

618-RAPE

Your First Point of Contact

The Molly Hays Glander 24-Hour Sexual Assault Response Line has as a new phone number, 618 RAPE (618 7273)!

Based on feedback from students and the Sexual Assault Task Force, the Women's Center will change the sexual assault response number at midnight on August 3, 2003 to a number that is more easily remembered and recognized across campus, 618-RAPE (618-7273). This number has not yet been advertised on campus, so please help us to get the word out about this important new resource. In addition, the Women's Center has developed a new website to centralize campus and community sexual assault resources for survivors and their friends. The website is <http://www.ncsu.edu/sexualassault> Please forward this information widely and encourage your students and colleagues to take advantage of these resources.

The Women's Center, in 1995, under the direction of Rhonda Craver, developed a program to create a centralized system to assist rape and sexual assault survivors and coordinate the University's resources available to them. It was called the Advocates Program. Telephone lines were set up to receive calls 24 hours a day in case someone needed assistance after being sexually assaulted. Volunteers went through training to learn how to respond to the needs of survivors that might call the response line.

In 1998, the Women's Center renamed the Advocates Program in honor of the late Molly Hays Glander. Dr. Glander was an expert at crisis intervention and a true visionary in women's issues. She was gifted in dealing with human sexuality, substance abuse, eating disorders, and relationship issues. At a time when there was no Women's Center and less community awareness and support of women's concerns, her genuine concern, insight, and awareness of rape and its implications were a true gift to the women of this campus. Her work in the counseling of individual clients quickly evolved to embrace the entire campus community.

Today, the response hotline continues in much the same way as it did in 1995. It is completely volunteer operated. Volunteers go through extensive training provided by Interact of Wake County and the Women's Center on rape and sexual assault response, campus and community resources, and crisis intervention to prepare for their role as Advocates.

The Rape and Sexual Assault web site is a new resource which has been developed to aid in the centralization of University services and resources. The site is intended to aid survivors or friends of survivors find assistance.

For more information about the 24 hour response line or if you are interested in volunteering with the program, please contact Meta Uzzle at 515-2012.