or small. Drop it off at the WAVE Office in Monagle Hall.

Don't have a cell phone? La Casa also accepts donations of clothes, kitchen gear, towels, sheets, toiletries and more. Call 526-2819 between 8-5 for more information on other donations..

