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S.U. Unites for **Take Back the Night**



The Eleventh Annual **Take Back the Night March** will be held on **Thursday, April 7th, 2005** beginning at **7:00 p.m.** in the **C.U.B. Multi-Purpose Room** of Shippensburg University to raise community awareness and break the silence about violence and oppression, particularly in the form of sexual and/or relationship violence.

This annual campaign and rally serves as a community's voice to renounce this form of violence. There will be prominent members of our community opening the event, followed by a march and candlelight vigil in front of the Ezra Lehman Memorial Library. By speaking out and illuminating the night, community members can symbolically reclaim what is taken from us by relationship and/or sexual violence. People will have opportunities to share poems, stories, songs, prayers as well as banners and other ways of denouncing violence and promoting respect and social justice.

According to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, one in four girls will be sexually assaulted before reaching their eighteenth birthday. One rape or attempted rape occurs every 1.6 minutes in our country, making the United States the country with the highest re-

ported rate of this form of violence. Further, 84% of all sexual assaults are committed by acquaintances of the victim.

On behalf of the over thirty organizations, community groups, agencies, schools, departments and local businesses, plus many concerned individuals, we welcome your involvement in this year's Take Back the Night rally and related programs. Please join with us and help make this night even more memorable. There will be speakers, songs, candles, banners, chants, stories, posters, but more importantly, a feeling of solidarity and caring. Please make your friends and organizations aware of this evening. **EVERYONE** is invited and **ENCOURAGED** to attend - adults and children, women and men - all representations of our humanity.

If you would like more information or to volunteer, please contact the Women's Center at 477-1790.



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April 29, 2005: Equal Pay Day



Even in our modern-world in America, women are still being oppressed every Friday when they pick up their pay-check. On average, a woman takes home only 77% of a man's total pay. So, for every

dollar a man makes, a woman loses 23 cents for doing the exact same job. The wage gap is even wider for women of color. African-American women earn 68% and Latino women earn 57% of a man's total earnings.

To help bring awareness to the issue, the Women's Center is sponsoring Equal Pay Day on April 25, 2006 from 11am - 2pm. Information will be available at the CUB. Payday candy bars will also be sold to illustrate the pay differ-

ence. (For example, a white male will pay \$1 for a candy bar, while an African-American woman will pay 68 cents.) Please come out and support equal wages for women.

More information about the wage gap can be found at www.pay-equity.org.



THURSDAYS IN BLACK



According to recent FBI statistics, every 15 seconds, a woman is beaten and four women alone will die each year as a result of domestic abuse.

Thursdays in Black Campaign began 24 years ago in Argentina by the Mothers of the Disappeared and spread to South Africa, Israel-Palestine, Australia, and now to the United States. It is a human rights campaign focused on ways to challenge attitudes that cause rape and violence. Take part in our Thursdays in Black Campaign and state that on a personal and public level, there is something wrong with a world that will allow the rights of women, men, and children to be abused and threatened.

Join us and others as we invite you to wear black as a symbol of strength and courage, representing our solidarity with the victims of violence, demanding a world without rape and violence. This is funded through a grant provided by the PASSHE Women's Consortium Undergraduate Women's Leadership Institute.

If you or someone you know has been touched by violence and needs assistance, we recommend the following resources:

Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties
717-258-4249 or 1-800-852-2102

Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Services of Cumberland County
1-888-727-2877

Women in Need (Franklin and Fulton County)
717-264-4444 or 1-800-621-6660
Shippensburg University Counseling Center
717-477-1481

Shippensburg University Women's Center
717-477-1790

April 28: Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work®



The Women's Center is currently organizing this year's annual Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day here at Shippensburg University. **Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work® Day** Program was founded by the Ms. Foundation for Women to create an opportunity for girls and boys to share and communicate their expectations for the future.

Shippensburg University celebrates the National Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day with scheduled activities and presentations. We encourage all Shippensburg Faculty and Staff to invite your daughters, sons, and/or mentored children to come join us in learning about the function of the University and the many activities here on campus. We will focus our experience on expanding future opportunities for all and encourage children to keep an open mind, setting goals, and learning the importance of diversity and balance in both career and family life.

This year's festivities will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2006, and will begin The Women's Center in Horton Hall. Registration will begin at 8:30

A.M. and our final session will end at 3:30 P.M. We will be providing lunch and a tour of the University in addition to the activities planned for the children. The pre-registration deadline will be Monday, April 10, 2006. We hope you will include your own children in this memorable and exciting event!



Celebrate SU Women

On Tuesday, March 21 "Celebrate SU Women" took place in the Women's Center Conference Room from 2-4 pm. The following women were acknowledged for their outstanding accomplishments as women on Shippensburg University's campus:

Alicia Nezat
 Anita Weaver
 Aubrey Kleinfeld
 Barb Rotz
 Berni Frate
 Carolyn Weaver
 Cathy McHenry
 Chandrinka Paul
 Christine Loveland
 Coleen McQueeney
 Cynthia Drenovsky
 Danielle Dabrowski
 Deanna Statler

Debbie Gutshall
 Debra Cornelius
 Dena Sprenkel
 Denise Anderson
 Donna Jones
 Eveline Lang
 Gloria Gardner
 Helena Buhrman
 Jan Arminio
 Jan Ruby
 Janice Reed
 Jennifer Clements
 Joyce Bright

Joyce Harding
 Judean Fox
 Justina Bell
 Kate Folger
 Katie McFarland
 Katy Clay
 Kristina Faber
 Laura Bonanni
 Linda Walter
 Mary Sloan-Burnett
 Mikki Grabusky
 Mindy Fabrizio
 Nicolette Yevich

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 Peggy Hockersmith
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 Roxanne Dennis
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 Stephanie Peffer
 Susan Rimby
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 Vicky Tosten